

Commercial

PRODUCE.

Wellington, October 29.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, October 27:—The mutton market is very firm, as small shipments are expected from New Zealand for some time. Average prices: Canterbury mutton, 4½d; North Island, 4d; River Plate, 3½d; Australian, 3½d per lb. There is a good demand for all lamb, on account of the fine weather. Average price for all brands, 4½d. The beef market is very firm. Hindquarters are quoted at 4d, forequarters at 2½d. Chilled beef from the River Plate is selling at lower rates than those ruling for New Zealand shipments. The butter market is steady, but the demand is only moderate. This season's Australian is selling at 115s, while Danish is quoted at 122s and Siberian at 106s per cwt. The cheese market is quiet, with a tendency in favor of buyers. Canadian makes are quoted at 63s. The hemp market is very firm, and prices are strong on the London market. Reports from Manila indicate that only light shipments are expected from there. G.f.a.q., Wellington, on the spot, is quoted at £36 5s, October-December shipments at £36, and January-March at £35 10s per ton.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 9d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats 1s 12. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 5s per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10. Oatmeal, £11 to £11 10s. Bran, £4. Pollard, £4 10s. Potatoes, £10. Retail—Farm butter, 11d; separator 1s 1d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 4d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Bacon, 10d. Hams, 9d. Flour—200lb, 21s; 50lb, 6s 9d; 25lb, 3s. Oatmeal—50lb 6d 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 8s per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff 2s, Potatoes, 12s per cwt.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Ltd.) report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a moderate attendance of buyers, to whom we submitted a full catalogue. For feed oats, fowl wheat, and potatoes there was fair competition up to late values, but for chaff the demand was slack, and only a few lots sold at auction. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Shippers' requirements are not large, and are being filled chiefly from the Bluff at reduced prices. Local stocks are small, and are moving off in small quantities at prices almost equal to late quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 3d to 2s 3½d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d; inferior to medium, 1s 1d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is little change to report. Millers are not disposed to buy freely, and at present their purchases are almost confined to moderate lines of prime Tuscan and velvet. For medium milling qualities there is no inquiry, and lines of this class are in most cases being quitted as fowl wheat, for which there is fair demand. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 4½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 2½d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments coming forward are not heavy, and for best freshly-picked table sorts prices show a slight improvement. The seed season is practically over, and best white sorts are now being offered for table use. Medium and inferior lines and small potatoes of all kinds are difficult to quit at reduced prices: We quote: Prime table potatoes, £11 to £11 10s; medium to good, £8 to £10 15s; inferior and small, £2 to £5 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market is more heavily supplied with chaff of all descriptions. Only prime bright oat sheaf has any demand, and this is saleable at prices almost on a par with late quotations. For medium quality there is no inquiry, even good ordinary chaff being without attention from buyers, while inferior is unsaleable. We quote: Prime oat sheaf, £3 15s to £4; medium to good, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d; light and inferior, £2 15s to £3 2s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—The market is bare of good wheaten straw, which is readily worth 35s per ton. Oaten straw is not so strongly inquired for at 40s to 45s per ton.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Oats.—The market continues quiet, and there is no change to record. Quotations: Prime milling, to 2s 2d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d; inferior, 1s 10½d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—The market shows little alteration, although there is a better inquiry for prime milling, especially Tuscan, and fowl wheat continues to move off briskly. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium do, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 7d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—Prime table sorts continue to meet with a good demand, but other qualities are not much sought after. Quotations: Seed lines, £11 10s to £12 10d; prime table sorts, £8 10s to £9 10s; inferior and small, £3 to £8 per ton.

Chaff.—The market is over-supplied, and prices in consequence are easier. Quotations.—Extra choice, to £4; prime oaten, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d; medium, £3 7s 6d to £3 12s 6d; discoloured and light, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Rabbitskins.—We offered a fair-sized catalogue at our sale on Monday to a full attendance of buyers, and prices were much on a par with last week's, viz., small to 4d, hawk-torn to 10d; spring does to 11d, second winters to 15½d, winter bucks to 16d, winter does to 19d, and blacks to 14½d. Horsehair made up to 18½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—At Tuesday's sale we offered a large catalogue, competition as usual being keen, and prices a little better than last time.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—This market continues without alteration, all coming forward meeting with a ready sale at late rates.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as follows:—

There was a mixed entry of horses forward for our sale last Saturday, and very few of them were worthy of special mention. Several buyers were present on the look-out for heavy draught geldings for town work, and there were also buyers from the country wanting good, useful plough mares and geldings, but owing to these classes being poorly represented many intending purchasers had to go away with their wants unsupplied. For any draughts that are at all fresh and active the demand is really first-class, and at Saturday's sale these sorts sold at up to £48. Very few spring-carters and spring-vanners were forward, but for any that were in the yard competition was very keen, and they sold at up to £34 10s. In light harness horses and hacks there were none of special merit offered, but a few ordinary sorts changed hands at up to £15. We quote: Superior young draught geldings at from £45 to £52; extra good do (prize takers), £55 to £60; superior young draught mares, £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £15 to £25; well-matched carriage pairs, £75 to £100; strong spring-van horses £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks and harness-horses, £20 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £8.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

October 28. There passed away at her residence, Church street, Timaru, on Wednesday, 24th inst., Mrs. D. Quinn, in her 58th year. The deceased lady, who was a resident of the parish for many years, was a sterling Catholic, and the mother of two sons and three daughters who take an active part in all Church work.—R.I.P.

A successful social, considering the unseasonable weather, was held in the Assembly Rooms on Tuesday evening last. There were about one hundred persons present, and every means was taken to see that all enjoyed the miscellaneous programme provided. The musical portion of the programme was in the very capable hands of Miss F. Dennehy, and the refreshments and general arrangements were attended to by Mrs. Dennehy and Miss Byrne, who hope to considerably augment by the result the funds in hand for their stall at the forthcoming bazaar in aid of the building fund of the new church.

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