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PRODUCE.

Wellington, November 5.—The High Commissioner reports to the Department of Industries and Commerce as follows:—London, November 3. Frozen meat: The mutton market is very firm. Canterbury light weights quoted 4½d; heavy, 4½d; North Island light weights, 4½d; heavy, 4½d. Lamb market is very firm. Supplies running short. Canterbury quoted at 5½d, other than Canterbury 5½d. The beef market is firm, and there is a good demand for New Zealand new season's make ex 'Karamea,' which arrived in good condition. Choicest New Zealand is quoted at 11s, Danish, 12s, Siberian 10s per cwt. The cheese market is firm, but the demand is only moderate. Canadian makes are quoted at 6s per cwt. The hemp market is very strong; G.I.A.Q. Wellington on spot is quoted at £37, October and December shipments £36 10s, January and March shipments £35 10s per ton; fair current Manila, on spot, is worth £42 10s per ton.

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

Oats.—The market continues very quiet, prices if anything being a shade easier. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1d; inferior, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—The market continues without alteration, quotations being as follow: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 5½d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 1½d; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—Supplies are not very plentiful, prime table sorts meeting with a good inquiry, but medium and inferior descriptions are harder to quit. Quotations: Prime table sorts, £11 to £11 15s; good, £10 to £10 10s; medium, £8 to £9 15s; inferior and small, £2 to £6 per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies are plentiful, but business is restricted pretty well to prime quality, which is saleable up to £4 per ton.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. The lines usually on offer were in moderate demand, and, with the exception of chaff, which was poorly competed for, the bulk of the catalogue was cleared at valuations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The past week has been a quiet one so far as shipments are concerned. Any lines moving off in this direction have been small lots for coastal orders at prices barely equal to late quotations. Outside of these orders the only demand is for local consumption. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1d; medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—No business of any importance has transpired of late. Millers are not buying freely, and are only tempted by prime samples. Second grade milling is therefore not easily dealt with. Fowl wheat is fairly plentiful, and continues to move off at quotations, although shippers are not readily disposed to buy at top rates. Quotations: 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 of locally-grown potatoes have fallen off, but the arrival of further quantities of Australian lines has had the effect of steadying the market. Quotations: Best table Derwents and others, £11 to £11 10s; good do, £10 to £10 15s; medium, £8 to £9 10s; inferior and small, £2 to £5 per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The market continues to be freely supplied with chaff of medium quality, for which there is not much demand. Even good ordinary oaten sheaf has not ready sale, the demand being almost entirely for prime bright heavy chaff. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 15s to £4; medium to good, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d; light and inferior, £2 15s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Wheat straw is scarce, and has good inquiry at 35s. Oaten has fair sale at 40s to 45s per ton (pressed).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a fair-sized catalogue at our sale on Monday, prices being a shade better than last week's, viz., summers to 8½d, autumns to 15½d, winter bucks to 17½d, winter does to 20d, and blacks to 15½d. Horsehair made up to 18½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Tuesday to a full attendance of buyers, prices being on a par with last week's. Of an average catalogue merinos made up to 8d, crossbreds to 9d, half-breds to 9½d, and fine crossbred to 9½d per lb.

Hides.—We submitted a catalogue of 469 at our sale on Thursday last, competition being good and prices well maintained. Our top price for ox was 7½d, and for cow 6½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report, all coming forward meeting with a ready sale at late rates.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Donald Reid & Co.

Fat Cattle.—190 head yarded, among these being a fair proportion of prime heavy bullocks, the balance being medium-weight steers and heifers. Prices were firm at the beginning of the sale for all prime cattle, and values were maintained to the end. Prime bullocks, £10 to £11 15s; extra heavy, up to £12 10s; medium to good, £8 5s to £9 10s; light, £5 10s to £7 10s; best cows and heifers, £7 5s to £8 15s; medium to good, £5 15s to £7; others, £5 to £5 10s.

Sheep.—The yarding totalled 1041, amongst these being half a dozen pens of 50 of merino wethers, which sold at 23s, whilst shorn wethers realised 20s 6d. For prime wethers prices were firmer by about 2s 6d per head over late rates, medium sorts being firm. Best wethers, 23s to 25s 6d; extra heavy, up to 29s; medium to good, 21s to 22s 6d; others, 16s to 20s.

Lambs.—There was a medium yarding of 87. These were mainly good to prime finished lambs, and were sold under brisk competition at the following rates: Prime lambs, 18s to 20s 9d; extra heavy, up to 21s 3d; medium to good, 15s 6d to 17s; light, 13s 6d to 14s 6d.

Pigs.—130 forward, suckers and slips forming the bigger proportion of the yarding. These sold under brisk competition at advanced rates, while porkers and baconers, owing to the small yarding, were also firm. Suckers, 15s 6d to 18s; slips, 20s to 26s; stores, 27s to 30s; porkers, 34s to 42s, light baconers, 45s to 48s; heavy do, 50s to 56s 6d.

The train arrangements for the King's Birthday are advertised in this issue.

THE MAORI MISSION

Rotorua

The late Mrs. McDonnell, of the Thames, bequeathed to the Maori mission in the diocese of Auckland the sum of £50. The Very Rev. Father Lighthouse (Superior) desires to express his sincere appreciation of the generosity of the deceased on behalf of the native race and of the work of the missionaries, who will remember her daily at the altar. This is the first time, as far as I am aware, he writes, that one of our Catholics, whom God had blessed in the land of the Maori with the goods of this life, had the generosity of remembering in their wills what many Europeans owe to the poor Natives. I pray to God that her example may be imitated by others.