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Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington.—February 16.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, February 16:—Mutton.—The market is weaker, and the tendency downward. Supplies are increasing, and there is a good demand for prime quality, but heavy mutton is dull of sale. Average Canterbury sells at 4½d; North Island, 4½d. Lamb.—The market is dull for present requirements, and future business is in an unsettled state. Canterbury is quoted at 5½d. Beef.—The market is quiet at unchanged rates. Butter.—The market is glutted and lifeless. Choice New Zealand is quoted at 10½s, Argentine, at 10½s, Australian at 9½s, Danish at 11½s. Cheese.—The market is firm, with an upward tendency. Average price: New Zealand manufacture, 66s per cwt. Hemp.—The market is quiet but steady. Good fair grade on spot, £39 10s, and April-June shipments, £38; fair current Manila, on spot, £41.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 7d; separator, 9d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 1½d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £4 per ton. Flour, £9 to £9 10s. Oatmeal, £11 10s to £12. Bran, £4 5s. Pollard, £5 to £5 10s. Potatoes, £5. Retail—Farm butter, 9d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 4d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Bacon, 10d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lb, 20s; 25lb, 5s 3d; 25lb, 2s 9d. Oatmeal—50lb, 6s 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 9s 6d. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s 6d. Potatoes, 7s per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted an average catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers, but, as competition was slack, only a small proportion of the offering changed hands. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The quantity on offer is extremely small, very few samples of new oats having so far come forward. Current prices are somewhat above shippers' limits, nearly all oats being sold are taken for local consumption. All sorts have good inquiry. Quotations: Prime milling and best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior and damaged, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Locally grown wheat is now offering more freely, and, being threshed in prime condition, has ready sale on arrival. Medium-milling lines are not in demand with millers, but have a ready outlet as fowl wheat, which is in somewhat short supply. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 4½d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Supplies are more plentiful, and only prime/freshly dug lots are readily dealt with. These are selling at £6 15s to £7 5s; while stale and inferior lots are not easily quit at £5 to £6 10s per ton (according to quality).

Chaff.—Consignments have been coming forward freely during the past week, and in view of the quantity on offer it has been impossible to maintain late values. The demand is still confined for the most part to prime oaten sheaf. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; choice, to £5 2s 6d; inferior to medium, £4 to £4 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—This is extremely scarce, and, with keen demand, has ready sale on arrival. Quotations: Oaten, 50s; wheaten, 40s to 45s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—The market continues firm at late rates, which are as follow: Prime milling, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; medium and inferior, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel.

Wheat.—Supplies of new season's wheat is now coming to hand, but the milling inquiry is not great. There is a good demand, however, for fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 4½d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Supplies are plentiful, and in consequence prices are easier. Quotations: Prime table sorts, to £7; medium to good, £6 to £6 10s; small and inferior, £4 upwards.

Chaff.—The market is fully supplied, and prices are somewhat easier, viz., prime oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; extra choice, to £5 2s 6d; medium and inferior, £4 to £4 12s 6d per ton.

WOOL

Sydney, February 18.—The wool market is strong, and the late rates are fully maintained.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a small catalogue at our sale on Tuesday, when prices were about the same as those ruling at the previous sale, viz., summers to 9½d springs to 12½d, winter bucks to 16½d, and blacks to 13½d. Horse hair sold up to 18½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Tuesday's sale to a good attendance of buyers, and prices were again very satisfactory, being much on a par with those ruling at the previous sale.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

Only a moderate entry of horses came forward for last Saturday's sale, and consequently no business of any consequence was done. The bulk of the entry was made up of inferior hacks and light-harness horses. Three or four useful draughts were offered, but failed to find buyers, owners' reserves being too high. Sound young draught mares and geldings are in good demand, and we have every confidence in recommending consignments of these, as well as of strong spring-carters with good action and a fair amount of pace. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £52; extra good do (prize takers), £56 to £60; superior young draught mares £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £13 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.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 17.

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society meets on Tuesday next to consider the Order Paper for the triennial meeting to be held at Auckland in March, and to select a delegate to represent the branch.

The many friends of Mr. P. Brady will be pleased to learn that he was elected president of the local branch of the N.Z. Railways Amalgamated Servants' Society last week. Mr. Brady is a highly esteemed member of the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society.

The hall committee are having extensive alterations carried out in the Zealandia Hall, which will be finished in a few weeks. The large stage is being lowered, and two class rooms, 24 by 12, are being erected, and above them are to be built two large rooms for the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society and the Young Men's Debating Society. Mr. L. J. White is the architect, and Mr. Edward Higgins the builder, with Mr. M. Hodgins as supervisor on behalf of hall committee.

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