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Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, March 4.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, March 2:—The mutton market is weak, as a result of heavy arrivals and a poor demand continuing. Canterbury brands, 4½d; North Island, 4d; River Plate, 3½d per lb. The lamb market is dull; the supply exceeds demands. 5d per lb. There is a better demand for beef, which Canterbury, 5½d; and other than Canterbury brands, it quoted at 3½d and 2½d per lb for hind and fore-quarters respectively. A better demand is noted for butter. The market is steady at present. Supplies, however, exceed requirements. The following are current quotations:—Choice New Zealand, 99s; Argentine, 99s; Australian, 97; Danish, 113s per cwt. The New Zealand cheese market is quiet but firm at 66s per cwt. The hemp market is quiet but steady. Good fair grade on the spot, £39; and fair current Manila on the spot, £40 per ton. There is a better demand for cocksfoot seed. Quotations: 48s per cwt. for clean, bright, dressed seed, 17lb to the bushel.

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, £1 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, 11d; separator, 1s 1d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 4d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Bacon, 10d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lbs 20s. Oatmeal—50lbs, 6s. 6d; 25lbs, 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. There was a moderate attendance of buyers, but bidding was not brisk, and several lots of potatoes and chaff had to be passed in, competition not coming up to our valuations. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—Samples of the new season's crop are now coming to hand. For all good to prime lots there is strong demand at prices fairly equal to late quotations. Only limited consignments are coming in, and these are readily taken on arrival. Dun oats are still wanted for autumn sowing. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d, good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—A considerable quantity of southern wheat has suffered to some extent by the late wet weather. Prime milling quality is in good demand locally, but medium samples have not the same attention, and are only saleable as fowl wheat. Values for the latter are, however, little below milling quotations. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4½d to 3s 5d; medium do. 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been more heavily supplied during the past week, and all sorts are saleable only at a reduction on late values. Many consignments are too green to keep, and these have to be dealt with at once. Prime ripe sorts have most attention. Quotations: Choice lots, £5 10s to £5 15s; good do. £5 to £5 5s; medium, £4 10s to £4 15s; small and inferior, £2 10s to £4 per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Consignments have slackened to some extent, and for all good to prime quality late values are well maintained. Medium and inferior samples are not greatly favored, but good straw chaff is in request. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; medium, £4 5s to £4 10s; light and inferior, £3 10s to £4; straw chaff, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—This is in short supply, and meets good inquiry. Quotations: Oaten, 60s; wheaten, 55s to 60s per ton.

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

Oats.—There is a good inquiry for new season's samples, which are now beginning to come to hand. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel.

Wheat.—There is a good inquiry for prime milling quality and fowl wheat, and the following are present quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4½d to 3s 5d; medium do. 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Supplies are now more plentiful, and prices show a reduction on low rates. Quotations: Choice lots, £5 10s to £5 15s; good do. £5 to £5 5s; medium, £4 10s to £4 15s; small and inferior, £2 10s to £4 per ton.

Chaff.—There is a good inquiry for prime samples, and quotations are as follow: Best oaten sheaf, £4 15s to £5; medium, £4 5s to £4 10s; light and inferior, £3 10s to £4; straw chaff, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton.

WOOL

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

Halfbitskins.—We offered a small catalogue at Tuesday's sale, prices being much the same as at the previous sale. Small made up to 5½d, summers to 10½d, spring does to 8½d, spring bucks to 13½d, and winters to 14d. Horsehair made up to 19d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Tuesday, when competition was keen, and prices quite up to late rates. Butchers' pelts made up to 4s 10d, and lambskins to 4s 3d per lb.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report, all coming forward being readily quoted at late rates.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 3.

Out of a team of four fire-brigades men to compete from Palmerston North at Christchurch at Easter we supply two, viz., Mr. Ed. Hitchings (conductor of St. Patrick's choir) and Mr. Ed. Butler (assistant parish secretary).

The work is progressing rapidly in connection with the two large class-rooms and the two rooms for the H.A.C.B. and Young Men's Debating Societies, and it is confidently expected that the rooms will be ready for occupation early in April. Owing to the increased number of children attending our parish school since the beginning of the year it has been found necessary to place another Sister on the teaching staff. She will occupy the two class-rooms in question when completed, which will be found a great boon.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Debating Society was held last Friday. It was unanimously agreed to alter the name to the Palmerston North Catholic Men's Club. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Patron, Rev. Father Costello; spiritual director, Rev. Father Bowe; president and treasurer, Mr. Matthew Kennedy; vice-president, Mr. Fred Herring; secretary, Mr. E. Higgins. The last-named gentleman was unanimously elected as delegate to represent the society at the United Young Men's Societies Conference in Christchurch at Easter.

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