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Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, April 23.—The High Commissioner cables from London under date 20th inst. —Mutton.—The market is weak, owing to the poor demand existing. Stocks are heavy and widely distributed amongst agents, who are pushing sales. Canterbury mutton is quoted at 3½d, North Island at 3¼d per lb. Lamb.—The market is firm, stocks are heavy, and there is a good demand for all classes. The average prices for light weights is: Canterbury brands, 5½d; other than Canterbury, 5¼d; heavy weights—Canterbury, 5½d; other, 4½d. Beef.—The market is steady. Owing to the good demand the average price is 3½d and 2¼d for hinds and forequarters respectively. Butter.—The market is slightly weaker, with less demand. Choice New Zealand brands are quoted at 97s; Argentine, 96s; Siberian, 91s; Danish, 101s. Cheese.—The market is quiet, and prices are slightly weaker. Buyers are holding back, expecting that prices will go lower. The current quotation is 62s. There is small business doing in the hemp market, and prices are weak. Good fair grade on the spot is quoted at £33 10s, and April and June shipments at £33. Fair current Manila on the spot is quoted at £37. Cocksfoot Seed.—The market is quiet, and there are only light stocks on hand; 17lb bright clean seed is quoted at 52s per cwt. The New Zealand wheat market is firm, with a hardening tendency. The New Zealand oat market is active, with a good demand. The bean market is quiet, and the pea is firm, with a demand only moderate.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a moderate catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Competition for all lots on offer, with the exception of potatoes, was good, and we quit the larger proportion of the catalogue at satisfactory prices.

Oats.—There is very little change to report in this market. Consignments coming to hand have been few, but as shippers are at present out of the market prices remain unchanged. There is good local demand for long Tartars suitable for seed. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—All lines on offer meet with good sale on arrival. Medium quality is not so much sought after. Fowl wheat is scarce, and as the local demand is good, prices have been well maintained. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments during the past week have been heavy, and prices have eased considerably. A large proportion of the southern crop is badly affected with blight, and these have to be disposed of immediately on arrival. Prime Potatoes free from blight have most inquiry. Several consignments of Derwents have come to hand, and these have been selling at prices equal to those obtainable for prime white sorts. We quote: Prime Derwents and Up-to-dates, £4 5s to £4 10s; choice, to £4 12s 6d; medium to good, £3 17s 6d to £4 8s 6d; inferior and stale, £2 10s to £3 10s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The market continues to be well supplied, and only prime lines are still saleable at late values. Medium quality is difficult to quit. Inferior and straw chaff is in over-supply. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf,

£4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 to £4 10s; inferior, £3 10s to £3 15s; straw chaff, £3 10s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Consignments are sufficient to supply local demand, and prices remain unchanged. We quote: Oaten, 47s 6d to 50s; wheat, 35s to 37s 6d per ton.

Turnips.—Several trucks of swedes have come to hand this week, and prices have eased slightly. We quote: 27s 6d to 30s per ton lagged, 18s to 20s loose (ex truck).

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

Oats.—This market shows no change, and present quotations are as follow: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; medium and inferior, 2s 3d to 2s 4d per bushel.

Wheat.—This market continues firm, there being a good inquiry for choice milling. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium do, 3s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 2s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Owing to heavy consignments coming to hand, prices have declined somewhat, quotations being as follow: Extra choice, to £4 12s 6d; prime table sorts, £4 5s to £4 10s; medium, £3 to £4 per ton.

Chaff.—The market is well supplied, and the top price ruling at present is £5 per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Tuesday's sale, when prices were quite up to those ruling at last sale. Small made up to 6½d, summers to 9½d, autumns to 14d, and horsehair sold up to 18½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—At our sale on Tuesday we offered a fairly large catalogue, competition being keen, and prices were well maintained. Butchers' pelts made up to 5s 7d, and lambskins to 4s 9d. We can confidently recommend consignments to be sent in at the present time.

Hides.—On Thursday last we submitted a catalogue of 199 to a good attendance of buyers. Competition was keen, and our top price for ox hides was 7½d, and for cow 6½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—The market continues firm, and present quotations are as follow: Best rendered tallow, 22s 6d to 26s; medium to good, 18s to 22s; inferior tallow, 15s to 17s 6d; prime caul fat, 17s to 18s; rough fat, 12s 6d to 17s per cwt.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fairly good entry of horses forward for last Saturday's sale. The attendance of the public was larger than it has been for a few weeks past, and a fair amount of business was transacted. Draughts especially are in demand, and sales of any good sorts are readily effected at satisfactory prices. Good, upstanding, young, light harness horses are also inquired for, and any such coming forward for sale meet with good competition. Our principal transactions for the week include the following:—Bay gelding, 3yrs, at £42 10s; bay gelding, 3yrs, at £39; bay gelding, 4yrs, at £37 10s; bay gelding, 4yrs, at £35; chestnut gelding, 3yrs, at £35; brown gelding, 5yrs, at £35; spring-cart gelding, at £26; spring-cart filly, at £25; buggy gelding, at £26; brown gelding, 5yrs, at £17; and several aged and stale sorts at from £8 to £12 10s. We quote: Superior young draught geldings at from £45 to £52; extra good do (prize-takers), £50 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.

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