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PRODUCE

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 9d; separator, 10d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 0½. Eggs, 1s 6d per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 8d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chan, 2d per ton. Flour, £9 to £9 10s. Oatmeal, £14 10s to £15. Bran, £4 5s. Pollard, £5 to £5 10s. Potatoes, £4. Retail—Farm, butter, 11d; separator, 1s. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 2d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 1s 9d per dozen. Bacon, 10d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lbs, 20s. Oatmeal—50lbs, 8s 3d; 25lbs, 4s 6d. Pollard, 9s 6d. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s 6d. Potatoes, 6s per cwt.

Wellington.—April 29.—The following cablegram is from the High Commissioner, dated London, April 27:—Mutton.—Market dull and trade for all classes very slow. Prices are barely maintained. Canterbury mutton, 3½d; North Island, 3½d. Lamb.—Market steady, and there is good demand for all lamb. Light weights are quoted at 5½d for Canterbury; for brands other than Canterbury, 5½d; heavy weights—Canterbury 5 1-5d, others, 4½d. Beef.—Market quiet, but firm. Quotations: 3½d to 3d for hind and forequarters respectively. Butter.—Market dull, owing to the poor demand experienced. Choice New Zealand, 97s; Argentine, 96; Siberian, 90; and Danish, 101s per cwt. Cheese.—Market steady at 62s. Hemp.—Market quiet at a decline. Good fair grade on the spot is quoted at £33 10s; April-June shipments, £33; fair grade on the spot, £30; April-June shipments, £29 10s; fair current Manila on the spot, £38 per ton. The cocksfoot seed market is quiet, and buyers are not keen to do business, as they are waiting for reports concerning the American crop. Bright, clean New Zealand seed, 52s per cwt.

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

Oats.—Supplies coming to hand are somewhat restricted, prices being well maintained. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; medium and inferior, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel.

Wheat.—Supplies are scarce, and all lines of prime and choice are readily placed at late rates. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 1d to 3s 3d per bushel.

Potatoes.—The market is well supplied, and in consequence prices have eased somewhat. Quotations: Good to prime, £4 to £4 5s; choice to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 10s to £4; unripe and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies are plentiful, but prices, which are as follows, show little change, viz.:—Good to best, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 12s 6d; inferior, £3 to £4; straw, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton.

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 good attendance of buyers, to whom we submitted a representative catalogue. Bidding was good, and most of the lots on offer were quitted at current values. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The quantity of oats on offer is very small. As the demand has improved, both for shipment and for local use, the market has a firmer tone, although prices have not advanced to any extent except for

choice seed lines. Gartons and sparrowbills suitable for seed are in most request, while Sutherlands and other prime milling sorts are readily taken by millers on arrival. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; medium and inferior, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Offerings are extremely small, but for all lots of from prime to choice lines millers are ready buyers at quotations. Medium qualities, although not so much sought after, are more easily placed than they have been of late, while fowl wheat is scarce and in good demand—sound whole fowl wheat particularly so. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 1d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is glutted, heavy supplies having come forward both from the north and south within the last few days. The greater portion of these consignments are more or less blighted, and as these require to be sold on arrival the market has suffered considerably. Prime, ripe, up-to-dates, free from blight and freshly dug, meet with good sale at prices about equal to last week's quotations. Quotations: Good to prime, £4 to £4 5s; choice to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 10s to £4; unripe and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—Arrivals have been heavy during the week, although prices have not suffered to any extent, and it is more difficult to make sales. Prime chaff meets with most demand, but medium quality is still very slow of sale. Straw chaff, suitable for dairymen, has more inquiry. Quotations: Good to best, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 12s 6d; inferior, £3 to £4; straw, £2 5s to £2 15s (bags extra).

Straw.—Supplies equal to demand. Prices remain unchanged, oaten selling, at £2 5s to £2 10s; wheaten, £1 15s to £2 per ton.

Turnips.—Quotations: 20s per ton (loose, ex truck).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins, Sheepskins, and Hides.—No sale since last report.

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

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

For Saturday's sale there was a much better display of horses than there has been for some weeks past, the entry including a few of fair quality, but the drawback to the majority of the entries was that they had passed the most saleable age limit. There was the usual muster of town buyers and a fair sprinkling of country settlers, but as, with a few exceptions, the quality of the horses offered was not attractive there was a dullness about the bidding and somewhat hard to make. Taking this fact into account, it was somewhat surprising the number of sales that were effected. Our transactions for the week include the following:—Brown gelding, 4 years old at £40; bay gelding, 4 years old, at £40; spring-cart gelding, 6 years, at £29; spring-cart gelding, at £27; spring-cart filly (small), £20 10s; buggy gelding, £19 10s; buggy mare, £18 10s; bay mare, £18; hack, £16; hack, £15; harness mare, £15; and several aged animals up to £13 10s. 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.

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