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Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., report as follows:—

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a full attendance of buyers, and most of the lots on offer met with good competition, and prices were well up to late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The few lots offering during the past week have had keen competition, and good lines of feed suitable for shipment are in strong demand. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 1d; good to best feed, 3s 10d to 4s; inferior to medium, 3s 7d to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Only small lots have been offering locally, and these have mostly been taken for fowl wheat at advanced rates. We quote: Prime milling, 6s 1d to 6s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 5s 11d to 6s; broken and damaged, 5s 3d to 5s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Since our last sale, at which values under excited bidding reached £10 per ton, there has been a reaction in the market, and during the past few days no sales of any importance have taken place. At our sale to-day a bitter tone was apparent, and several lots of good sound up-to-dates were quitted under fair competition at £7 to £7 10s, and one lot at £7 15s. Medium and small sorts had little demand, and were difficult to place at £4 to £6 per ton (bags extra). Inquiries for quotations from the north are more numerous, and should buyers there respond the consignments now coming forward should be readily absorbed. Much, however, depends on northern requirements, as the quantity now on hand at this season of the year is in excess of local demand.

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is scarce, and at our sale to-day had strong competition, values showing a further advance. Best lines, with good demand, reached £6 5s to £6 10s; medium to good, £5 10s to £6. Light and discolored, £4 15s to £5 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—The market is bare, and both oaten and wheaten now coming forward are sure of ready sale.

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

Oats.—There are not many offering, and with keen competition from shippers all good lines of feed oats are in strong demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 1d; good to best feed, 3s 10d to 4s; inferior to medium, 3s 7d to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little offering. Fowl wheat is in great demand, but none is available. Prime milling, 6s 1d to 6s 3d; medium, 5s 11d to 6s; broken and damaged, 5s 3d to 5s 9d per bushel, ex store (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is most in demand, other descriptions being not so keenly competed for. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £6 5s to £6 10s; medium to good, £5 15s to £6; light and inferior, £4 10s to £5 12s 6d.

Potatoes.—There has been a reaction in the market since last week's sale. However sales have been made to £7 10s, and extra to £7 15s; medium quality and small are hard to quit at from £4 to £6.

Pressed Straw.—The market is bare of both wheaten and oaten, and anything coming forward is readily sold at from 55s to 60s for oaten, and 47s 6d to 50s for wheaten.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—Prime winter does are the only skins that are much competed for, and sell fully up to values. Prime winters to 22d; good, 17d to 18½d; medium to 14½d, mixed 14d to 15½d, early winters 11d to 13½d, autumns 8½d to 11½d, summers 6½d to 8½d, small to 6d, winter blacks to 16½d, and other blacks 10½d to 12½d. Horse hair to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—Bidding was very slack and prices were slightly easier than at last week's rates. Best halfbred sold from 9½d to 9¾d; medium to good, 7½d to 8½d; best crossbred, 7½d to 8d; medium to good, 6½d to 7½d.

Hides.—The last fortnightly sale was held on October 31, when large catalogues were submitted all round. Our top price was 6½d for ox hide weighing 70lb. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 6½d to 6¾d; good heavy do, 5½d to 6¼d; medium weight, 4¾d to 5½d; light weights, 4d to 4½d; staggy and inferior, 3d to 3½d; best heavy cow hides, 4½d to 5d; medium weight do, 4½d to 4¾d; light weight, 4½d to 4¾d; inferior, 2½d to 3½d; yearlings, 3d to 4½d; calfskins, 4½d to 6½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is keen competition for everything coming forward and late rates are well maintained.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY

VICE-ROYALTY AT WORK

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

Nov. 2.

The best sympathy is of the practical kind, and this is the sympathy that her Excellency Lady Plunket feels for the good work of Mother Aubert. The Rev. Mother was anxious to have a concrete reservoir erected in connection with the new Home at Island Bay. On looking into the estimated cost, she saw that the item for the cartage of the necessary sand and gravel to the top of the hill on which the reservoir is to be built came to £200. She therefore decided to shift the stuff herself, and the boys from St. Patrick's College decided to assist. Her Excellency Lady Plunket heard of the project and volunteered to assist. On Wednesday afternoon His Excellency the Governor, Lady Plunket, Captains Gathorne-Hardy and Lyon, A.S.D.C., arrived at the scene of operations and began at once to assist in removing the gravel. The work was carried out with such vigor that in an hour and a quarter, 8½ tons of gravel had been shifted to the site of the reservoir. At the conclusion of these labors, afternoon tea was dispensed, and Mother Aubert presented her Excellency with a little silver model of one of the gravel boxes. The memento was thus inscribed on one side: 'Her Excellency Lady Plunket, Wellington, New Zealand, October, 1907' and on the other side, 'In loving and grateful remembrance of her reservoir labor, Home of Compassion.' The Viceregal party drove away amidst the cheers of the college boys. This act of charity is one that speaks for itself. Workmen are at present engaged remedying the defects recently discovered in the new Home. Messrs. Campbell and Bourke, the original contractors have the work in hand—a testimony of the confidence they enjoy.

If Roman Catholics (says the 'New Zealand Times') are satisfied to provide the whole cost of the education of their own children out of their own pockets in order that their children may get the religious teaching considered necessary, surely the Protestant denominations, who have to pay nothing whatever for the education of their children in secular subjects, cannot complain if they are called upon to provide themselves the teaching they desire for their children in Bible catechism, or other standards of their faith. The attempt to get this done by the present school machinery is one which the Premier and his Cabinet very properly refuse to encourage and countenance.

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