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Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, December 2.

The High Commissioner's cablegram, dated London, November 30, reads thus:—

Mutton.—Market quiet, but steady. There is a good demand for prime quality River-Plate mutton is in large supply, being strongly pushed for sale at 3½d per lb. Canterbury brands, 3½d; North Island, 3½d.

Lamb.—Market quiet; stocks on hand light. The high prices asked are restricting business, and there is limited demand owing to the lateness of the season. Canterbury lamb, 5½d; other than Canterbury, 5½d.

Beef.—Market steady; with a moderate demand, especially for forequarters, which are quoted at 2½d; hindquarters average 3½d.

Butter.—Market very firm, with good demand. No immediate change in price is anticipated. Choicest New Zealand brands, 118s; Argentine, 118s; Australian 116s; Siberian, 110s; and Danish, 123s. Unsalted butter is 1s less than the above prices.

Cheese.—Market slightly weaker, with less demand. Some holders are forcing sales. Buyers are holding back, expecting prices to go lower. The cheese shipped by the S.S. Corinthic arrived in good condition, and is quoted at 60s.

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

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Ltd.) report: We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was the usual attendance of buyers, but competition was slack, and whereas fowl wheat, potatoes, and prime chaff found buyers, oats and medium chaff were neglected, and had to be passed in.

Oats.—The demand for shipment is extremely slack, and at late quotations no sales can be effected. A small local business has been done in good feed lines at prices which show a decided decline on late values. For milling oats there is no enquiry. Good to best feed lines are worth 3s 5d to 3s 6d; inferior to medium, 3s 1d to 3s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—No sales of any importance can be reported in this market. Local stocks of 'milling quality' are very small, and the business passing is confined almost entirely to sales of fowl wheat for the local trade. Quotations: Prime milling (nominally), 5s 9d to 5s 11d; medium, 5s 8d; whole fowl wheat, 5s 6d to 5s 8d; broken and damaged, 5s to 5s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments have slackened off during the week, but still the trend of the market is towards lower values. Most of the lines held in store have 'gone off' considerably owing to the warm weather, and those require to be quitted at once. Merchants will not ship doubtful or sprouted samples, and to effect sales lower prices have had to be accepted. Prime freshly-picked Derwents are inquired for at up to £2 5s per ton. Quotations: Best Up-to-Dates 37s 6d to 40s; medium to good, 30s to 33s; inferior and damaged, 25s to 30s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—The chaff market, in sympathy with oats, has eased somewhat. Heavier supplies have come to hand, and in view of the decreased consumption sales have been more difficult to make. Prime samples have fair inquiry at about last week's quotations, but medium and inferior are almost unsaleable. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, to £6 5s; good to best, £6 to £6 2s 6d; medium, £5 10s to £5 15s per ton (sacks extra).

Straw.—The moderate demand experienced at present is being supplied by occasional consignments, which realise for oaten 55s, wheaten 40s to 45s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—There is very little demand either for shipping or local, and very few sales are taking place. Quotations: Milling, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; vrot feed, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; inferior to medium, 3s 1d to 3s 4d per bushel, ex store (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There are very few sales of any importance taking place, local business being confined to sales of fowl wheat for local trade. Quotations: Prime milling, 5s 9d to 5s 11d; medium, 5s 8d; whole fowl wheat, 5s 6d to 5s 8d; broken and damaged, 5s to 5s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market has eased a good deal owing to the decline in oats. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £6 to £6 5s; good, £5 15s to £6 2s 6d; medium, £5 10s to £5 15s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There are not many coming forward, but there is no demand, and prices show a lower tendency. Quotations: Best Up-to-dates, 37s 6d to £2 per ton; medium to good, 30s to 33s; inferior and damaged, 25s to 30s per ton (bags in).

Pressed Straw.—Quotations: Oaten, 55s to £3; wheaten, £2 to £2 5s per ton, with little demand.

WOOL

London, December 1.

At the wool sales the fleece portions of the Otairi and Wairau clips brought 9½d and 9½d respectively.

There was a good sale at full late rates. Occasional lots were in the sellers' favor, especially faulties. The number of bales catalogued to date is 44,250, and the number sold 38,036.

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

Rabbitskins.—The usual fortnightly sale was held on Monday, when we offered a medium catalogue. Prime winter does brought from 18d to 19d; bucks to 15d; medium to good does 16½d to 17½d; medium 14d to 15½d; early winters 11½d to 12½d; autumns 9d to 12d; summers 7½d to 8½d; small to 6d; blacks 15d. Horse hair to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—Owing to the drop in the price of wool the sheepskin market has gone to pieces completely. At the sales to-day bidding was very spasmodic, and skins all round showed a drop of from 1d to 2d per lb. Best half-bred skins brought from 7d to 8½d; medium to good 6d to 7d; best crossbred, 6d to 7d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior 3½d to 4d; best pelts 1s to 1s 3d; inferior 6d to 9d; lamb skins 5d to 6d; best merino 6d to 7½d; good 5d to 6d.

Hides.—Our fortnightly sale was held on the 28th ult., our catalogue being small. Competition was anything but keen, and prices showed a further drop of from ½d to ¾d per lb. Inferior hides, that is slippy and badly flayed, were almost unsaleable. Our top price for ox was 6½d for three weighing 63lbs, while others of similar weight brought up to 6d. For cow hides our top price was 4½d, heavy bringing up to 4½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is still a good demand for all sorts. Best rendered tallow bringing from 22s to 26s; medium 18s to 21s 6d; inferior 14s to 15s 6d; best rough fat 17s to 19s 6d; medium 14s 6d to 16s.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS,

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

The entries for last week's sale were not numerous, but, as they included some very useful draught, spring-cart, and light harness horses, a fair amount of business was effected. Light harness sorts were not too well represented, and the highest price we have to record this week is £22 10s. There is a ready sale at quotations for good draught mares and geldings, fresh, sound, and staunch, and of a class suitable for either town or country work. Town carriers, contractors, and farmers are all on the look-out for good working horses, and when stock of this description is offered it meets with good competition. We quote: Superior young draught geldings at from £45 to £50; extra good do (prize-winners), at from £50 to £55; superior young draught mares, at from £50 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £15 to £20; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £8 to £13; extra good hacks and harness horses, £13 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £7.