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Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington April 27.

The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram dated London 25th inst.—Mutton.—The market is quiet, with less demand and a tendency in favor of buyers. Canterbury brands are quoted at 4½d. and North Island at 4d.

The weather lately has been very unfavourable for the sale of lamb, and the market is quiet. Canterbury lamb is quoted at 5½d., and other Canterbury brands at 5½d.

The beef market is dull. Hind and forequarters are quoted respectively at 3½d. and 3¼d.

The butter market is very firm, and there is a general and active demand for the choicest, New Zealand butter is quoted at 102s, Australian 108s., Danish 112s., and Siberian 108.

The cheese market is steady at 61s. for white, and 62s. for coloured makes.

The hemp market is steady, and there is a better demand at the following quotations:—Spot, good to fair, £26 10s, fair, £25 10s; fair current Manila, £25 10s. April-June shipments, good to fair, £27, fair, £26; fair current Manila £26.

The cocksfoot seed market is firm. Stocks on hand are only small, and are quoted at 80s. per cwt.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter.—Wholesale net cash price for best factory ½lb prints, 1s 3d per lb. Cheese, 7d. Butter—Farm, 9d; separator, 11d. Hams, 9d. Eggs, 1s 6d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £4. Flour, £12 to £13. Oatmeal, £12 10s to £13. Bran, £5 5s. Pollard, £6 10s. Potatoes, £4 per ton. **Retail.**—Farm butter, 11d; separator, 1s 1d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 5d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 1s 9d. Bacon, 11d. Bran, 6s 3d. Pollard, 11s 3d. Chaff, 2s 3d. Oatmeal, 50's, 7s 9d, 25's, 4s. Flour—200lbs, 26s; 100, 13s 6d, 50, 7s; 25, 3s 9d. Potatoes, 6s per cwt.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. To a representative attendance of buyers we submitted a full catalogue, made up of most classes of produce at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The demand during the latter part of the week has improved, and the market shows a firming tendency. All lines offering are readily taken up by merchants, who have a preference for prime samples suitable for seed. Medium samples are being taken up by the local trade at full rates. Quotations: Prime milling, to 2s. 5d. good to best feed, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 4½d. inferior to medium, 2s. 2½d. to 2s. 3½d; damaged and discoloured, 2s. to 2s. 2d. per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Since the holidays, the market has been quieter, and millers are holding off. Those holding wheat, however, show no desire to force sales, and consequently little business is done. Prime samples, suitable for seed, are in request for autumn sowing. In milling lines, only choice lots have any attention from millers. Medium grades are therefore being offered as fowl wheat, for which there is moderate demand both locally and for export. Quotations: Seed lines, 4s. 8d. to 4s. 9d; prime milling, 4s. 6½d. to 4s. 7d; medium 4s. 5d. to 4s. 4d; broken and damaged, 3s. 6d. to 4s. 2d. per bushel, (sacks extra).

Chaff.—We offered about 50 tons at our sale, and under good competition, we cleared the bulk of it at late values. Prime heavy lots are in strong request,

both for shipment and local consumption, at late prices. Medium and discoloured samples are also in good demand, but prices are unchanged. Quotations: Prime to £4, good to best, £3 12s. 6d. to £3 17s. 6d; medium £3 5s. to £3 10s. inferior, £2 15s. to £3 2s. 6d; (bags extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments during the week have been fairly heavy, but owing to the demand both for shipment and for local consumption, prices have been well maintained. At our sale there was strong competition for freshly-dug lots at prices which show an advance of 2s. 6d. per ton on those of last week. Medium quality was also more saleable. Quotations: Prime freshly-dug lots to £4 12s. 6d; good to best, £4 5s. to £4 10s; medium, £3 17s. 6d. to £4 2s. 6d; small and inferior, £2 10s. to £3 15s. per ton (sacks included).

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

Oats.—During the week the demand has been good, and prices are a little firmer. All prime samples are readily taken up by shipping buyers, and medium oats are readily saleable to the local trade. Prime milling, to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s 2½d to 2s 3½d; damaged, 2s to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There has been very little business passing lately, and as millers are not inclined to buy at the present figures wheat shows a slight tendency backwards. There is a medium demand for fowl wheat, but this is not bringing within ½d per bushel of last week. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 6½d, medium to good, 4s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 4s 4d to 4s 5½d; medium, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 4s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—There is not so much chaff about, and as the demand for shipping continues good prices are much on a par with last week's quotations. Prime heavy oaten sheaf chaff is in most demand, but medium and discolored lots are hard of sale. Quotations: Prime, up to £4, good to best feed, £3 12s 6d to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £3 5s to £3 10s; inferior, £2 15s to £3 2s 6d (bags extra).

Potatoes.—As there has been a good demand during the week for shipment and local consumption, prices have been well maintained. All freshly-dug lots meet with ready sale at an advance of 2s 6d per ton on last week's prices. Medium and stale potatoes are also easier to quit. Quotations: Prime freshly-dug lots, to £4 12s 6d; good to best, £4 5s to £4 10s; medium, £3 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d; small and inferior, £2 10s to £3 15s per ton (sacks in).

Pressed Straw.—There have been large consignments during the week, and prices still rule at 30s for wheaten, and to 35s for oaten.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on Monday, 27th inst, when we submitted a medium catalogue. Prices were much on a par with those ruling at the last sale, although bidding was keen up to a certain point. Early winters brought from 11d to 12½d; autumns, 9½d to 10½d; summers, 6½d to 7½d; spring bucks, 7d to 9½d; others, 6d to 7d; small, 3d to 4½d; horse hair, 15d to 18d.

Sheepskins.—We held our sale on the 28th inst., when we submitted a medium catalogue to a large attendance of buyers. Bidding was brisk, but prices showed no improvement on those ruling at the last sale, except for half-bred, which advanced about ½d per lb. We sold best half-bred, 5½d to 6d; medium to good, 4d to 4½d; best crossbred, 3½d to 4½d; medium to good, 2d to 3½d; pelts, 3½d to 4½d; merino, 4d to 4½d for best, and 2½d to 3½d for medium; lamb-skins, 3½d to 4½d.

Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, the 30th inst.

Tallow and Fat.—There has been a good deal coming forward lately, which is readily taken up at late rates. Best rendered tallow brings from 20s to 22s; medium to good, 17s to 19s 6d; inferior, 12s to 15s best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 11s to 15s.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALE YARDS.

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

The market continues bare of supplies of first-class draughts. This week our entries were made up, with a