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Commercial

PRODUCE

The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from London, dated the 2nd

Mutton.—The market is weak, and there is less demand except for light weights. Canterbury mutton is in small supply, and is quoted at 11½d. The average price for North Island brands is 3½d, and River Plate 3½d. There is dull sale for heavy carcasses of mutton.

There is good demand for all lamb, and the market firm, although the weather lately has been very unfavourable to its sale. The supply at present meets the demand, but small shipments are expected. Canterbury brands are quoted at 5½d., and other than Canterbury at 5½d. There are complaints of the quality of the New Zealand lamb this season.

Beef.—The market is quiet, and there is less demand. Hindquarters are quoted at 3½d., and forees at 3½d.

Butter.—The market is very firm, and there is brisk demand on account of the difficulty in obtaining supplies. Choicest New Zealand butter is quoted at 11½s; Australian, 10½s, Danish, 11½s; Siberian, 10½s.

Cheese.—The market is quiet, with a tendency in favour of buyers. Buyers are holding back, expecting prices to go lower. Transactions are very limited, at an average of 60s. 6d.

Hemp.—The market is quiet, but steady. There is a fair local demand on account of light shipments being expected. Current quotations are: Spot, good to fair grade, £27; fair, £26; fair current Manila, £26 per ton. April-June shipments, good to fair, £26; fair, £25 10s; fair current Manila, £25 10.

Cocksfoot Seed.—The market is firm, and buyers are not keen to do business. There is no change in the quotations from last week.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter.—Wholesale net cash price for best factory 1½ lb prints, 1s 2½d. per lb. Cheese, 7d. Butter—Farm, 9d, separator, 11d. Hams, 9d. Eggs, 1s 6d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Cnaff, £4. Flour, £12 to £13. Oatmeal, £13 10s to £14. Bram, £5 5s. Pollard, £6 10s. Potatoes, £3 10s. per ton. Retail.—Farm butter, 11d; separator, 1s 1d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 4d. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 1s 9d. Oatmeal, 50s 8s., 25s 4s. 3d. Flour—200lbs, 26s; 100, 13s 6d, 50, 7s, 25, 3s. 9d. Potatoes, 5s per cwt.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted a lengthy catalogue of oats, wheat, potatoes, and chaff to a large gathering of the local trade. Bidding was exceedingly brisk, and every lot was cleared at prices fully equal to, and in some cases in advance, of late quotations. Values ruled as under.

Oats.—For all good to prime quality, there is strong demand, while special seed lines, such as duns, long tartars etc., are readily placed. Prime milling lots also have more inquiry. We quote: Seed lines, 2s. 6d. to 2s. 8d; prime millings, 2s. 5 to 2s. 5½d; good to best feed, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 4½d; inferior to medium, 2s. 2d. to 2s. 3½d per bushel, sacks extra.

Wheat.—There has been some excitement in the market during the week and all sorts have advanced slightly in value. Millers have strong preference for prime velvet and red chaff, but now give more attention to lines of medium to good Tuscan, which have lately been saleable

only as fowl wheat. In sympathy with milling quality prices for fowl wheat show an advance of about 1d. per bushel. We quote: Prime milling 4s. 7½d. to 4s. 8½d; medium to good, 4s. 7d. to 4s. 7½d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 7d; medium, 4s. 4½d. to 4s. 5½d; broken and damaged, 3s. 9d. to 4s. 3d. per bushel, sacks extra.

Potatoes.—Fair supplies continue to come forward, but with good demand for export, late values are more than maintained. We offered a considerable quantity at our sale on Monday, all of which realised prices, which show a distinct improvement. Shippers complain that many consignments are unsuitable for their orders, owing to being bagged in inferior sacks, which their buyers will not accept. We quote: Prime derwents, £4 17s. 6d. to £5; prime up-to-dates, and other white sorts, £4 10s. to £4 12s. 6d; choice, £4 15s; medium to good £4 to £4 7s. 6d per ton, bags extra.

Chaff.—The market is well supplied, but for all prime oaten sheaf, there is ready sale. The practice of cutting straw with oaten sheaves is in many cases overdone, and it reduces the weight below the grade required for export. Prime, bright heavy chaff has strong demand by local and shipping buyers, but for medium and light quality, they are not so keen. We quote: Prime chaff, £3 17s. 6d. to £4; medium to good, £3 10s. to £3 15; inferior and light, £3 to £3 5s. per ton, bags extra.

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

Oats.—During the past week the market has been very firm, and late quotations have been fully maintained. For all good prime quality there is strong demand, while special seed lines such as Duns, long Tartars, etc., are readily placed. Seed lines, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; inferior to medium, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Owing to the rise in the London market there has been a slight advance in values locally. Prime velvet and red chaff are scarcer, and millers are more inclined to buy good Tuscan, which has been selling lately as fowl wheat. Prime milling, 4s 7½d to 4s 8½d; medium to good, 4s 7d to 4s 7½d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s 6d to 4s 7d; medium, 4s 4½d to 4s 5½d; broken and damaged, 3s 9d to 4s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is well supplied with all sorts, but the demand is chiefly for prime heavy oaten sheaf; medium and inferior kinds of chaff are harder of sale. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; inferior and light, £2 17s 6d to £3 5s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is fully supplied, but there is still good inquiry by shippers. The consequence is that late prices are fully maintained; medium and inferior sorts are harder of sale. Prime Derwents, £4 15s to £5, prime up-to-dates, £4 10s to £4 12s 6d; medium to good, £4 2s 6d to £4 7s 6d; small and inferior, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton (bags in).

Pressed Straw.—The supply has slackened off considerably and prices are slightly firmer. Oaten straw, 3s to 3s 6d, wheaten, 30s to 32s 6d per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—There are a good many coming forward, and we anticipate a good sale on the 11th inst. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, 12th inst.

Hides.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on the 30th ult., when we submitted a medium catalogue. There was a large attendance of buyers, but the demand was not keen, and prices were slightly easier than at the last sale. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, none forward; good heavy do, 3½d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 4½d; light weight, 3½d to 3½d; staggy and inferior, 1½d to 3d; best heavy cow hides, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 4½d; light weight, 2½d to 3½d; inferior, up to 2½d; yearlings, 2½d to 3½d; calfskins, 3d to 5½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There has been a little more coming forward during the past week, but prices remain much the same as at last quotations.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALE YARDS.

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

For Saturday's sale there was rather a poor entry of horses, both in respect to numbers and quality.