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PRODUCE

Wellington May 11.

The High Commissioner's cablegram, dated London, May 9, is as follows:—

Mutton.—The market is inactive, except for light weights. The following are the current quotations:—Canterbury, 4½d; North Island, 3½d, River Plate 3½d.

Lamb.—The market is firm, and there is improved demand for Canterbury brands at 5½d; other than Canterbury 5½d.

Beef.—The market is dull, and very little business is doing. Handquarters, 3½d; forequarters, 3½d.

Butter.—The market is firm at an advance. Light shipments are expected. Choice New Zealand butter, 11½s; Danish, 11½; Australian, 10½s; Siberian, 10½s. per cwt.

Cheese.—The market is slightly weaker, there being less demand, and stocks accumulating. Quotations 50s per cwt.

Hemp.—The market is quiet, and has declined. The stock held in London amounts to 452 tons. Current quotations: Good fair grade, on the spot, £25 10s; fair grade, on the spot, £24; fair current Manila on the spot, £24. June to July shipments: Good fair, £25 10s; fair, £24 5s; fair current Manila, £24.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter.—Wholesale net cash price for best factory 4lb prints, 1s 2½d. 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, £13 10s to £14. Bran, £5 10s. 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. Bacon, sliced, 10d. Bran, 6s. 9d. Pollard, 11s. 3d. Chaff, 2s. 6d. Oatmeal, 50's 8s; 25's 4s 3d. Flour—200lbs, 26s; 100, 13s 6d; 50, 7s; 25, 3s 9d. Potatoes, 5s per cwt.

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

Wheat:—There has been a good demand during the week and millers are more inclined at present to purchase. Quotations:—Prime milling, 4s. 8d to 4s 9d, medium to good, 4s. 7d. to 4s. 7½d; best fowl wheat, 4s. 5½d to 4s. 6½d, inferior and broken, 3s. 10d. to 4s. 3d.

Oats:—The market continues firm, and prices are quite as good as last week's. Seed lines are worth 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d; prime milling, 2s. 5d. to 2s. 5½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d; to 2s 5d; inferior to medium 2s 2d to 2s 3½d.

Chaff:—All well-cut bright samples are eagerly sought for, but medium and inferior lots are more difficult to dispose of. Quotations:—Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s. 6d. to £4; medium to good, £3 10s. to £3 15s light and inferior, £2 17s. 6d. to £3 5s. per ton.

Potatoes:—The demand is very slack at present, as shippers are holding off the market owing to the regulation re having consignments passed at port of arrival instead of at port of shipment. There is therefore not much doing in this at present although nominally prime Derwents are worth up to £4 15s.; best Up-to-Dates, £4 to £4 7s. 6d.; medium to good, £3 12s. 6d. to £4; inferior £3 to £3 10s.

Pressed Straw:—Best Oaten 35s. to 37s. 6d; best wheaten, 30s. to 35s. per ton.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a full at-

tendance of buyers to whom we submitted a lengthy catalogue of oats, wheat, potatoes, chaff and straw. For all lines catalogued, [with the exception of potatoes, there was good competition at prices fully equal to late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The demand both from local buyers and shippers is strong, and all grades of sound oats are readily quoted at prices which in most cases show an advance of ½d. per bushel on late quotations. Seed lines have more attention, and for all sorts the market is firm. Quotations: Seed lines 2s 6d. to 3s 7d, prime milling, 2s 5d. to 2s 5½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d. to 2s. 5d; medium and inferior, 2s 2d. to 2s 3½d. per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Although prices have not advanced to any great extent, there is decided improvement in the demand, and all lines of prime milling quality are readily taken by local millers at quotations. Seed lines are also inquired for, and choice samples are easily dealt with. Quotations: Choice seed lines, 4s. 10d. to 5s; prime milling, 4s 7½d. to 4s. 8½d, medium to good, 4s. 7d. to 4s. 7½d; whole fowl wheat, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 7d; medium, 4s 4d to 4d 5d; broken and damaged, 3s. 10d to 4s. 3d. per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been in an unsettled state, for some days, owing to the difference that has arisen between local shippers and buyers at other ports regarding the inspection of shipments. In consequence little business has been passing, and stocks have accumulated to some extent. At to-day's sale we submitted a considerable quantity, and although competition was good up to a point, values showed a drop of about 7s. 6d. to 10s per ton on those of last week. Best Derwents sold at £4 10s. to £4 15s.; best Up-to-dates and other white sorts, £4 2s. 6d. to £4 7s. 6d, medium £3 15s. to £4 per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—During the week considerable quantities have come forward, but with good export demand, all prime lots have met ready sale at late rates. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 17s. 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 10s. to £3 15s; light and inferior, £3 to £3 5s. per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Moderate consignments continue to arrive. Quotations: Oaten, 35s; wheaten 32s 3d. to 35s per ton (pressed)

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—Supplies are now increasing, and weekly sales will probably be held from the end of this month. We offered a large catalogue on Monday when values ruled quite on a par with previous quotations.

Sheepskins.—We offered a medium sized catalogue on Tuesday, when there was a large number of buyers present, and values were quite as good as last sales notwithstanding the recent drop in London.

Hides:—There has been no sale since last report, the next taking place on Thursday of this week.

Tallow and fat:—All coming forward is taken at prices lately ruling, although there is an easier feeling in the market.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—271 head forward. Very few of these were of good quality, and prices dropped from 15s to 20s per head. Best bullocks, £9 to £10; medium, £7 10s to £8 10s; light, £6 10s to £7; best cows and heifers, £6 15s to £7 15s; medium, £5 to £6 5s; inferior, up to £4 10s.

Sheep.—2053 penned. Heavy sheep showed a drop of 1s per head. Best wethers, 18s 6d to 19s; extra, up to 21s 9d; medium, 15s to 17s, light, 13s 9d to 14s 6d; best ewes, 14s to 16s; extra, up to 20s; medium, 11s 6d to 12s 9d; light, 9s to 10s.

Lambs.—768 penned. Prices were about the same as last week. Best lambs, 14s 6d to 17s; medium, 12s to 13s 6d; inferior, up to 11s 6d.

Pigs.—120 forward. Porkers and baconers were firmer. Suckers, 10s to 15s; slips, 16s to 18s; stores, 22s to 28s; porkers, 34s to 40s; light baconers, 42s to 46s; heavy do, 50s to 63s; choppress, up to 80s.

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