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## Commercial

### PRODUCE

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending December 8 as follows:—

**Oats.**—The market is still very quiet, and very little business is passing. There is slight improvement in the demand for A grade Gartons and Sparrowbills, but owing to the stocks held locally being somewhat reduced there are no lines of any size offering. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; good to best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—There is very little wheat offering, and the market is firm at quotations. Medium milling is being used almost exclusively for fowl feed, but there is very little demand for broken and damaged fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 7d to 4s 8d; medium milling and whole fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6d; medium to good fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Chaff.**—The demand has slackened off considerably, and the only inquiry is for prime oaten sheaf. Medium and inferior lines are hard of sale at any figure. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 2s 6d; extra, to £3 5s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 17s 6d; light and inferior, £2 to £2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

**Potatoes.**—Owing to the small consignments coming forward, the market is very firm, good sound table potatoes bringing up to £5 per ton. Inferior and stale are almost unsaleable, there being no demand. Quotations: Prime Up-to-Dates, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 10s; inferior, from £1 to £2 per ton (sacks in).

**Straw.**—The market is over-supplied, and prices have dropped to 35s for oaten, wheaten ruling from 37s 6d to 40s per ton (pressed).

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

We held our usual auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we offered a small catalogue to a fairly large attendance of buyers. Competition was not over brisk, but this was in a measure due to the quality of the offerings. A fair clearance, however, was effected at auction and privately at quotations. Values ruled as under:

**Oats.**—The market continues quiet, with no improvement to report in the demand existing. Stocks in stores, however, are now greatly reduced; especially is this so in A and B grade Gartons, and as these have strong inquiry we recommend consignments. Quotations are unchanged. Prime milling, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; good to best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d per bushel; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5½d (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—The market is very firm at quotations, although few sales can be reported. This is, however, due to the lightness of offerings. Millers are operators in prime Tuscan or velvet at quotations. Fowl wheat has fair inquiry, but is scarce. Medium milling quality, however, finds an outlet in its place. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 7d to 4s 8d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6½d; broken and damaged, 3s 9d to 4s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—The market is firm, and there is good inquiry for sound tables at up to £5 per ton. Other descriptions, however, are not wanted, and are in consequence almost unsaleable, even at low figures. We quote: Prime Up-to-Dates, £4 15s to £5; medium, £4 5s to £4 10s; inferior, from £1 per ton (bags in).

**Chaff.**—Arrivals have been lighter during the past few days, but supplies have been equal to the demand existing. Buyers are very particular as to quality, and none but nicely-cut and heavy lines are readily saleable. Quotations are on a par with those of last week: Extra choice, £3 5s; prime oaten sheaf, £2 17s 6d to £3 2s 6d; medium, £2 12s 6d to £2 15s; light, inferior, and heated, £2 10s per ton (bags in).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue comprised a moderate selection of oats, wheat, potatoes, chaff, and straw, for all of which there was fair competition up to quotations. Values ruled as under:

**Oats.**—The market is quiet. Stocks in stores are now materially reduced, and no lines of any importance are offering at present values. On this account there is little business passing, although there is stronger inquiry from northern ports for good lines of Gartons and sparrowbills. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; good to best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—There is practically no prime milling wheat offering in this market. Any lines coming forward are readily taken by millers at quotations. Medium quality, and in many cases good milling lines, are being used almost exclusively to supply fowl-feed requirements. Considering the shortage in the supply of whole fowl wheat, there is comparatively poor demand for seconds, broken, and damaged lots. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 7d to 4s 8d; medium milling and whole fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6½d; medium fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—Moderate consignments continue to arrive. Best sound lines have fair demand at prices rather above shippers' limits. For stale and inferior quality there is little inquiry, and such lots are not easily placed. Quotations: Best table sorts freshly picked, £4 15s to £5; fair to good, £4 to £4 10s; inferior to medium, £2 10s to £3 10s per ton (bags included).

**Chaff.**—Only moderate supplies of prime oaten sheaf are coming forward. This is at present the only class in favor with local buyers. Any lower quality is extremely difficult to place to advantage, and in many cases has to be discharged into stores for want of competition. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 12s 6d; choice, to £3 5s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 17s 6d; light and inferior, £2 to £2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

**Straw.**—The market is over-supplied with oaten straw, and in consequence values have receded to 35s. Wheaten is in fair demand at 37s 6d to 40s per ton (pressed).

### WOOL

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

**Rabbitskins.**—As rabbitskins sales are being held fortnightly, the next sale will take place on Monday, the 14th inst.

**Sheepskins.**—We held our usual sale to-day, when we offered a very large catalogue. Bidding was brisk, and prices were fully up to late rates, no doubt being helped by the recent rise in wool. Next sale will be held on the 22nd inst. Quotations: Best fine halfbred, 6d to 7d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; inferior, 4d to 5d; best fine crossbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; best crossbred, 5d to 5½d; medium to good, 4d to 4½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; pelts, 3d to 4½d; lambskins, 3d to 4d.

**Hides.**—The next sale will be held on the 10th inst.

**Tallow and Fat.**—There is very little coming forward, and prices show no material change. Best rendered tallow in casks brings from 20s to 22s per cwt; medium to good, 18s to 19s; best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 14s to 15s; inferior, 12s to 14s.

### LIVE STOCK

#### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a very mixed muster of horses, both draught and light, for Saturday's sale, the exception being with four or five exceptions, being all aged and done. The attendance of the public was only fair, the reason, no doubt, being that there was nothing special advertised for the sale. There are buyers on the look-out for good, young, active, heavy draughts for contract work; also for strong, upstanding, reliable light harness horses, and whenever such fresh from the country are submitted for sale they command