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PRODUCE

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 attendance of buyers, and our catalogue, which was made up of oats, fowl wheat, and chaff, was cleared under fair competition. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Quotations show little or no change, but there has been better inquiry for good shipping lines, chiefly Gartons and prime Sparrowbills. Medium and inferior grades are only saleable locally at low values. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; good to best feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 7½d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The quantity of milling wheat held locally is now very small. Millers have taken most prime lots, and medium quality finds an outlet as fowl wheat, for which there is steady demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 6½d to 4s 7½d; prime velvet, to 4s 2d; medium to best fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6d; medium fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Fair supplies of new potatoes are coming forward, and values are somewhat easier. Quotations: Best freshly-dug lots, £5 10s to £6; medium and stale, £4 10s to £5 per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Heavy consignments have come forward during the week. In view of the quantity offering, it has been impossible to maintain late values, and Monday's prices show a decline of about 5s per ton. Prime quality is the only class which meets ready sale, lower qualities being quite out of favor with buyers. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 7s 6d to £3 10s; choice, to £3 12s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 5s; light and discolored, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Moderate supplies of both oaten and wheaten are coming forward, and these are worth 37s 6d to 40s per ton (pressed).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending January 19 as follows:—

Oats.—There has been slightly better inquiry for prime Gartons and Sparrowbills, but medium and inferior oats are in little demand, and sell at very low prices. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; good to best feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 7½d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little prime milling wheat offering, and medium quality is sold principally for fowl wheat, for which there is a fair demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 6½d to 4s 7½d; medium and best fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6d; good, 4s to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Very heavy consignments have come forward during the week, and prices have dropped 5s to 10s per ton, according to quality. The only demand is for prime heavy oaten sheaf. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 7s 6d to £3 10s; medium to good, £3 to £3 5s; light and discolored, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes.—Large supplies of new potatoes are coming forward, and values show a very much easier tendency. Quotations: Best freshly-dug lots, to £5; medium and stale, £3 10s to £4 10s per ton (bags in).

Straw.—A moderate supply is coming to hand, and both wheaten and oaten are worth from 37s 6d to 40s per ton (pressed).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on February 1. Sheepskins.—Our next sheepskin sale will be held on Tuesday, February 2.

Hides.—The usual fortnightly sales were held on the 18th and 19th inst., when medium catalogues were submitted all round. Bidding was good, and prices, especially for medium weights, showed a slight advance on ruling values. Quotations: Heavy ox hides, 6d to 6½d; extra stout, 7½d to 8d; medium weight, 5½d to 5¾d; light, 4½d to 5½d; best heavy cow hides, 5½d to 5¾d; medium, 5d to 5½d; light, 4½d to 5d; slipy and cut, 3d to 4½d; yearlings, 3½d to 5½d; calfskins, 5½d to 7d; damaged, 2d to 4d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—There is very little coming forward, and prices show no change. Best rendered tallow in casks, 20s to 22s 6d 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:

For Saturday's sale we had a fair entry of horses, hacks and harness sorts especially being well represented. Buyers, both town and country, were in the yard on the look-out for good, active, staunch draughts, and consequently any of this description on offer were easily disposed of at very full rates. Aged and done animals, on the other hand, were rather hard to quit, and prices for such were in favor of the buyer. During the week we have sold a large number of draughts at prices ranging up to £45, and for light harness horses at up to £20 10s. On Friday, 22nd inst., we shall hold our annual harvest sale, for which we have a large entry of draughts and spring-carters, and the prospects of a good sale are bright. 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, at from £30 to £40; aged do, at from £15 to £20; well-matched carriage pairs, at from £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, at from £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, at from £18 to £35; light hacks, at from £8 to £13; extra good hacks and harness horses, at from £13 to £25; weedy and good do, at from £5 to £7.

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