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## Commercial

### PRODUCE

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report as follows:—

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a large catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Competition, however, was not keen; especially was this noticeable for chaff, of which our offerings were heavy. Most of the lots offered of oats and wheat were quitted at valuations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The position of this market is almost without change with regard to inquiry and demand, which still continues not over brisk. A few lines of this season's oats have been offered, but little business has yet been reported, buyers in some instances refusing really good offers on the market. Business is confined chiefly to small sales of old oats ex city stores for local consumption. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 5d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior to medium, 1s 2d to 1s 3½d per bushel (ex store, sacks extra).

Wheat.—Fairly large transactions were put through during the past week in Taieri and northern lines at prices ranging from 3s 8d to 3s 10d on trucks (sacks extra). Latest London cable advices report a strong market. Fowl wheat is not over plentiful locally, and samples are realising as high as 4s 3d per bushel in small lines (ex store, bags extra).

Potatoes.—There is a poor inquiry, and arrivals continue fully equal to the demand existing. Quotations: Prime, £2 17s 6d to £3; medium, £2 10s to £2 15s; inferior, £2 5s and upwards (bags in).

Chaff.—At auction to-day, heavy offerings were submitted, and the prime lines only had buyers' attention, medium and inferior lines being more or less neglected. Late quotations are not maintained. Quotations: Extra choice old, £3 5s; good old oatens sheaf, £2 17s 6d to £3 2s 6d; inferior, £2 5s per ton upwards; best new chaff, £2 15s to £2 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we offered a representative catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Competition was brisk, and we cleared the bulk of our catalogue at quotations. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—There is no change to report, although any lots offering on the spot are readily saleable at last week's rates. Prime Gartons meet with most demand, both for shipping and local use. There is still a small stock of old oats in store, and these are moving off slowly for local consumption. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 5d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior and medium, 1s 2½d to 1s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Owing to the firming tendency in foreign markets millers are keen buyers of all samples of the new season's wheat offering. These are in first-class condition, and indications point to the present prices of 3s 8d to 3s 9d at country stations being fully maintained. Fowl wheat is in short supply, and sells at from 4s to 4s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Supplies forward during the past week have been somewhat in excess of the local demand, and prices are if anything, a shade weaker than those ruling lately. Prime ripe lots are worth to £3 per ton, while stale and unripe are being quitted at from £2 12s 6d to £2 17s 6d per ton (bags included).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending March 9 as follows:—

Oats.—There is no change to report in the oat market, very little business being done. There are still a few old oats in store, and these are being quitted slowly for local

use. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 5d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior and medium, 1s 2½d to 1s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Owing to the reports from Home, millers are keen buyers of all new season's wheat samples offering, at prices from 3s 8d to 3s 10d on trucks (sacks extra). Fowl wheat is in very short supply, and brings from 4s to 4s 3d ex store (sacks extra).

Chaff.—There have been large consignments of late, and prices show a slight decline on last week's rates, both for old and new chaff. Prime old heavy sheaf is in good demand, and sells at from £3 to £3 2s 6d; extra, to £3 5s. New chaff offering is in good condition, and brings from £2 10s to £2 17s 6d; medium and inferior, to £2 10s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The supplies during last week have been large, and prices show no improvement. Quotations: Prime, £2 17s 6d to £3; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s; inferior, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton (bags in).

Straw.—Quotations: Oaten, 32s 6d to 35s; wheaton, 30s to 32s 6d per ton (pressed).

### WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We held our usual sale on Monday, when we offered a small catalogue. Bidding was very keen, and prices again showed a slight advance on last sale's rates. Quotations: Winter bucks and does, none forward; mixed, 14d to 17d; autumns, 12d to 15d; spring bucks, 10d to 13½d; spring does, 8d to 12½d; summers, 7½d to 9d; outgoing does, 11½d to 14½d; hawk torn, 4½d to 6d; small, 5½d to 6½d; horse hair, 16½d to 19d.

Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on the 16th inst.

Tallow and Fat.—There is very little coming forward, and prices still show no change. Quotations: Best rendered tallow in casks, 20s to 22s 6d; medium to good, 18s to 20s; inferior, 14s to 16s; best rough fat, 16s to 18s 6d; medium to good, 14s to 16s; inferior, 12s to 13s.

Sergeant Gough, who has been stationed in Winton for the past four years, and who recently received notice of his promotion and transference to Christchurch (says the local *Record*), was tendered a farewell by a number of his friends on February 25. The Mayor (Mr. C. D. Moore) occupied the chair, and in introducing the guest of the evening, congratulated him on his promotion, and the important position he was about to take in Christchurch. During his residence in Winton, Sergeant Gough had won the respect and esteem of everyone by his genial bearing and straightforward manner, and in the performance of his official duties had always shown discretion and forbearance. He had much pleasure in presenting Mrs. Gough with a travelling rug and silver tea and coffee service, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Gough health and happiness in their new home. Mr. D. McKenzie said it gave him great pleasure to testify to the many sterling qualities possessed by their guest. He had known Sergeant Gough in his official capacity and as a private citizen for some considerable time, and had always found him courteous and obliging, and was extremely sorry at his departure from their midst. Messrs. D. King, J. Thomson (Lochiel), J. Looney, R. Jamieson, and J. Tobin endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers as to the zeal, courtesy, and tact of Sergeant Gough in his official capacity, and his sterling qualities in private life, and wished him and his wife health and prosperity in their new sphere. Sergeant Gough, in reply, sincerely thanked those present for the handsome presents given Mrs. Gough, and the kind remarks expressed with regard to himself. Four years ago he had come to Winton a perfect stranger, but the hand of friendship had been extended to him on every side, and he could honestly say that those four years had been the happiest of the twenty-two years he had spent in the service. He had always endeavored to carry out his duties, which were at times very trying, to the best of his ability. He was extremely sorry at leaving the district and the many firm friends he had made during his residence amongst them. A pleasant gathering terminated with the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

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