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FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

FIRST. Boots with this Brand on the heel are Guaranteed to Fit and Wear Well.	SECOND. On this Brand only the Very Best of Workmen are employed.	THIRD. Only the Very Best of Materials are used in this Brand of Boots and Shoes.	FOURTH. Farmers, Miners, and all who want to keep their feet dry, try this Brand.	FIFTH. The "STANDARD" Brand Boots and Shoes are known from Auckland to the Bluff for sterling quality.
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Commercial.

(For week ending January 31).

MR J. A. CHAPMAN, Sharebroker, Dunedin, reports as follows:
BANKS.—National, from 2/15/6 to 2/16/6; New South Wales, from 39/0/0 to 40/0/0; Union of Australia, Ltd., 35/0/0 to 36/0/0; Bank of Australasia, 65/0/0 to 65/10/0.

INSURANCE.—National, from 16/3 to 17/0; New Zealand, 3/1/0 to 3/2/0; South British, 2/14/0 to 2/16/0; Standard, 13/6 to 14/0.

SHIPPING.—New Zealand Shipping, from 4/17/0 to 5/0/0; Union Steam, 10/7/6 to 10/12/0.

COAL.—Westport from 3/7/0 to 3/7/6.

LOAN AND AGENCY.—Commercial Property and Finance Company, from 5/0 to 5/6; National Mortgage, 22/6 to 23/0; Perpetual Trustees, 12/6 to 13/0; Trustees and Executors, 29/6 to 30/6.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Kaiapoi Woollen Co., from 6/5/0 to 6/6/0; Mornington Tramway, 16/0 to 16/6; Mosgiel Woollen, 4/2/6 to 4/3/6; New Zealand Drug, 2/12/0 to 2/13/0; New Zealand Drug, new issue, 1/18/6 to 1/19/0; Milburn Lime and Cement, 2/0/0 to 2/2/0; do., new issue, 1/0/0 to 1/0/6 (30/- paid); Otago Daily Times, 13/4/0 to 13/5/6; Emu Bay Railway, 10/0 to 10/6; Wellington Woollen, 5/0/0 to 5/2/6; Silverton Tram, 4/17/0 to 4/18/0; New Zealand Refrigerating, 1/10/0 to 1/11/0; Roslyn Tramway, 5/3 to 5/9.

GOLDFIELDS.—Reefton: Big River Extended, from 7/0 to 8/0; Keep-it-Dark, 25/0 to 26/0; Alpine Extended, 2/9 to 3/3; Croesus (Paparoa), 4/0 to 4/9.

DREDGING COMPANIES.—Chatto Creek, 58/0 to 59/0; Clyde 62/0 to 63/0; Dunedin, 14/0 to 14/6; Empire, 3/17/0 to 4/0/0; Enterprise, 87/0 to 90/0; Evan's Flat, 33/0 to 34/0; Ettrick, 2/0 to 2/6 (paid up); Golden Gate, 135/0 to 138/0; Golden Beach, 61/0 to 62/6; Golden Point, 35/0 to 39/0; Tuapeka, 38/0 to 40/0; Vincent, 38/0 to 40/0; Hartley and Riley, 10/5/0 to 10/6/6; Jutland Flat, 4/0 to 4/3 (contrib.); Macraes Flat, 4/0 to 6/0; Golden Run, 50/0 to 51/0; Golden Terrace, 8/6 to 9/6; Magnetic, 67/0 to 68/0; Matau, 80/0 to 85/0; Molyneux Hydraulic (B), 30/0 to 32/0; Nevis, 27/6 to 28/0; Otago, 35/0 to 40/0; Upper Waipori, 2/3 to 2/9; Waimumu, 23/0 to 24/0; Sunlight, 33/0 to 35/0; Cromwell, 67/0 to 70/0 (prem.); Riverbank, 9/0 to 10/0; Nil Desperandum, 43/0 to 44/0; Klondyke, 31/6 to 32/6; Waikaka Forks, 1/3 to 2/1 (prem.); Dunstan Leads, 19/0 to 20/0; Ophir, 4/0 to 5/0; Golden Gravel, 2/3 to 3/0; Dunstan Pioneer, 3/3 to 3/9; Golden Reward, 1/0 to 1/6; Halfway House, 18/6 to 19/6.

SLUICING COMPANIES.—Moonlight (contrib.), 13/0 to 14/0; Roxburgh Amalgamated (contrib.), 6/9 to 7/0; Deep Stream, 22/0.

PRODUCE.

London, January 24.—The wheat markets are improving. The French crops are reported to be damaged. First Victorian cargoes (January-February shipments) are offering at 29s; parcels, 28s.

Butter is steady, but trade prices are barely maintained. The arrivals are heavy.

Cheese is firm. Prices are unchanged.

Rabbits: Colonial, little doing. Quoted at 9½d to 9½d.

London, January 28.—Frozen Mutton: Canterbury sheep, 3d; heavy River Plate mutton, 2 9-16d; other meat is unchanged.

Wellington, January 29.—The Agent-General cables that there is no alteration in the butter market since last week. Arrivals of colonial this season to date number 416,263cwt. Last year it was 263,459cwt. There has been no alteration in the cheese market since last week. Small Canterbury mutton, 3d; other brands and River Plate, 2½d per lb. The lamb season has not commenced.

Messrs. Nelson Bros. have received the following cable from the C.C. and D. Company:—"No improvement in the frozen meat

market. To-day's quotations: Best Canterbury mutton, 3d; best Dunedin and Southland, 2½d; best Napier and North Island, 2½d. Lamb; First quality, 4½d; second, 4d.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

WHEAT.—No change to report; anything but prime, milling being almost unsaleable. Prime milling, 2s 5½d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS.—In fair demand. Milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 0½d; medium, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF.—Prime quality is in fair demand, but other sorts are neglected. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 17s 6d to L3; medium to good, L2 10s to L2 15s per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES.—Best kidneys, L2 15s to L3 per ton (bags in).

AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL.

Sydney, January 24.—Wheat: Chick, 2s 4½d; milling, 2s 7d to 2s 8½d. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Oats: Feeding, New Zealand, 2s 4d to 2s 6½d; Tasmanian, 2s 4d. Barley: Cape, 2s 3½d to 2s 6d. Maize: Prime 2s 10½d; American, 2s 8d to 2s 10d. Peas: Prussian blue, 3s 3d to 3s 6½d. Bran, 7½d. Pollard, 9½d. Potatoes, L1 10s to L3. Onions: Local prime, L1 10s to L2; Victorian, L2 10s. Butter: Dairy, 7½d to 8d; factory, 9d. Bacon, 4½d to 7½d.

The above quotations are those ruling between merchant and retailer, and do not represent the slightly lower values obtained by the recognised brokers.

Melbourne, January 24.—Wheat: There is a good business in this line. Prices range from 2s 8d to 2s 8½d. Oats: Algerian, 2s 2d to 2s 4½d; stout, 2s 7½d. Barley: Malt, 3s 8d to 4s. Maize, 2s 8½d to 2s 9d. Bran, 8½d to 8½d. Pollard, 11d. Potatoes, L1 to L1 7s 6d. Onions, L1 10s to L2.

Adelaide, January 24.—Wheat is in good demand for South Africa, and there are large sales. Prices range from 2s 7½d to 2s 8d. Flour, L6 5s to L6 10s. Oats: Dun and Algerian, 1s 9d; stout, 2s to 2s 6d. Bran, 9d. Pollard, 9½d to 10d.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

OATS.—We submitted a catalogue of feed oats, in which most classes were represented. The attendance of buyers was small, and as there was poor competition, and bidding did not reach our valuations, most of the lots were held over for private sale. There is steady demand for all good to prime short feed for export; other classes not being so well competed for, are not so readily placed. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 2s to 2 0½d; medium to fair, 1s 10½d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT.—The market is unchanged. Prime milling sells at 2s 5d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 2d; broken and damaged, 1s 9d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES.—We offered a small quantity of kidneys, which sold at L2 15s to L3 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF.—The demand is still confined to prime quality, and buyers show little inclination to buy other sorts even at reduced prices. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, L3; fair to good, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

NEW ZEALAND PRODUCE IN LONDON.

Mr. Cameron, produce commissioner for the Colony in London, writing re frozen meat, states that he is convinced that the question of improved distribution is one that should be seriously entertained by producers in the Colony. He is satisfied that if any satisfactory and permanent advantage is to be secured, attention must be devoted to retail as well as to wholesale distribution, and whether this is to be done by advisement, by demonstration, or by meat marking, or by all, is for the earnest consideration of those interested in the welfare of the Colony.