

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

The Invercargill Grain Brokers' Association report that while the oat market does not display a great deal of activity, the demand is sufficient to absorb such odd lines as are now coming on the market. Holders are still asking the same prices as were quoted last week, viz.: A grade, 2s 3½d; B grade, 2s 3d; C grade, 2s 2½d (f.o.b., sacks in).

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 6d; eggs, 10d per doz; cheese, farm, 3½d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled), farm, 6d; hams, 8d; potatoes, L1 10s per ton; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; fowl wheat, 2s; chaff, L2 10s per ton; flour, L7 10s; oatmeal, L9 to L10; pollard, L3; bran, L2 10s, including bags. Retail:—Fresh butter, 8d; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 6d; bacon, rolled, 8d, sliced, 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 2s per cwt; flour, 200lb, 16s; 50lb, 4s 3d; oatmeal, 50lb, 5s; 25lb, 2s 9d; pollard, 5s 9d per bag; bran, 3s 6d per bag; chaff, L3 per ton; fowls' feed, 2s 3d per bushel.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only:—Oats: Quiet demand. Feeding, 1s 1½d to 2s; milling, 2s 1d to 2s 2d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowls' wheat, 1s 9d to 2s 1d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, L3. Straw: pressed, 27s; loose, 28s. Bran: L2 15s. Pollard: L3. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Butter: best brands factory, 10d to 1½d; dairy, 6d to 8d. Oatmeal: L11. Potatoes: old out of season. Chaff: fair demand; L2 15s to L3 5s. New potatoes: Local, L3, best.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 31.—At the tallow sales 875 casks were offered and 425 sold. Mutton: Fine, 29s 6d; medium, 28s. Beef: Fine, 28s; medium, 27s.

London, February 2.—The Bradford wool market is lifeless, and sellers freely offer 60's at 30½d. Crossbreds have a weakening tendency.

Tallow.—The stocks are 14,261 casks; imports, 5316 casks; and deliveries, 8456 casks.

INVERCARGILL WOOL SALES.

At the second wool sales at Invercargill 5800 bales were offered. The sales went well, but at reduced values in sympathy with the London market. Merinos and fine halfbred were 1d to ½d lower, medium and coarse crossbreds ¾d to 1½d, bellies and pieces ¾d lower in spite of keen competition. Merino and fine halfbred brought up to 10½d, crossbred to 9½d. There were a good many withdrawals of the large clips.

DUNEDIN WOOL SALES.

The third of the series of Dunedin wool sales was held on Friday, when close on 9000 bales were offered. There was a good attendance of English, Continental, and local buyers, and good competition resulted at lately reported rates, which are, however, from ½d to 1d lower than those ruling at the previous sale. For finer wools there was very good competition, the prices realised being about a halfpenny per pound below those of last sale. On all crossbreds and longwools a decline of fully a penny per lb on last sales was experienced. Pieces and oddments were 10 per cent. lower.

HASTINGS RAM AND EWE FAIR.

At the Hastings Ram and Ewe Fair on Thursday 1800 sheep were offered, making a record for Hawke's Bay. Lincolns were in strong force, but anything and first-class studs were neglected. The highest prices were 52gs for Mr. J. B. Sutton's, and 50gs for one of Mr. Wilson's (Waverley). Two others of Mr. Sutton's brought 37gs and 34gs. Leicesters were represented only by flock rams, a few being quitted at fair prices. Shropshires were in demand, but owners' ideas of value in some instances exceeded that of buyers. Romneys were mostly quitted, but at low prices.

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

RABBITSKINS.—No sales this week.

SHEEPSKINS.—Market firm at last week's quotations.

HIDES.—Market very firm. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3¾d; inferior, 2d to 3d per lb.

WOOL.—The third sale of the season took place on Friday last, when about 9000 bales were offered. Compared with last sale, prices showed a decline of ¾d to 1½d per lb. The next sale takes place on Thursday, 22nd February.

TALLOW.—Market firm. Best rendered mutton, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; medium, 13s 6d to 15s; rough fat, 10s 6d to 13s 6d per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was a medium entry of all classes of stock at Addington yards.

FAT CATTLE.—The entry of 180 was about on an average with that of the past few weeks. Prices were about the same for steers and heifers, but slightly better for cows. Steers sold at from L5 15s to L8 10s; extra to L9 5s; heifers, L4 15s to L7 2s 6d; and cows, L3 15s to L5 7s 6d. Prime beef to 19s 6d per 100lb; good, 16s to 17s; cow and inferior, 13s 6d to 16s.

FAT SHEEP.—There was a medium entry. Competition was good, though somewhat irregular. Prices for prime sorts were a shade better, but for other kinds there is no alteration to note. Freezing wethers, 14s 6d to 15s 8d; heavy-weights, to 15s 8d; crossbred ewes (butchers), 11s to 13s 3d; extra heavy, 14s 7d.

FAT LAMBS.—There was a slightly smaller yarding than for the past two or three weeks. The bidding was easier, and prices showed a drop of 6d to 9d per head. Freezers sold at 11s 6d to 13s; the bulk selling at from 11s 6d to 12s 3d.

STORE SHEEP.—There was an entry of about 7,500, chiefly lambs for rape, crossbred breeding ewes, and store wethers. The bidding for lambs and wethers was slightly easier, but for good breeding ewes competition was brisk at very full rates. Rape lambs made 10s 4d to 11s 3d; wethers, 12s 7d to 13s 1d; and crossbred breeding ewes, 11s 6d to 14s 1d.

PIGS.—There was a small entry of pigs, and as competition was chiefly limited to two buyers, the sale was very dull. Baconers, 30s to 37s; porkers, 25s to 30s; stores, 15s to 20s; weaners, 9s to 12s; suckers, 6s to 9s—or about 3d per lb for baconers.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

Having to utilise our saleyard for the display of wool, we held this week's sale at Power's livery stables, MacLaggan street. There was a good entry of horses, both draughts and light—most of them of useful class—but buyers were not plentiful; indeed, they were very scarce, and but little business was transacted. This was probably due, to some extent at all events, to the fact that no public intimation had been made by the vendors as to what they were bringing forward for the sale. Next Saturday we shall offer about fifty draught mares and geldings, spring carters, also buggy and harness horses, including consignments from New South Wales, North Canterbury, and elsewhere. The consignments include a fine lot of useful farm horses. We quote as follows:—Superior young draught geldings, L40 to L45; extra good prize horses, L46 to L50; medium draught mares and geldings, L30 to L35; aged do, L20 to L27; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L50 to L60; strong spring van horses, L22 to L28; milk cart and butchers' order cart horses, L15 to L20; tram horses, L8 to L12; light hacks, L6 to L10; extra good do, L15 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.

THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ended Monday, 5th inst. (says the *Otago Daily Times*), returns were reported from the following 32 dredges, the total yield being 843oz 6dwt, or an average of 26oz per dredge:—

Hartley and Riley (Cromwell), 68oz 7dwt; Matau (Clyde), 68oz; Golden Gate (Island Block), 66oz 19dwt; Earnsclough No. 2 (Alexandra), 57oz 16dwt; Empire (Waipori), 58oz 5dwt 3gr; Perseverance (Alexandra), 40oz; Inch Valley (near Palmerston), 129 hours, 34oz 5dwt; Success (Waipori), 128½ hours, 32oz 6dwt 20gr; Enterprise (Alexandra), 127 hours, 31oz 9dwt 12gr; Nevis (Nevis River), 106 hours, 30oz; Jutland Flat (Waipori), 137 hours, 25oz 14dwt; Clyde (Alexandra), 25oz; Junction Electric (Cromwell), 24oz 10dwt; Upper Waipori (Waipori), 129 hours 24oz 9dwt; Chicago (Alexandra), 22oz 2dwt 12gr; Waimumu (near Gore), 162 hours, 21oz; Charlton Creek (near Gore), 127 hours, 20oz 12dwt 6gr; Golden Beach (Alexandra), 119 hours, 19oz 13dwt 3gr; Golden Point (Alexandra), 18oz 13dwt; Dunedin (Roxburgh), 5 days, 17oz 8dwt 12gr; Manorburn (Manuherikia), 15oz 5dwt; Tuapeka (Tuapeka Flat), 118 hours, 15oz 2dwt; Otago, (Miller's Flat), 15oz; Molyneux Hydraulic (Alexandra), 14oz 15dwt; Galtee More (Manuherikia), 13oz; Evans Flat (Tuapeka), 12oz 16dwt; Nil Desperandum (Manuherikia), 12oz 10dwt; Golden Terrace (Lower Shotover), 12oz 7dwt 4gr; Ettrick (Moa Flat), 5 days, 9oz 4dwt; Macraes Flat (Macraes), 123 hours, 7oz 15dwt; Morning Star (Manuherikia), 120 hours, 7oz 1dwt; Chatto Creek (Manuherikia), 122 hours, 7oz. Total, 843oz 6dwt.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(Per special favour Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris.)

Wednesday, 5 p.m

FAT CATTLE.—142 yarded. Prices slightly firmer than last week. Best bullocks, L8 to L9 7s 6d; medium, L6 5s to L7 15s. Best cows and heifers, L6 to L7 10s; medium, L4 10s to L5 15s.

SHEEP.—1939 penned, prices ruling about same as last week. Best crossbred wethers, 15s to 16s; medium, 13s 9d to 14s 9d; best ewes, 14s to 14s 9d; medium, 12s 6d to 13s 9d.

LAMBS.—1158 penned, all meeting with a steady demand. Best lambs, 11s to 12s 6d; medium, 9s 6d to 10s 9d.

PIGS.—104 forward. Demand for all classes w dull.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin, notifies in another part of this issue that an important sale of Crown lands, by auction, will take place at the Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, on Tuesday, February 27. The lands to be sold are principally situated in the Taieri, Maniototo, Vincent, Waitaki, Tuapeka, Clutha, Lake, and Bruce Counties.—\*.\*

Messrs. Thomson, Bridger and Co., the well-known ironmongers, hardware and timber merchants and manufacturers, of Dunedin and Invercargill, are importers of fencing wire (plain and galvanised), sheep and rabbit netting, fencing standard iron, 'kiwi' and 'reliance' rabbit traps, and of all kinds of farmers' requisites in hardware. They are manufacturers of doors, sashes, and all building requisites, also of churns, butter workers, milk vats, and all lines of dairy implements. Messrs. Thomson, Bridger and Co. also have a very fine display of electro-plated ware and cutlery. They can supply building timber direct from the sawmills, and have an extensive stock of builders' and furnishing ironmongery. The whole of the goods, which are of first-class quality, are offered at very moderate prices.—\*.\*