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The "STANDARD" Brand Boots and Shoes are known from Auckland to the Bluff for sterling quality.</p> |
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Commercial.

(For week ending February 21).

MR. J. A. CHAPMAN, Sharebroker, Dunedin, reports as follows:
BANKS.—National, from 2/16/0 to 2/17/0; 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 16/5 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 4/14/0 to 4/15/0; Union Steam, 10/9/1 to 10/10/0.

COAL.—Westport from 3/6/6 to 3/7/6.

LOAN AND AGENCY.—Commercial Property and Finance Company, from 5/0 to 5/6; National Mortgage, 28/0 to 30/0; 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, 4/0/0 to 4/2/0; 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, 7-6 to 8/6; Wellington Woollen, 5/0/0 to 5/2/6; Silverton Tram, 4/14/0 to 4/16/0; 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, 2/3 to 2/9; Croesus (Paparoa), 4/0 to 4/0.

DREDGING COMPANIES.—Chatto Creek, 40/0 to 41/0; Clyde, 65/0 to 67/0; Dunedin, 12/0 to 14/0; Empire, 3/17/0 to 4/0/0; Enterprise, 8/5/0 to 9/0/0; Evan's Flat, 33/0 to 35/0; Ettrick 3/6 to 3/9; Golden Gate, 140/0 to 144/0; Golden Beach, 52/0 to 55/0; Golden Point, 34/0 to 35/0; Tuapeka, 38/0 to 40/0; Vincent, 40/6 to 42/0; Hartley and Riley, 11/5/0 to 11/10/0; Jutland Flat, 4/0 to 4/3 (contrib.); Macraes Flat, 5/6 to 7/0; Golden Run, 60/0 to 62/0; Golden Terrace, 12/0 to 14/0; Magnetic, 69/0 to 70/0; Matau, 110/0 to 115/0; Molyneux Hydraulic (B), 30/0 to 32/0; Nevis, 27/6 to 28/0; Otago, 39/0 to 41/0; Upper Waipori, 2/3 to 2/9; Waimumu, 23/0 to 24/0; Sunlight, 33/0 to 35/0; Cromwell, 69/6 to 71/0 (prem.); Riverbank, 7/0 to 8/6; Nil Desperandum, 41/0 to 43/0; Klondyke, 34/0 to 37/0; Waikaka Forks, 1/3 to 2/0 (prem.); Dunstan Leads, 18/0 to 19/0; Ophir, 2/9 to 3/3; Golden Gravel, 2/3 to 3/0; Dunstan Pioneer, 3/3 to 3/9; Golden Reward, 1/0 to 1/6; Halfway House, 17/0 to 19/0.

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

PRODUCE.

London, February 13.—The total quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is 2,040,000 quarters, and for the Continent 840,000 quarters.

Napier, February 16.—Messrs. Nelson Bros. have received the following cable from the Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company:—"Best Canterbury mutton, 3d; best Dunedin and Southland, 2½d; best Napier (North Island), 2½d. Lamb: First quality, 4½d; second, 4d."

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company have received the following cablegram from their London house:—"Wheat: Market firm. New Zealand wheat average is worth 28s 9d per 496lb; New Zealand long-berried is worth 30s per 496lb. Tallow: Market brisk. Fine mutton is worth 30s 6d, and local beef 29s 6d per cwt."

London, February 17.—The wheat market is firm, but quiet. Three thousand quarters of Victorian February shipment sold at 29s 7½d; and parcels of January at 29s.

Butter, quiet, and less demand; prices are maintained.

Cheese is hardening.

Wellington, February 19.—The Agent-general cables:—"Butter, 100s; market firm. There is a good demand for cheese, which is quoted at 59s."

London, February 18.—The hemp market is dull; fair Wellington, January and March shipments, L31.

Mutton and lamb for all classes remain unchanged.

AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL.

Sydney, February 14.—Wheat: Chick, 2s to 2s 4d; New Zealand, 2s 3d to 2s 5½d; milling, 2s 8d. Flour: New, L6 10s to L7; Manitoba, L9 10s. Oats Prime New Zealand, 2s 5d. Maize (best), 2s 6d. Barley: Cape, 2s 4d to 2s 6d. Bran, 8½d. Pollard, 9d to 9½d. Peas: Prussian blue, 3s 6d. Potatoes: Locals (prime), L3 4s to L3 15s; Circular Heads (prime), L5. Onions: Local, L2 10s; Victorian, L3 10s. Butter: Creamery, factory, 8½d; dairy, 7½d. Cheese, 3½d to 5d. Bacon, 5½d to 6d.

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

Melbourne, February 14.—Wheat, 2s 8d to 2s 9d. Oats (active): Algerian, up to 2s 3d; stout white, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d. Barley: Cape, 2s 2d to 2s 3d. Maize, 2s 7d. Bran, 8d to 8½d. Potatoes, L2.

Adelaide, February 14.—Wheat, 2s 8½d. Flour, L6 7s 6d to L6 10s. Oats, up to 2s 2d. Pollard, 10d. Bran 9d.

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

OATS.—Only medium quality was catalogued, and for this class there were few buyers present. Good to prime sparrowbills are in demand for export, at prices fully equal to late quotations. We quote: Prime milling, to 2s 1d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 0½d; medium, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; inferior, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT.—Prime milling quality is in fair demand at late values. Medium quality is not wanted, except as fowl wheat, for which there is steady demand. We quote: Prime milling, 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 11 per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES.—The market is well supplied, and only ripe, freshly-dug lots are in favour with buyers. We quote: Best kidneys, L2 10s; others, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF.—Prime quality continues to be in most demand, and is readily saleable at quotations. Medium is not wanted, and difficult to place. We quote: Best oatens sheaf, L2 15s to L3; good, L2 7s 6d to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 to L2 5s per ton (bags extra).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

The Grainbrokers' Association report:—"The oat market firmer, with good inquiry, but holders generally are asking prices slightly above buyers' values. Business would be practically about 2s 2½d for B grade, but merchants are reluctant to sell at less than 2s 3d to 2s 3½d; C grade, ½d less. Trade is thus restricted, but stocks in store are so light that shippers can afford to adopt an independent attitude for a few weeks, especially as the harvest is likely to be late."

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 7d, factory, 11d; eggs, 10d per doz; cheese, farm, 3½d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled), farm, 6d; hams, 8d; potatoes, 4s per cwt; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; fowl wheat, 2s; chaff, L2 10s; flour, L7 10s; oatmeal, L9 to L10; pollard, L3; bran, L2 10s, including bags. Retail—Fresh butter, 9d, factory, 1s; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 6d; bacon, rolled, 8d, sliced, 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 16lbs for 1s; flour, 200lb, 16s; 60lb, 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.

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