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Commercial.

(For week ending November 14.)

PRODUCE.

London, November 9.—Butter: There is a fair trade, the mild weather depressing prices somewhat. Choicest colonial, 106s to 108s; occasional parcels, 110s; Danish, 120s.

The wheat markets are tending upwards. There are further reports to hand of the serious damage to the Argentine crop. A Victorian January shipment sold at 30s 6d, for a cargo off the coast 30s 9d is asked.

Napier, November 10.—Messrs. Nelson Bros. have received the following cable from the C.C. and D. Company, London:—Frozen meat market. To-day's quotations—Best Canterbury 14d, best Napier, North Island, 3d; lamb, first quality, 1 1/4; second, 1 1/4.

London, November 10.—Frozen meat: New Zealand and River Plate unchanged. Lamb Unchanged. Beef (150lb to 220lb fair average quality). Ox forequarters 3 5/8.

Wellington, November 12.—The Agricultural Department has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, 11th inst:—The average prices for the week have been Butter, 109s (market dull); cheese, 55s (expect to remain quiet).

Under date October 5 the London manager of the National Mortgage and Agency Company writes:—Frozen rabbits are going off well, up to 10d being paid for prime New Zealand. The arrivals are heavy.

OATS REQUIRED FOR THE CAPE.

The Imperial authorities have cabled a king the New Zealand Government to act as their agent in the purchase of a further supply of 5,000 tons of oats.

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

OATS.—There has been a fair demand at late quotations from exporters during the past week, and nearly all sound lines have been cleared on arrival. For anything but feed grades there is little inquiry. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 5 1/2 to 1s 6d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; inferior and medium, 1s 2 1/2 to 1s 3 1/2 per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT.—Millers' operations are somewhat restricted, and are confined chiefly to prime samples, medium being slow of sale. Fowl wheat is in fair demand at late values. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; broken, etc., 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES.—The market is glutted, and values have given way. To-day we sold Derwents at 25s to 30s per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF.—Prime oaten sheaf is in moderate supply, and meets with ready sale at quotations. Medium and inferior quality is not in request. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, L2 10s; extra heavy, L2 12s 6d; medium to good, L1 15s to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only:—Oats: Fair to good feed 1s 4d to 1s 6d; milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d. Wheat: milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; fowls, 1s 9d to 2s 1d. Potatoes: Northern, L1 15s; Southern, L1 10s. Chaff: Inferior, 30s to 40s; good to prime, 47s 6d to 54s. Straw: pressed 27s; loose, 28s. Flour: Sacks, L6 10s; 50lbs, L7; 25lbs, L7, quiet. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5 1/2d. Eggs, 7d. Onions: Melbourne, 18s.

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

WHEAT.—Market quiet. Milling, velvet, and Tuscan, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 1s 11d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS.—There has been a slightly better demand during the week, but prices remain unchanged. Milling, 1s 5 1/2 to 1s 6d; feed, 1s 4d to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF.—In fair demand. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 7s 6d to L2 10s; medium, L2 to L2 5s per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES.—Market glutted. Best quality, 27s 6d to 30s per ton (bags in).

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, November 7.—At the tallow auctions 1425 casks were offered, and 1125 sold. Mutton: Fine, 28s; medium, 26s 9d. Beef: Fine, 27s 9d; medium, 26s.

The Antwerp wool sales will be held from the 13th to the 22nd. The catalogue consists of 22,570 bales, including 1410 from the Cape and 1255 from Australia.

Melbourne, November 8.—At the wool sales there was good competition, but prices showed a distinct decline except for fine quality merinos. The drop is most marked in fair average wool.

London, November 9.—The Bradford wool market is quiet. Common sixes, 17 1/2; super, 18 1/2.

Sydney, November 12.—At the wool sales better classes were brisk and fully up to last week's prices. Inferior were in slow request.

Messrs. Dalgity and Co. have received the following cablegram from their London office, dated November 10:—The wool market is strong, and there is a fair private inquiry.

Under date October 5 the London manager of the National Mortgage and Agency Company writes:—The reports from the manufacturing districts are rather conflicting. In some districts consumption is said to be going on on a large scale, but in others the reverse. There is a general tone of hesitancy pending the opening of the fifth series of sales on the 9th inst. A further fall of 5 to 10 per cent. on merinos and fine wools is generally talked of with a steady demand for lower cross-breeds, perhaps even an advance.

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

RABBIT-SKINS.—Market firm, but very few offerings. Winter greys, 1d to 1 1/2; medium, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; blacks, up to 2 1/2 per lb.

SHEEP-SKINS.—Market firm at late quotations.

HIDES.—Market firm. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4 1/2; medium, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; cow hides, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 per lb.

TALLOW.—Best rendered mutton, 16s 6d to 17s 6d; medium to good, 14s to 16s; rough fat, 11s to 13s per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fair entry of horses at our saleyards last Saturday and also a fair attendance of both town and country buyers. The result was that good prices were ruling throughout the sale, and a total clearance effected. Draughts: There were a few horses in this class of more than ordinary merit, and for some of them there was keen competition at prices ranging from L56 to L59. Light horses: There was also a fair show of light harness horses and hacks, and for these there was also good demand. We would strongly recommend vendors who have horses for sale at present, whether they be draughts or light sorts, to send them in to our Saturday sales, where they will meet with both town and country competition. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, L50 to L60; extra good prize horses, L60 to L70; medium draught mares and geldings, L35 to L45; aged do, L25 to L33; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L60 to L80; strong spring-van horses, L25 to L30; milk-cart and butcher's ord. r-car horses, L16 to L22; tram horses, L14 to L20; light hacks, L10 to L12; extra good hacks, L18 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.