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Commercial.

(For week ending December 19.)

PRODUCE.

Napier, December 13.—Messrs. Nelson Bros., Tomoana, have received the following cable from the C.C. and D. Company, London, to-day:—'Frozen meat market: To-day's quotations are—Best Canterbury, 4½d; Napier and North Island, 4½d per lb. Lamb is not quoted.'

London, December 14.—Butter: The market for Colonial butter is a shade weaker—at 110s to 112s; Danish is unchanged.

Rabbits.—25,573 crates of Victorian were offered by auction. 158 were sold at 14s and 25 at 14s 3d per crate. The remainder were withdrawn.

Wheat.—The market is steady. Australian January and February shipment parcels, 29s 3d; cargoes, 30s 3d; off-coast, 31s 3d asked, 30s paid.

London, December 16.—Frozen mutton—Crossbred and maiden ewes—Canterbury, 1½d; Dunedin and Southland, 1½d; North Island, 1½d. Lamb: None offering. New Zealand beef (180lb to 220lb for average quality): Ox hinds, 3 15-16d. River Plate crossbred or merino wethers: Heavy, unchanged; light, 3½d.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 6d, factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 10d per doz; cheese, farm, 3½d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled) farm, 6d; hams, 8d; potatoes, 14 per ton; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; fowl wheat, 2s; chaff, L2 10s; flour, L6 10s to L7 5s; oatmeal, L9 10s to L10; pollard, L4; bran, L3 10s, including bags. Retail—Fresh butter, 8d, factory, bulk, 1s; pats, 1s 0½d; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 6d; bacon, rolled, 8d, sliced 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 5s per cwt; flour, 200lbs, 14s; 50lb, 4s; oatmeal, 50lb, 6s; 25lb, 3s; pollard, 6s 6d per bag; bran, 4s per bag; chaff, L3 per ton; fowls' feed, 2s 9d per bushel.

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, L4; Southern, L3 15s. Chaff: Inferior, 30s to 40s; good to prime, 47s 6d to 50s. Straw: pressed 27s; loose, 28s. Flour: Sacks, L6 10s; 50lbs, L7; 25lbs, L7, quiet. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10½d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5½d. Eggs, 10d. Onions: Melbourne, L9.

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

WHEAT—Market unchanged. Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 1s 11d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS—No change to report. Milling, 1s 6½d; to 1s 7d good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; medium, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES—Best Derwents, L3 10s to L4 per ton (bags in).

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a moderate entry of horses for this week's sale, only some half-dozen draughts being forward, and about a score of useful hacks and harness horses. Good young horses, both draught and light, continue very scarce. On Saturday we sold a

few aged draughts at from L35 to L44, and several useful harness horses at from L8 to L19. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, L45 to L52; extra good prize horses, L53 to L60; medium draught mares and geldings, L30 to L40; aged do, L22 to L28; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L50 to L60; strong spring-van horses, L25 to L32; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L16 to L20; tram horses, L12 to L15; light hacks, L7 to L10; extra good hacks, L18 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at Addington consisted of 2200 fat sheep, 1650 fat lambs, 650 store sheep, 530 cattle, and 332 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—216 head yarded, all of which were of good quality, and last week's prices were well upheld. Best steers brought L9 10s to L11 10s; others, L7 to L8; heifers, L5 2s 6d to L8 10s; best cows, L7 to L9 5s; others, down to L4 10s.

STORE CATTLE—There were not many store cattle yarded, and the demand was less. There was a good sale for good sorts of dairy cattle up to L8 10s.

FAT SHEEP—There was a mixed yarding, and most of them were shorn. All good sorts showed a rise of from 1s to 1s 6d per head. Wethers in wool brought 20s 9d to 22s; shorn, 16s 9d to 22s 6d and up to 36s for Mr Garforth's prize Southdowns; shorn ewes, 17s to 19s 6d for best and 13s 5d to 16s for others.

FAT LAMBS—These were mostly of good quality, and freezing buyers were very keen, over 1000 being taken for export. Sales were made at 13s 6d to 16s 6d for ordinary and 17s 3d to 18s 7d for extra good; unfinished down to 11s 9d.

STORE EWES—Only two lines of store ewes with lambs were penned, and these sold at 10s and 12s 1d, all counted.

PIGS—The short entry of pigs caused a keen demand and a rise in prices. Baconers fetched from 30s to 48s 6d, or equal to 3½d per lb; porkers, 21s to 32s, or equal to 4d per lb; stores, 13s to 20s; suckers and weaners, 5s 6d to 12s 6d.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, December 12.—At the tallow sales 1125 casks were offered, and 400 sold. Mutton: Fine, 28s 6d; medium, 26s 9d. Beef: Fine, 27s 3d; medium, 26s.

London, December 14.—Bradford wool is tending upwards. Common sixties, 18½d; super, 19½d.

Christchurch, December 14.—The second wool sale of the season was held yesterday. 10,270 bales were catalogued, and there was a large attendance of buyers. The wool was in very good order, being bright and clean, but light in grease. Buyers and sellers were in better agreement as regards values than on previous occasions, and the sale proceeded briskly, all superior lots of halfbreds and crossbreds showing about ½d to ¾d advance, but merinos were without change. The woollen companies were large purchasers of fine wools, and the bulk of coarser wools were taken for shipment, local fellmongers getting a fair proportion. Halfbred sold up to 8½d, Allendale clip topping the market. Crossbred realised 6½d, and merino 7½d.

London, December 16.—At the sheepskin sales 4264 bales were offered, and all sold. Combung, merinos, and fine crossbreds advanced ½d to ¾d; clothing merinos, ½d; and coarse crossbreds showed ¼d rise.

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

RABBITSKINS—Market firm. Winter greys, 16d to 17d; medium, 14d to 15½d; blacks to 22d. Other lots in proportion.

SHEEPSKINS—Market unchanged.

HIDES—No change to report. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3½d; cow hides, 3½d to 3½d per lb.

TALLOW—Market firm. Best rendered mutton, 16s to 17s 6d; medium, 14s to 15s 6d; rough fat, 11s to 13s per cwt.

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