

STANDARD

**THAT YOUR BOOTS
ARE BRANDED ON THE HEEL**

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.

Commercial.

(For week ending January 16.)

PRODUCE.

A cable message received from London on last Saturday says:—Weddel's annual review of the meat trade says: 'The imports of mutton were 573,976 carcases below that of 1899. The consumption appears temporarily to have overtaken the production. The quality, both of New Zealand and Australian, generally was excellent, and enabled the Australians to hold their own against River Plate.' The circular advises that the bulk of the lamb should arrive in April, May, and June. The imports of River Plate beef exceeded both Australian and New Zealand. As River Plate has greatly improved in quality it becomes a formidable rival. The circular anticipates that fairly high values will be maintained for all meats for some months.

London, January 9.—The total quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is 2,495,000 quarters, and for the Continent 730,000 quarters. Nine thousand quarters of Victorian wheat, January and February shipment, and 12,000 quarters South Australian, January shipment, sold at 30s 6d.

London, January 9.—Wheat at Mark Lane is quoted 6d dearer on the week.

London, January 13.—New Zealand meat is unchanged. Heavy River Plate has advanced 1-16d.

Hemp is irregular. New Zealand, on spot, L21.

Hides—There is poor competition, and the bulk of them have been withdrawn.

Wellington, January 9.—The monthly circular issued by the Department of Agriculture, Wellington, shows that the exports from the Colony of frozen meat and dairy produce for the month of December were as follows:—Butter, 33,650 cwt, valued at L133,622; cheese, 7873 cwt, valued at L18,195; beef, 16,576 cwt, valued at L18,997; mutton, 53,158 cwt, valued at L59,298; lamb, 2225 cwt, valued at L3529. Except in butter these figures show a considerable shortage on the exports for the corresponding month of 1899, the value of which was as follows: Butter, L122,349; cheese, L22,664; beef, L27,879; carcase mutton, L104,059; legs and pieces, L2132; lamb, L8014. In the total export for the nine months, from March 31, however, there is still an improvement on last year's figures for the same period except in mutton, which shows a decrease of L210,891.

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: New, local, L8 to L10; imported, L8 10s. 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, 9d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 8d. Onions: Melbourne, L7 10s.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., Ltd., report having held their weekly sale of grain and produce at their stores on Monday, when prices ruled as follows:—

OATS—There was good competition for all good feed lots, but inferior sorts were not in request. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—Prime milling quality is in moderate demand at late values, while medium sorts are neglected. Good fowl wheat commands ready sale at 2s to 2s 1d per bushel; prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 4d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—The market is barely supplied. Good kidneys sold to-day at L9 10 to L10 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf meets with ready sale at quotations, but medium and inferior sorts are not in request. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 15s; good, L2 6s to L2 7s 6d; medium, L1 15s to L2 2s 6d per ton (bags extra).

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 9.—The arrivals for the London wool sales, opening on the 16th, total 250,000 bales; 41,000 have been forwarded to the manufacturers direct, leaving 339,000 available for sale.

The second wool sale of the season was held in Dunedin on last Friday. There was a large attendance of Home, colonial, and local buyers. Competition was fairly brisk, but most of the wool was purchased by the representatives of the local mills. For merino and fine first cross and halfbred wools there was very keen competition, and although they did not show any material advance in values they fully maintained the prices realised at the opening sales. The coarse wools did not meet with so much competition. Nevertheless prices were quite on a par and in some cases made a slight increase on last sale. Pieces and locks were also in strong demand. Prices ruled as follows:—Super merino, 8d to 9d; medium, 7d to 7d; inferior, 6d to 6d; super halfbred, 7d to 8d; medium, 6d to 7d; inferior, 5d to 5d; bright crossbred, 5d to 6d; other, 4d to 5d; pieces, 4d to 6d; bellies, 2d to 4d; locks, 1d to 2d.

London, January 9.—Wool: The Antwerp sales have opened, and show an increase of 10 to 15 centimes compared with the previous sales.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

Saturday's sale was a very tame affair. Very few horses came forward, and consequently practically no business was done. The only entry calling for special notice was a nuggety pair of grey geldings, 5yrs and 6yrs old respectively, from South Canterbury, suitable for spring dray or very light lorry work. For these there was good competition at up to L80 for the pair, but, as the vendor expected the value of the heaviest and best cart geldings, no sale was effected. We have inquiries for extra heavy and active young draught geldings, also for useful harness horses and good 'remounts,' all of which classes would sell well in this market at the present time. We held a special sale at Dunback on Tuesday.

We quote: Superior young draught geldings, L45 to L50; extra good prize horses, L52 to L60; medium draught mares and geldings, L32 to L40; aged do, L20 to L30; upstanding carriage horses, to L25 L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L70 to L80; strong spring-van horses, L28 to L35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L16 to L24; tram horses, L12 to L18; light hacks, L7 to L12; extra good hacks, L18 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at Addington to-day comprised 5500 fat sheep, 5500 fat lambs, 3650 store sheep, 318 cattle, and 405 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—The yarding consisted mostly of light-weight heifers and cows, with only a few steers and heavy sorts. Demand was slightly easier, but handy weights sold well. Good to prime beef realised 22s to 24s, and other 18s to 21s per 100lb. Steers brought L6 to L9, and up to L11 10s for extra good; heifers, L6 15s to L7 12s 6d; cows, L4 17s 6d to L7 5s; dairy cows, L4 10s to L8 5s.

STORE CATTLE—These met with a good sale. Three year steers fetched L4 18s to L5 5s; do heifers, L4; three-year-old (mixed), L4; two-year-old steers, L3 19s; two-year-old (mixed), L3 19s 6d; yearlings, L1 10s; cows, L2 7s 6d to L4 7s 6d.

A. J. MALLEY,

SOLICITOR, corner Cashel and Manchester Streets, CHRISTCHURCH, has MONEY TO LEND at current rates, repayable on easy terms.