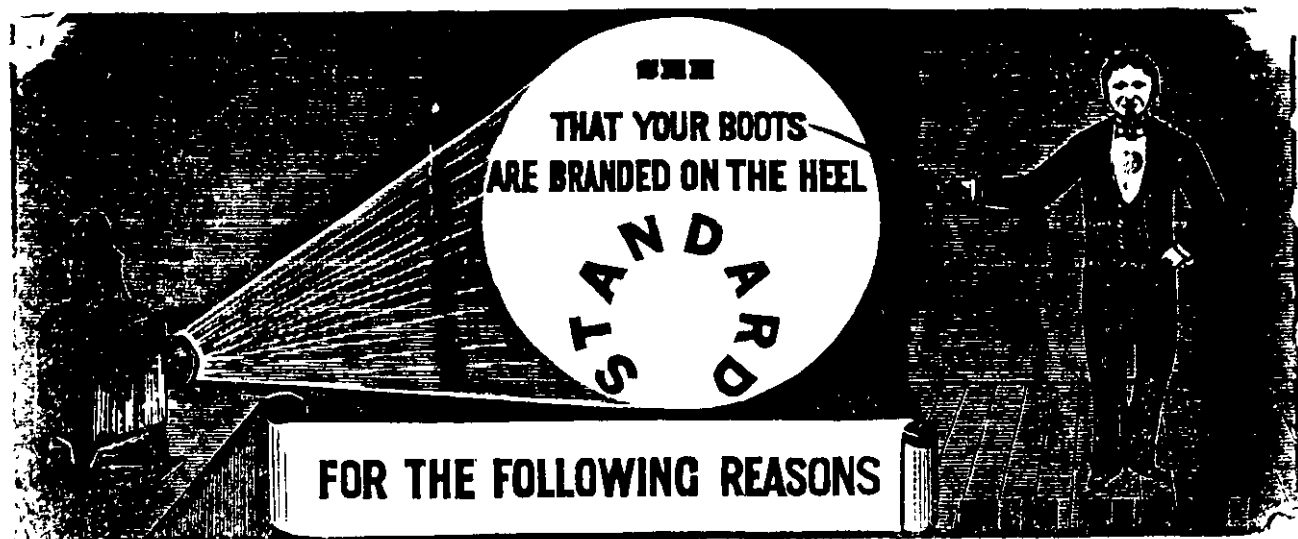




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Commercial.

(For week ending January 23.)

PRODUCE.

London, January 16.—The total quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is 2,640,000 quarters, and for the Continent 850,000.

January 17.—The American visible wheat supply is estimated at 89,278,000 bushels.

London, January 18.—Wheat: The market is dull, and the tendency is downwards. New South Wales January-February shipments are quoted at 30s 3d; Victorian, 30s 6d; sailed parcels, 29s 3d.

Butter is quiet, and a shade weaker. Choicest, 110s to 112s; good demand for secondary quality, 96s to 110s; Danish, 125s.

London, January 20.—Frozen beef, mutton, and lamb are unchanged.

Wellington, January 21.—The Agent-General's cablegram to the Department of Agriculture states that the average price for choicest butter is 110s; market steady. Danish, 120s, it having fallen 8s. Cheese, 53s; transactions very limited. The hemp market is firm. Good sale of Wellington at 1.21 10s. Cocksfoot (quiet), 34s.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 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, L4 10s; Auckland, L6. Market overstocked. Chaff. Good demand for prime up to L2 15s; inferior, hard to sell; medium, L2 5. Straw: pressed 30s, market bare; loose, 30s. Flour: Sacks, 200lbs, L6 10s; 50lbs, L7; 25lbs, L7 5s. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5jd. Eggs, 7jd. Onions: Melbourne, L7 10s.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., report as follows:—OATS—There is a fair demand for all good to prime feed in sound condition. Inferior and musty samples are plentiful, and are difficult to quit. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6jd to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6jd; medium, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; inferior, 1s to 1s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—In milling quality prime samples only are in request, medium sorts being without much demand. Fowl wheat is scarce, and meets with ready sale. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; broken and damaged, 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

POTATOES—The market has been plentifully supplied by local growers, and, in addition to this, the arrival of a considerable quantity from Auckland has caused a sudden drop in values. We quote: Best kidneys, L4 to L4 10s; others, L3 to L3 10s per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf is not offering freely, and commands ready sale at late values. Medium quality is not in request. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d; inferior, L1 10s to L1 15s.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 15.—The wool sales have opened, and there is a brisk demand. Merinos have advanced from 5 to 7½ per cent.

London, January 16.—Messrs. Balme, Buxton, and Jacobs's joint catalogue comprised 7826 bales. There was a crowded attendance of buyers. A good selection of merinos was offered, for which there was strong Continental competition at from 5 to 7½ per cent. above the November rates. Crossbreds were in less demand. Fine brought from par to 5 per cent. in advance.

At the tallow sales 1850 casks were offered and 650 sold. Mutton: Fine, 29s 3d; medium, 27s. Beef: Fine, 27s 9d; medium, 26s 6d.

London, January 17.—At the wool sales there was spirited competition at opening rates.

London, January 20.—At the rabbitskin sales 1595 bales were offered and 1419 sold. The finest were slightly dearer, but secondary barely maintained late rates.

At the wool sales prices are slightly easier. Crossbreds are firm. The amount of wool catalogued to date is 48,766 bales, of which 46,715 bales have been sold.

Christchurch, January 17.—At the third of the local series of wool sales to-day there was a large attendance both of local and foreign buyers, and a brisk sale resulted. On the whole the wool was of a much better quality than at the previous sale. Fine wools showed an advance of fully ½d, but coarse and inferior sorts scarcely held their own. Colonial mills operated extensively, and outbid foreign buyers. Out of a catalogue of 12,791 bales 10,470 were sold. Extra merinos went up to 9jd for 'Culverden,' which has now topped the market for eight years in succession; medium to good do, 7jd to 8jd; inferior, 5jd to 6d; halfbred super, 7jd to 8jd; medium do, 6jd to 7d; inferior do, 5jd to 6d; super crossbred, 6d to 7d; inferior to medium do, 4jd to 5jd; long wool, 4jd to 6jd; extra good pieces and bellies, to 7jd; medium do, 4jd to 5jd; others, 2jd to 4d; locks, 1jd to 3d.

London, January 18.—Wool is very firm, but prices are unchanged. The Bradford market is quiet. Common sixties, 18jd; supers, 19jd. The Longburn clip realised 6jd at to-day's sales.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

At the Addington yards to-day there were again heavy yardings of all classes of sheep, and the total entry of stock was much above the average, while the attendance was also good.

FAT CATTLE—166 head came forward, a fair proportion being prime. The sale was somewhat dull, and prices showed a slight decline, values ranging from 18s to 23s per 100lb, according to quality. Steers made L6 5s to L9 5s, and one extra good one L10 10s; heifers, L5 5s to L9 2s 6d; cows, L4 5s to L7 17s 6d.

FAT SHEEP—There was a moderate yarding, including a few lines of prime quality. Freezers sold well up to late rates, and good to prime butchers' ewes showed an advance, but ordinary sorts were without any change. Wethers realised 17s to 21s, and extra good to 22s 5d; best ewes, 17s to 19s 5d; others, from 12s 6d to 16s 6d.

FAT LAMBS—There was a large entry, 5160 coming forward, mostly prime and well drafted lines. Best quality freezers brought last week's prices, though competition was not quite so keen, but light unfinished sorts were easier. Prime freezers brought from 16s to 17s 2d; other sorts, 12s 3d to 14s 6d.

STORE SHEEP—8700 came forward, the majority being lambs and wethers. There was a keen demand for all young sheep and forward rape lambs, but old ewes and backward lambs were not sought after. Wethers sold at from 16s to 17s 2d; two-tooth ewes, 17s 4d; other sorts, 12s to 16s; rape lambs, 12s 6d to 14s; others, 10s to 11s 6d.

PIGS—There was a fairly large entry, but a number were only half finished. Prime baconers and porkers sold well up to last week's rates, and stores were in better demand. Baconers made 32s 6d to 50s, equal to 3jd per lb; porkers, 20s to 23s, equal to 3jd to 4d per lb; forward stores, to 24s; others, 12s 6d to 19s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a miserable display of horses at this week's sale, only some 15 or 20 light harness horses of indifferent class being entered.