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Farmers, Miners, and all who want to keep their feet dry, try this Brand.

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The "STANDARD" Brand Boots and Shoes are known from Auckland to the Bluff for sterling quality.

Commercial.

(For week ending January 30.)
PRODUCE.

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, L7 0s; Auckland, L6. Market scarce. 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, 5d. Eggs, 10d. Onions: Melbourne, L8 0s.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 5d, factory, bulk, 101; pats, 10d; eggs, 8d per doz; cheese, farm, 3d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled) farm, 6d; hams, 8d; potatoes, L1 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, 7d, factory, bulk, 1s; pats, 1s 0d; eggs, 10d 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.

Donald Reid and Co. report having held their weekly auction sale of grain and produce Monday. There was a full attendance of buyers, and under fair competition the catalogue was cleared at prices on a par with late values.

OATS—There is fair demand for all good to prime feed suitable for shipment. Prime milling also meets good demand, but inferior quality is 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 is saleable at late values, while medium quality also commands more attention. Good whole fowl wheat is scarce, and meets 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, etc., 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—Supplies are not so heavy, and last week's prices have been substantially improved upon. Best kidneys selling today at L7 to L8 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf is readily quitted at late values. The demand is almost confined to the class, medium and inferior sorts being without much inquiry. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d; inferior, L1 10s to L1 15s per ton (bags extra).

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 22.—Good wools are firm; faulties are dragging. American buyers are more active.

London, January 23.—At the wool sales faultless showed a 5 per cent. decline. Good wools are very firm. Crossbreds have an upward tendency. The Acland clip realised 6d.

Wellington, January 25.—At the local wool sales, held to-day, 2836 bales were offered, but the greater portion was withdrawn. Prices were disappointing, showing a decline of 4d to 4d on crossbred fleece wool, and 4d to 4d on pieces. The prices ruling were as follows:—Fine crossbred, 5d to 6d per lb; clean medium, 5d to 5d; coarse, 4d to 4d; leg-stained and inferior, 3d to 4d; pieces and bellies, 2d to 3d; locks, 1d to 2d.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at Addington comprised 2523 fat sheep, 3000 fat lambs, 1412 store sheep, 219 cattle, and 361 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—The 133 head fat cattle yarded were mostly poor sorts, but they met with a better market at from 22s to 25s per 100lb for good to prime beef and 18s to 21s other sorts. Best steers brought L8 to L10 10s; others, L6 17s 6d to L7 10s; best heifers, L7 to L8; others, L5 17s 6d to L6 10s; best cows, L7 to L8 10s; others, L5 to L6 10s.

FAT SHEEP—There was a mixed yarding, which included some good lines of wethers and many others not finished and a good supply of ewes. Freezers were not anxious to secure sheep. Freezing wethers realised from 18s to 20s; lighter, 16s 9d to 17s 6d; best ewes, 16s to 17s 9d; others, 14s to 15s 6d.

FAT LAMBS—The quality was not quite so good all round, but late rates were maintained. About 2500 were taken for freezing at from 18s 3d to 16s 10d for best, 14s to 15s for lighter, and 13s 2d for unfinished.

STORE SHEEP—These were mostly composed of large lines of wethers or lambs. The demand was scarcely so good, and several lines of both were passed, not reaching the reserves. Forward wethers brought from 17s 8d to 18s 2d; fair, 16s 11d to 17s 6d; small, 14s 6d to 15s 6d; forward lambs, 13s 9d to 14s 1d; secondary, 12s 9d to 13s 7d; small, 9s 11d to 11s 3d; good young ewes, 16s 10d to 17s 4d; aged, 14s 8d to 15s 3d; ewes and lambs (all counted), 10s 8d.

PIGS—The quality was good, but the supply short, and a much better market resulted. Baconers realised 35s to 56s 6d; porkers, 23s to 33s—both equal to 4d per lb; stores, 13s to 22s 6d; suckers and weaners, 7s to 10s 6d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fair entry of medium class horses for this week's sale, but very few draughts were on offer. The demand throughout the sale was quiet, and not many transactions were recorded. A useful five-year-old gelding at L40, and another very useful horse at L22 were the only sales of draughts effected, whilst among the light horses less than a dozen changed hands at from L7 to L17. There is still good inquiry for first-class draught geldings, and for useful, heavy harness horses suitable for rabbit export waggon teams. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, L45 to L55; extra good prize horses, L56 to L60; medium draught mares and geldings, L28 to L36; aged do, L20 to L25; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L70 to L80; strong spring-van horses, L30 to L35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L16 to L24; tram horses, L12 to L16; light hacks, L7 to L10; extra good hacks, L20 to L30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(Per special favour Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris.)

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE—207 yarded, prices being slightly lower than last week. Best bullocks, L9 to L10 10s; medium, L7 to L8 10s; best cows and heifers, L6 to L7 5s; medium, L4 15s to L5 15s.

LAMBS—640 forward, all meeting with a good demand. Best lambs, 14s to 16s; medium to good, 11s to 13s 6d.

SHEEP—1533 penned, prices showing no change since last sale. Best crossbred wethers, 19s to 21s; medium, 17s to 18s 6d; best ewes, 16s 6d to 18s 6d; medium, 15s to 16s.

PIGS—238 forward, all sorts being dull of sale. Suckers, 5s 6d to 9s; slips, 10s to 16s; stores, 18s to 22s; porkers, 28s to 32s; baconers, up to 42s 6d.

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