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Commercial.

(For week ending February 6.)

PRODUCE.

London, February 1.—The wheat markets are generally steady, but the French markets are declining and weak. Cargoes and parcels are quiet and unchanged.

Butter is firm, and there is a good demand. Colonial and Danish are both unchanged, but the market is recovering.

Cheese is flat. New Zealand, 52s to 53s.

Wheat: The cargo ex John o' Gaunt sold at 29s 9d.

London, February 2.—Frozen mutton: Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, 4½d; Dunedin, 4½d. North Island and River Plate mutton, lamb, and beef are unchanged.

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, 1s 9; Auckland, 1s 8. 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, 9½d to 10½d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5½d. Eggs, 1s. Onions: Melbourne, L8 10s.

BURNSIDE STOCK SALES.

In consequence of the half holiday in honor of the arrival of the Imperial troops we have been obliged to go to press some hours earlier than usual, and therefore have been unable to publish our customary report of the Burnside stock sales.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 5d, factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 8d per doz; cheese, farm, 3½d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled) farm, 6d; hams 8d; potatoes, L4 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 0½d; 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.

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

There was a limited attendance of buyers, and as bidding was not spirited most of the lines offered were passed in.

OATS—Good to prime feed lines continue to find ready sale at late quotations. Prime milling sorts are also in fair demand, but inferior quality is not readily placed. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5½d to 1s 6½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—Prime milling is in fair demand at late rates, and medium quality also receives some attention; whole fowl wheat is scarce and is in good demand. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium to good, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; broken, etc., 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—Supplies to-day are heavier, and values have declined slightly. We quote: Best kidneys, L9 to L10 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf continues to be most sought after and is saleable at late quotations. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

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

WHEAT—Prime milling is in fair demand, but other sorts are quiet. 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—Market firm. Milling, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5½d to 1s 6½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES—Market barely supplied. Best kidneys, L8 to L8 10s per ton (bags in).

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 29.—At the wool sales 128,946 bales were catalogued, and 118,477 bales sold. There was slightly more competition and a better tone. Prices were unchanged.

London, January 30.—At the wool sales the Waipahi clip realised 7½d.

London, January 31.—At the wool sales there was good competition at recent rates. The Puketoi clip realised 8½d and the Rangitiri 6d.

At the tallow sales 1150 casks were offered, and 139 sold. Fine mutton, 29s 3d; medium, 27s; fine beef, 27s 9d; medium, 26s 6d.

London, February 1.—The Bradford wool market is quiet. Common sixties, 18d; supers, 18½d. At the sales there was fair competition and a hardening tendency. The sales close on the 9th. The Longburn clip fetched 6½.

London, February 2.—At the wool sales there was spirited competition for good sorts, and in all classes prices tended in the sellers' favor. Up to date 202,171 bales have been catalogued and 185,039 sold.

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

RABBITSKINS AND SHEEPSKINS—No sales this week.

WOOL—The next sale of the season will be held on Friday, 22nd inst.

HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 1d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3¾d; cow hides, 3½d to 3¾d per lb.

TALLOW—Market steady. Best rendered mutton, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; medium, 14s to 15s; rough fat, 10s to 12s per cwt.

DUNEDIN WOOL SALES.

The third wool sale of the present season was held on Thursday, when 7856 bales were submitted, as against 8945 for the corresponding sale of last year. There was a large attendance of local and foreign buyers, but the bidding was without animation. In comparison with the previous sale it may be said that values had receded by ½d, and in some instances ¾d per lb. This was no doubt due to the reports received from London during the week. As it is, the local prices compare very favorably with those prevailing in London and at the Sydney and Melbourne sales. Values may be quoted as follows:—Greasy halfbred—Superior, 8d to 8½d; good, 7d to 7½d; medium, 5½d to 6½d; inferior, 5d to 5½d. Greasy merino—Superior, 8d to 9½d; good, 7d to 7½d; medium, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 5½d to 5½d. Greasy crossbred—Superior, 6½d to 7½d; good, 6d to 6½d; medium, 5d to 5½d; inferior, 4½d to 4½d. Greasy longwools—Superior, 5½d to 6½d; good, 5½d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 5d; inferior, 4d to 4½d.

INVERCARGILL WOOL SALES.

The second Invercargill wool sale of the season was held on Monday, when there was a good attendance of buyers, and about 6000 bales were offered for sale by the several brokers. The English buyers were keen up to a certain price for good clean lengthy crossbred wool, halfbred and merino also, to 5½d; halfbred, 6½d to 7½d; merino, 6½d to 7½d. Two good lines of fine crossbred realised 6½d and 7d.

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