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Commercial.

(For week ending February 13.)

PRODUCE.

London, February 8.—Wheat: The Continental markets are firm, but the English markets have a lower tendency. Cargoes are quiet. Victoria January-March shipments are quoted at 30s 3d; sailer parcels, 29s 3d.

Butter has a steady trade. Colonial, 106s to 108s, and a few lots 110s. Danish is quiet at 118s.

Cheese has a slow sale, New Zealand realising about 52s.

Hemp is firm. Wellington March shipments, L21 10s.

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

WHEAT—In fair demand. Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 1s 11d to 2s 1½d; do (broken), 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS—Market firm. Milling, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

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

POTATOES—Market well supplied. Kidneys, L1 10s to L5; Derwents, L3 10s to L4 per ton (bags in).

THE CROPS OF THE COLONY.

The area under crop in the Colony and the estimated yield in the different cereals, as calculated by the Agricultural Department, are as follows:—Wheat, 206,463 acres, or 27 bushels to the acre—total 5,574,555 bushels; oats, 449,534 acres, or 34 bushels per acre—total, 15,284,156 bushels; barley, 30,831 acres, or 30 bushels per acre—total, 924,930 bushels.

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 6½; fowls', 1s 9d to 2s 2d. Potatoes: New, local, L4. Chaff: Good demand for prime up to L2 15s; inferior, hard to sell; medium, L2 5s. Straw: pressed 30s, market bare; loose, 30s. Flour: Sacks, 200lbs, L6 10s; 50lbs, L7; 25lbs, L7 5s. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Fresh butter, 8d, factory, 9½d to 10½d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5½d. Eggs, 1s 3d. Onions: Melbourne, L9 10s.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 6d, factory, bulk, 10d; oats, 10½d; eggs, 10d 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, 8d, factory, bulk, 1s; oats, 1s 0½d; eggs, 11d 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:—

Most of the lots offered met with good competition from local buyers, of whom there was a full attendance, and the catalogue was cleared at prices on a par with late values.

OATS—The demand for good to prime feed and milling continues steady, but inferior, discolored, and musty lots are not readily placed. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best

feed, 1s 5½d to 1s 6½d; medium and inferior, 1s 3d to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—The local demand for milling quality is confined for the most part to prime samples. Medium is saleable occasionally, but not much sought after. Good fowl wheat is scarce, and is in strong demand both locally and for export. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium to good, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1½d; broken and damaged, 1s 8s to 1s 11d per cwt (sacks in).

POTATOES—The market has been well supplied during the past week, and prices have suffered a decline. On Monday at auction best kidneys and Derwents were sold at L3 10s to L4 10s; one lot choice kidneys, L5 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—We offered about 50 tons, mostly good to prime oaten sheaf, and cleared the catalogue at prices on a par with late quotations. Best oaten sheaf sold at L2 10s to L2 15s; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, February 5.—At the wool sales amongst the clips sold was the Taurane, which realised 6½d.

London, February 6.—At the tallow sales 515 casks were offered and 200 sold. Prices showed a decline of 3d.

Wool: There was a more spirited sale yesterday; Home and Continental buyers competing well. The Okawi clip sold at 6½d.

London, February 7.—At the wool sales yesterday competition was irregular and less brisk. Prices remain unchanged. The Tiremia clip sold at 7½d.

London, February 8.—The Bradford wool market is quiet. Common sixties, 19d; super, 18½d.

At the wool sales competition was brisk, but prices were unchanged.

London, February 9.—The wool sales closed firm for all classes, average rates being maintained.

London, February 10.—At the close of the wool sales fine-haired shafty scoured merinos closed at 3 per cent, and fine medium crossbreds at 5 to 7½ per cent, above the closing rates of the November series; faulties and inferior grades were about the November level.

During the sales 95 per cent, of the bales offered were sold for the Continent, 145,000 for the Home market, 5000 for America, and 9500 were held over. Yesterday's sales included the Totara clip, which realised 6½d.

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

RABBITSKINS—Market firm. Winters, 16d to 17½d; springs, 9d to 13½d; summers, 6½d to 8½d; smalls, 4d to 5½d per lb.

SHEEPSKINS—No sales since last report.

HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3¾d; cow hides, 3½d to 3¾d per lb.

TALLOW—Market unchanged. Best rendered mutton, 16s 6d to 18s 6d; medium, 14s to 16s; rough fat, 11s to 12s 6d per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was a small market at Addington, comprising 3500 fat sheep, 2800 fat lambs, 4165 store sheep, 298 cattle, and 489 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—The 152 head yarded consisted mostly of cows and heifers, with very few steers. The market was slightly easier. Good to prime beef brought 22s to 23s 6d per 100lb, and other sorts 18s to 21s 6d; and steers realised L8 to L9; heifers, L5 to L7 15s; cows, L4 10s to L7, and up to L8 12s 6d for extra prime.

FAT SHEEP—These included some good lines of wethers, but freezing buyers were hanging back, and several lots were passed in. Those sold brought from 18s to 21s 10d; unfinished sorts, 16s to 17s. All but best ewes were easier. Best realised from 16s to 18s, and up to 20s for extra heavy; secondary, 13s 6d to 15s.

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