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Commercial.

(For week ending February 20.)

PRODUCE.

London, February 16.—The wheat markets are quiet, the Continental steady, and there is little inquiry for cargoes. Victorian January-March shipments are quoted at 29s 9d; and sailer parcels, 29s.

Butter is a shade weaker, with a steady trade in colonial at 106s, and occasionally 108s. Danish is flat, 115s.

Cheese: New Zealand is dull at 50s to 52.

Napier, February 17.—Nelson Bros. have received the following cable from the Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company:—“A fall of 1d in North Island mutton, and the market shows an inclination to downward tendency. To-day's quotations: Best Canterbury, 4½d; best Napier and North Island, 4½d.”

London, February 17.—Frozen Meat.—Mutton: Crossbred wethers, maiden ewes—Canterbury, 4½d; Dunedin and Southland, 4½d; North Island, 4½d. Lamb is unchanged. River Plate Mutton: Crossbred or merino wethers—heavy, 4d; light, unchanged. New Zealand beef (180lb to 220lb, fair average quality). Fores 3½d.

Hemp is steady. Wellington January and March shipment, L22

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

WHEAT—There is rather more inquiry for medium quality and fowl wheat. Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7s; medium to good, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1½d; fowl wheat (broken), 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS—Milling and A grade is in good demand, but discolored and light oats are neglected. Prime milling, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5½d to 1s 6½d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5d (sacks extra).

BARLEY—There is a little more enquiry but at very poor figures, say 1s 3d to 1s 6d for medium to fairly good samples (sacks extra).

POTATOES—Best Derwents, L5 to L5 15s per ton (sacks in).

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

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 2d. Potatoes: New, local. L5. Chaff: Good demand for prime up to L2 15s; inferior, hard to sell; medium, L2 5s. Straw: pressed 35s, 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 3d. Onions: Melbourne, L9 10s; Canterbury, L7.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 7d, factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 1s 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, 9d, factory, bulk, 1s; pats, 1s 0½d; eggs, 1s 3d 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:—

OATS—Good to prime feed and milling command most attention, and are saleable at late values. Medium and inferior sorts are

not in request, and are difficult to place. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—Prime quality; is in most favor with millers, but medium sorts are in some demand at late quotations. Fowl wheat is scarce and is a shade firmer. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium to good, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 2d; broken and damaged, 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—Supplies have been moderate, and all offered at our sale to-day met good competition. Best Derwents sold at L4 15s to L5 5s; kidneys, L4 10s to L5 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—The market has been fully supplied, and in consequence values have suffered slightly. A few choice lots have been placed at L2 15s, but, in order to effect a clearance most of the good oaten sheaf coming forward has been quitted at L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, February 15.—The Bradford wool market is dull. Common sixties, 17½d; super, 18½d.

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

SHEEPSKINS—Catalogues are small, and are meeting poor competition in sympathy with wool market.

RABBITSKINS—A very good demand. Summers, 6d to 8d; small, 3d to 5d; autumn, 9d to 11d; winters, 14d to 16d; selected, 16½d to 17d per lb.

WOOL—Next local sale on Friday, 22nd inst, at 2 p.m.

HIDES AND TALLOW—Market unchanged.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at Addington comprised 3000 fat sheep, 3000 fat lambs, 10,000 store sheep, 332 cattle, and 344 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—There were 161 head yarded, mostly cow and heifer beef, with a few prime steers. The demand was weaker, and there was a decline of 1s per 100lb, best ruling at from 21s 6d to 23s; other, 17s 6d to 21s. Steers realised from L6 15s to L8 10s; two prime bullocks, L10 5s; heifers, L5 15s to L7 12s 6d; cows, L4 17s 6d to L7 10s, and up to L9 5s for extra heavy.

FAT SHEEP—There were very few good wethers, the entry being mostly unfinished sorts, and the demand was weaker. Heavy wethers brought from 20s 4d to 21s; freezers, 18s to 19s; light and unfinished sorts for grazing, 16s to 17s 6d. There were too many ewes, and the market was irregular, with a decline for all sorts. Best brought from 16s to 18s; others, 12s to 15s 6d; prime merino wethers, 15s 6d to 15s 11d, and poor sorts, 10s 1d.

STORE SHEEP—These comprised mostly wethers and lambs. Except for good, young sheep, which about held their own, there was a decided decline, but the bulk of the yarding changed hands. Forward wethers fetched from 15s 3d to 16s 7d; backward, 13s 8d to 15s 1d; good young ewes, 16s 1d to 18s 6d; sound, 15s 7d to 16s 1d; aged (including Chatham Islanders), 5s 9d to 9s 3d; lambs, 9s 11d to 12s 6d.

PIGS—There was a medium supply of fats, which were slightly easier. Baconers brought from 33s to 42s 6d; extra heavy, to 52s 6d, equal to 3½d per lb; porkers, 20s to 32s 6d, equal to 3½d per lb. Stores were in good demand, and brought from 21s 6d to 21s while suckers and weaners sold at 6s to 13s 6d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a very poor entry of horses at last Saturday's sale, only about 30 animals, all of indifferent quality, being forward. Of that number there was not one draught, notwithstanding that the demand for first-class young horses is still good and prices satisfactory. Fully half of the harness horses changed hands, and