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Commercial.

(For week ending March 13.)

PRODUCE.

London, March 7.—The wheat markets generally are steady, but the Paris and Berlin are weaker. Cargoes are neglected and unchanged. Thirty shillings and ninepence is asked for Victorian, off coast.

Butter: Slow. Choicest colonial, 10s; Danish (dull), unchanged.

London, March 10.—Frozen Meat.—Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Dunedin and Southland, 4½d; other sorts, (including River Plate) are unchanged. Lamb: Fair average, 5½d; prime, unchanged. New Zealand beef: 180lb to 220lb fair average quality—ox foies, 3½d; hinds, unchanged.

Napier, March 7.—Nelson Bros. received the following cable from the Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company to-day: 'Frozen meat market continues to decline. North Island mutton has fallen another eighth of a penny per lb. To-day's quotations are: Best Canterbury, 4½d; best Napier and North Island, 4d.'

The Hermione's cargo of New Zealand wheat sold at 29s 4½d.

Wellington, March 11.—The Agent-General's cablegram to the Government on March 9 was: 'Butter, 102s; Danish, 108s; dairy supplies in hand; market dull. Cheese, 49s, market lifeless. Hemp market firm and good; fair Wellington, L24; stock on March 1, 1774 tons. Fair current Manila, L23 10s; stock, 13,570 bales. Cocksfoot unchanged.

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

OATS—We offered a fair selection of medium to good feed, for which there was little competition. The market is at present without much life, late values being barely maintained. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d; good to best feed, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—Prime milling is in fair demand at late values. Medium sorts are not in favor with buyers, but fowls' wheat meets with some demand at late quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; whole fowls' wheat, 2s to 2s 2d; broken, etc., 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—Heavy supplies came forward for sale to-day, and prices obtained show a decline of 15s to 20s on those of last week. Best Derwents sold at L4 to L4 5s—choice to L4 7s 6d; medium, L3 10s to L3 15s; kidneys, L3 5s to L4 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—The market is fully supplied, and prices for nearly all classes are a shade weaker. We sold best oaten sheaf at L2 7s 6d to L2 10s—extra heavy to L2 12s 6d; medium to good, L1 15s to L2 5s per ton (sacks extra).

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

WHEAT—No change in values to report. Prime milling Velvet and Tuscan, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 2d; do., broken, 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel, sacks in.

OATS—Market unchanged. Milling, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; medium, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½d per bushel, sacks extra.

CHAFF—Market fully supplied. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 7s 6d to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 to L2 5s per ton; bags extra.

POTATOES—Owing to large quantities coming forward prices have declined 15s to 20s per ton. Best derwents, L4 to L4 7s 6d; kidneys, L3 10 to L4 per ton; bags in.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, March 6.—At the tallow sales 1175 casks were offered and 141 sold. Mutton: Fine, 29s 3d; medium, 27s. Beef: Fine, 27s 6d; medium, 26s.

London, March 7.—The Antwerp wool sales have opened. Prices for merino are on a par with January rates; crossbred showed a decline of five to 10 centimes. One thousand and eighty-seven bales of Australian were offered and sold at prices equalling those at last London sales.

London, March 10.—At the sheepskin sales there was fair competition. Merino were unchanged, and there was less demand for crossbred, which showed a five per cent. decline.

The Antwerp wool sales are closed. Prices remain unchanged. Only half of the River Plate wools offered were sold.

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

RABBITSKINS—Market very firm. Winter greys, 16d to 17d; Springs, 8d to 13½d; Summers, 6d to 9d; small, 3d to 5½d per lb.

SHEEPSKINS—Market firm at late quotations.

HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3¾d. Cow hides, 3d to 3½d per lb.

TALLOW—Best rendered mutton, 17s to 18s 6d; medium, 14s 6d to 16s; rough, 11s 6d to 13s per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

FAT CATTLE—154 head yarded, including a few really good steers. Bidding was dull and there was no alteration in prices, still ruling at from 17s 6d to 22s 6d. Good steers realised from L8 10s to L12 6s; others, L8 17s 6d to L8; best heifers, L7 10s to L9 5s; others, L5 5s to L6 10s; cows, L5 to L7 17s 6d. Dairy cows were in good demand, best selling at from L7 10s to L9 12s 6d, and others from L3 10s to L6 10s.

STORE CATTLE—There was a good entry and good demand. Two-year-old steers brought L4 12s 6d; three-year-old heifers, L5 5s to L5 10s; two-year-old, mixed, L3 18s 6d; 18-months-old, L1 17s 6d to L2 10s; 15-months-old, L1 11s; yearlings, 29s 6d; calves, 26s; dry cows, L2 5s to L4 5s.

FAT SHEEP—About 3000 yarded, of a rather indifferent quality. There was a fair sale for wethers at from 16s to 19s 3d; Chatham Island wethers, 14s to 14s 1d; best ewes, 15s to 17s 6d; others, 11s to 14s.

FAT LAMBS—The yarding comprised 3400 of fairly good quality. There was an improved demand, and an advance of 6d per head took place for best sorts. Two thousand three hundred were taken for freezing at from 13s to 15s 6d, and up to 16s 8d for extra prime; others, down to 11s. Eight hundred were withdrawn and go the factory on vendors' account.

STORE SHEEP—These numbered 11,260, mostly ewes. With the exception of best sorts the market was easier. Wethers brought from 14s 2d to 16s 7d; good, young ewes, 15s to 18s; medium, 12s 6d to 14s 6d; culls, down to 5s; lambs, 12s to 13s 5d for forward, and down to 9s for backward.

PIGS—About 400 yarded. Fats met with a good demand, but stores were easier. Baconers realised from 35s to 48s, or 3½d per lb; porkers, 22s 6d to 32s 6d, or 4d per lb; stores, 11s to 22s; small, 6s to 9s.

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.