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Commercial.

(For week ending March 20.)

PRODUCE.

London, March 15.—The wheat markets are quiet and generally steady. French cargoes are firm. Victorian February and March shipments are quoted at 29s 9d; sailer parcels, 28s 6d.

Butter is very dull. Choicest colonial, 103s; Danish (recovering), 112s.

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 7d; fowls', 1s 9d to 2s 2d. Potatoes: New, local, L3. Chaff: Good demand for prime up to L2 12s 6d; inferior, hard to sell; medium, L2 5s. Straw: pressed 37s, market fair; loose, 30s. Flour: Sacks, 200lbs, L7; 50lbs, L7; 25lbs, L7 5s. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 6d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 1s 4d; Onions: Melbourne, L9; Canterbury, L6.

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

OATS—We submitted a catalogue of good to inferior feed lots. Competition was slack and only a few lots were quoted at valuations. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; inferior to medium, 1s to 1s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—There is fair demand for prime milling quality at late quotations. Medium is not in request with buyers. We catalogued good whole fowls' wheat, which was well competed for up to valuations. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium to good, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; whole fowls' wheat, 2s to 2s 2d; broken and damaged, 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—The market is well supplied and all sorts have suffered a relapse, prices yesterday being about 20s per ton lower than those of last week. We quote: Best Derwents, L3 to L3 5s; good, L2 15s to L2 17s 6d; kidneys and medium Derwents, L2 5s to L2 10s per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—Fair supplies to hand and prices barely on a par with late values. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, L2 7s 6d to L2 10s; medium, L2 to L2 5s; inferior, L1 15s to L1 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

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

WHEAT—There has been a fair demand during the week and prices remain firm. 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 quiet. Milling, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; medium, 1s 2d to 1s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF—Prices unchanged. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 7s 6d to L2 10s; medium, L2 to L2 5s per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES—Owing to the large quantities coming forward prices have declined 20s per ton during the week. Best Derwents, L3 to L3 5s; kidneys, L2 5s to L2 10s per ton (bags in).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 7d, factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10d; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, farm, 3d; 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 0d; 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.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, March 13.—At the wool sales Balme and Company, Buxton and Ronald, and Jacomb and Company offered 11,660 bales. There was a good general selection, and an average attendance of Home and Continental buyers, who competed freely. Prices for merinos were fully equal to the closing sales of the January series; crossbreds favored the buyers; and medium low class sorts were fully 5 per cent. lower than January. The Americans did not operate.

At the tallow sales 1100 casks were offered and 253 sold. Mutton: Fine, 23s 9d; medium, 26s 6d. Beef: Fine, 27s; medium, 25s 3d.

London, March 14.—At yesterday's wool sales prices were fully maintained, and best crossbreds improved slightly. The Puketahi clip sold at 6d, and the Kuluine at 7d.

London, March 15.—The Bradford wool market is quiet. Common sixties, 18d; super, 18d. At the London sales there was good competition; prices are unchanged.

London, March 17.—The total quantity of wool catalogued to date is 51,647 bales, and 47,982 bales have been sold. There was brisk trade at the late sales, the Continent buying freely. Scoured merinos showed a slight advance on opening rates. All other classes were very firm. The clip Te Mata realised 6d, Blackhead, 6d, and Wangatoro 5d.

London, March 19.—The wool sales close on the 28th inst. The American demand is hardening for best crossbreds.

Wellington, March 19.—The Department of Agriculture has received the following from the Agent-General dated 16th March: Butter, 102s; market dull. Cheese, 49s; transactions in cheese very limited. The hump market is firm. Good fair Wellington, L24; fair current Manila, L33 10s. Cocksfoot: Standard, 33s. Buyers have been offering for cocksfoot seed. Canterbury mutton averages 4d; Dunedin and Wellington, 4d; Australian, 3d; River Plate, 3d; Canterbury Lamb, 5d; Wellington, 5d; Australian, 4d. The market is steady. Beef: Hind, 3d; fore, 3d; dull.

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

RABBITSKINS—No sales this week.

SHEEPSKINS—Market unchanged.

HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4d; medium, 3d to 3d; light, 3d to 3d; cow hides, 3d to 3d per lb.

TALLOW—Market unchanged. Best rendered mutton, 16s to 18s 6d; medium, 14s to 15s 6d; rough fat, 11s to 13s per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were good entries and a large attendance at the Addington market.

FAT CATTLE—236 head yarded. Owing to the large entry the sale was irregular, but for prime quality beef last week's prices were maintained, though medium and inferior qualities were easier. Per 100lb, 17s 6d to 22s 6d may be quoted. Good steers ran from L8 12s 6d to L9 15s; medium, L7 5s to L8 2s 6d; ordinary steers, L6 to L8; heifers, L5 17s 6d to L8 17s 6d; cows, L5 5s to L7 17s 6d.

DAIRY CATTLE—The demand was good, best sorts selling up to L6 10s, and aged to L5.

STORE CATTLE—The sale was dull, and prices showed a decline. Calves and yearlings sold up to 35s; 15 to 18-months cattle, 55s; 18-months to two and a-half-year-old beasts (mixed), L3 12s 6d; three-year-old steers, L5 5s.