

F O R S A L E.

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DWAN BROS., Willis street, Wellington.

Commercial

For week ending March 5.

PRODUCE.

London, February 28.—Wheat: There is a favorable crop, but the outlook is depressed in the American market. English is dull, with a decline of 3d on the week. French is weak, but other Continental markets are firm. Cargoes are dull. Victorian and South Australian January shipment, 29s 9d. New South Wales January parcels, 29s. The American visible supply is estimated at 84,953,000 bushels.

There is brisk demand for rabbits at 9½d to 10d. The English supply is diminishing.

Butter is unchanged. Choicest is quiet, but there is a good demand for secondary.

Cheese is slightly brisker.

London, March 2.—Frozen Meat—Mutton is unchanged. Lamb: New Zealand new season's, prime, 5½d; fair average, 5½d; New Zealand beef, 180lb to 220lb fair average quality: Ox fores, 3d; ox hinds, 4½d.

London, March 3.—A Sydney wheat cargo sold at 29s 3d, and the Highlands cargo at about 29s 9d.

Wellington, March 4.—The Agent-General cables as follows under date March 3.—No alteration in the frozen mutton market since last week. Lamb is quiet, the average price to-day is—Canterbury lamb, 5½d; other brands, 5½d. Beef is firm. Stocks of New Zealand on hand are light. Hinds, 4½d, fores, 3d. Butter is firm at 11½s. Cheese is very firm at 50s.

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

Oats.—Good to prime old oats are scarce and meet with ready sale. There is also good inquiry for lines of new oats for export, while consignments of same for immediate delivery find ready acceptance locally. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; medium, 2s 1d to 2s 2½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is no locally-grown new season's grain offering. Prime old wheat continues to find buyers at late values, and all other sorts are in steady demand as fowl wheat. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; fowl wheat (whole), 3s to 3s 1½d; broken, etc., 2s 6d to 2s 1½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Full supplies forward and prices about 5s lower than those of last week. We quote: Best, £2 2s 6d to £2 5s; others, £1 15s to £2 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market is glutted, and sales are slow at prices which show a reduction of about 10s per ton. We offered about 70 tons, a considerable quantity of which had to be passed in. We quote: Best oatensheaf, £2 17s 6d to £3; medium, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current—Whole-sale—Butter, fresh, 6d; butter (fac-

tory), bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 4d; bacon, farm, 7d; bacon (rolled), farm, 6d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £3 to £3 10s per ton; fowl wheat, 3s; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, £3 10s; flour, £8 5s to £9 5s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14; bran, £4; pollard, £4 10s. Retail—Fresh butter, 8d; butter (factory), pats, 1s, bulk, 1s; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 6d to 7d; bacon (rolled), 8d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 4s per cwt; flour: 200lb, 18s 6d; 50lb, 5s; oatmeal, 50lb, 7s 9d; 25lb, 4s; pollard, 7s 6d per bag; bran, 5s; chaff, 2s; fowls' feed, 3s 6d per bushel.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; milling, 2s 6d. Wheat: scarce. Milling, 3s 2d; fowls', 3s 1d. Potatoes: New Oamaru, £2 5s. Chaff: inferior to medium, £2 10s to £3; good to best, £3 5s. Straw: Loose, 32s 6d; pressed, 30s. Flour: 200lb sacks, £8 5s; 50lb, £9; 25lb, £9 5s; Oatmeal: 25lb, £14. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 1s 1d. Onions: Melbourne, new, £6 10s.

WOOL.

London, February 28.—Bradford wool: Tops are hardening. Common sixties, 19½d; supers, 20½d.

DUNEDIN WOOL SALES.

The third wool sale of the season was held in the Victoria Hall, Dunedin, on Thursday of last week. Regarding the sale Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

The total number of bales catalogued by the various brokers was 8572. There was again a good attendance of buyers, English, foreign, and colonial houses and woollen factories being well represented. The bulk of the wools in our catalogue, although bright and well grown, was rather strong—too much of the Leicester and Lincoln strain—which appears to be in too large supply the world over for the requirements of manufacturers, and prices consequently ruled low. Nevertheless, for clean, bright, sound wool of this class there was good competition up to buyers' values; while for tick-stained, shabby, and burry lots bidding was very slow even at low values. Sound, fine halfbred and combing merino wools of good color secured animated bidding, and sold at prices about equal to those ruling at our last sale. Our catalogue comprised 1547 bales, of which 1270 bales were sold at auction and 277 bales were passed in, bidding not being quite up to owners' reserves, and in some cases not up to valuations. The following list shows current values:—Greasy merinos—good, 7d to 8d; medium, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 5½d to 5½d. Greasy halfbred—good, 6½d to 7½d; medium, 5½d to 6½d; inferior, 4d to 5d. Greasy crossbreds—superior, 6d to 6½d; good, 5½d to 6d; medium, 4½d to 5d; inferior, 3d to 4d.

LIVE STOCK.

THE ADDINGTON MARKETS.

At the Addington market there were very large entries of mostly secondary quality, with the exception of fat sheep.

Of fat cattle 183, mostly light-weight cows and heifers, were yarded. The prices were much the same as last week, 16s to 21s: steers, £6 7s 6d to £8 7s 6d; heifers, £5 10s to £7 10s; cows, £5 to £7 5s; There was a large yarding of store cattle and fair sales. Yearlings, 19s to 27s 6d; 15-month to 18-month, £1 17s 6d to £2 19s 6d; mixed two-year cattle, £3 2s 6d; do steers £3 8s 4d; heifers, £3 3s; three-year steers, £5 5s; heifers, £4 16s; dry cows, £1 10s to £4.

Fat sheep numbered 5000, mostly good lines of ewes and wethers. Good business was done in freezing

wethers at 14s to 17s 3d, and unfinished sorts down to 13s. Ewes were in over supply, and met with a dragging sale. Prices were easier, and many lots were passed. Best sorts brought 12s to 14s 3d; others 8s to 11s 6d.

Fat lambs totalled 4000, many of a secondary quality and several badly drafted lines. Prices were easier by 3d to 9d; 2100 were taken for export at 10s 10d to 13s 3d and up to 14s 1d, and an extra 250 to the butchers at 10s 6d to 13s 3d; 1700 were passed at 8s 6d to 12s 6d, the best going to the factory on owners' account.

Store sheep totalled over 11,000, mostly rough sorts, including North Island and Marlborough sheep. Dry weather was responsible for a very weak demand, and over half the entry passed. Wethers made 12s to 14s 1d for good sorts, and 9s 3d to 11s 6d for others; mixed wethers and ewes, 10s 6d to 11s 10d; two-tooth ewes, 9s 3d to 9s 7d; four-tooths, 12s to 12s 9d; four and six-tooth ewes, 10s 4d to 12s 10d; four, six, and eight-tooths, 8s 6d; aged, 3s 1d to 5s; boilers, 2s 6d to 2s 10d. Good merino ewes brought 6s; lambs, 8s to 9s for fair, and 3s 7d to 7s 6d for inferior.

Pigs numbered 400, including good lines of fats; baconers quite held their own at 35s, 50s, and 55s, or 3½d to 4d per lb; but porkers were easier, 20s to 28s, or 3½d per lb. For stores, all classes, there was a weaker demand, large fetching from 15s to 24s; smaller, 10s to 15s; suckers and weaners, 6s to 8s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

On Thursday morning we held a special sale of horses, at which some harness horses, were offered. As usual, on an off day, buyers were not numerous, but still a fair number of horses changed hands. Two rabbit exporters were in the market, and they purchased a number of horses suitable for their work. Among those offered was a consignment of 25 from the North Island, and we succeeded in disposing of a number at from £16 to £23.

Trinidad's Asphalt.

The principal deposit of asphalt in the island of Trinidad is at Lea Brea, where there is an apparently inexhaustible supply. The pitch lake is 110 acres in extent, of unknown depth, and situated 130ft above the level of the sea. The removal of 1,720,000 tons during the past 34 years has apparently made no impression on the lake. The lake contains no liquid asphalt, but in other parts of the island the kind from which illuminating and lubricating oils can be distilled is found widely distributed. Glance pitch, also found in the island, is used for electric insulations and for black varnishes.

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