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Commercial

(For Week ending April 16th.)

PRODUCE.

London, April 11.—The English wheat market is firm, owing to rumors of the imposition of a duty. Heavy arrivals are depressing the Continental markets. There is a better inquiry for cargoes. A Sydney steamer shipment (February) realised 29s 10½d.

London, April 12.—Wheat—Two Sydney cargoes sold at 29s and 29s 3d respectively.

Frozen Meat.—Mutton (cross-bred wethers and maiden ewes), Canterbury, 3 13-16d; Dunedin and Southland, 3½d; North Island, 3½d. Lamb: Prime Canterbury, 5½d; fair average, unchanged; River Plate, unchanged; New Zealand beef is scarce. Prices nominally are: Fores, 4½d; hinds, 5½d. No Australian beef is offering. (These prices are the official quotations furnished by the Frozen Meat Trade Association. The basis of quotations is sales of lines of not less than one hundred carcasses of mutton or lamb or twenty-five quarters of beef. All quotations for mutton are for fair average quality. Quotations for New Zealand lamb do not include sales of small lambs or heaviest of inferior quality.)

Sydney, April 14.—Breadstuffs are very active, and there is a continued advance. Best brands of flour realise £9. Wheat has been sold up to 4s 3d.

Wellington, April 15.—The Agent-General's cablegram, dated London, 14th, states:—Frozen meat. Mutton, very firm; average price. Canterbury, 3½d; Dunedin, Southland, and W.M.E. Company's, 3½d; other North Island mutton, 3½d. Lamb, quiet. Canterbury brand, 5½d; other New Zealand lamb, 5d. The beef market is excited and very firm. Supplies of American chilled beef small and likely to decrease. Stocks of New Zealand on hand light. New Zealand hinds, 5½d; fores, 4½d. The markets for butter and cheese are good. Butter, 105s; cheese, 51s.

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

Oats.—During the past week there has been keen demand for all good to prime feed lines at prices in advance of last week's values. Owing to the large quantity of crop damaged by bad weather, milling lines are scarce, and are readily saleable. We quote:—Prime milling, 2s 5½d to 2s 6d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; inferior and medium, 2s 1d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is practically no prime milling offering, and quotations for such are therefore nominal. Medium quality commands ready sale as fowl wheat, for which there is good inquiry. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 8d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Moderate supplies have been coming to hand, and, with fair demand, values have slightly improved. We quote: Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; other sorts, £3 10s to £4 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market has been almost without supplies, and for all sorts there is ready sale at improved prices. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, £5 to £5 10s per ton (bags extra).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current—Wholesale—Butter (fresh), 8d; butter (factory), bulk, 10½d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 1s 3d per doz; cheese, 4d; bacon, farm, 7d; do, rolled, farm, 6d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £3 to £3 10s per ton; fowl wheat, 3s 3d; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, £4 10s; flour, £11 to £12; oatmeal, £12 5s to £12 15s; bran, £4; pollard, £4 15s. Retail—Fresh butter, 10d; butter (factory), pats, 1s; bulk, 1s; eggs, 1s 6d per doz; cheese, 6d to 7d; bacon, rolled, 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 4s per cwt; flour: 200lb 24s; 50lb, 7s. Oatmeal: 50lb, 7s 3d; 25lb 5s 9d; pollard, 8s per bag; bran, 5s; chaff, 2s; fowls' feed, 3s 9d per bushel.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports.—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, to 2s 4½d; milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d. Wheat: scarce. Milling, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; fowls', 3s 4d. Potatoes: Oamaru and Taieri, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, £3 to £3 6s; good to best, to £5. Straw: Loose, 32s 6d; pressed, 30s. Flour: 200lb sacks, £11; 50lb, £11 15s; 25lb, £12. Oatmeal: 25lb, £13 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 11d to 1s 0½d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 1s 5d. Onions: Melbourne, new, £6; Christchurch, £5.

WOOL.

London, April 9.—Tallow: 1550 casks offered, and 300 sold. Fine mutton, 37s 6d; medium, 32s. Fine beef, 32s 6d; medium, 30s.

Sydney, April 10.—At the wool sales 4000 bales were submitted. There was good competition. The better class of wools (greasy) sold up to 8d, while the top price for scoured was 17d.

London, April 10.—The Antwerp wool sales last from the 15th to the 18th inst. Nine thousand and eighty bales, including 875 of Australian, will be offered.

London, April 11.—The Bradford wool market is animated. Common sixties, 20d; supers, 21½d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

Very few horses came forward for to-day's sale, and consequently no business of any consequence was done. The bulk of the entry was made up of inferior hacks and light harness horses, three or four useful draughts were offered, but failed to find buyers, reserves being too high. A good few of the better class of harness horses changed hands at from £15 5s to £16 5s, and a number of inferior sorts at from £5 to £8 10s. Sound young draughts are in good demand, and we have every confidence in recommending consignments of these, as well as of strong spring-carters, with good action and a fair amount of pace. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £42 to £52; extra good prize horses, £55 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £42; aged do, £20 to £29, upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £75 to £85; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £22 to £29; tram horses, £12 to £18; light hacks, £10 to £16; extra good hacks, £20 to £26; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £8.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

At the Addington stock market there was on the whole keen competition.

Fat Cattle.—157 were yarded, mostly good sorts. There was a rise of 10s to 12s per head. Beef brought 19s to 24s, and up to 26s for extra quality. Prime heavy steers brought £9 to £11 12s 6d; others, £6 to £8 10s; prime heifers £8 17s 6d to £9 17s 6d; others, £5 15s to £8; prime cows, £8 10s to £9 15s; others, £5 2s 6d to £8.

Fat Sheep.—About 4000, including more wethers than usual, were offered for sale. Export buyers competed keenly, and also buying good ewes, which rose 1s to 1s 6d. Prime wethers made 15s 6d to 17s 6d; lighter, 13s 6d to 15s; prime ewes, from 15s 7d to 16s 11d; good, 12s 6d to 15s; others, 9s 6d to 12s.

Fat Lambs.—The total brought forward was 880, mostly of good quality. There was a rise of from 6d to 9d per head. Six hundred were sold for export at from 10s 6d to 14s, averaging 12s 9d; 200 went to butchers at 8s 9d to 10s 8d.

Store Sheep.—16,000, mostly from Nelson, were offered for sale, and there was a good sale for all sorts; especially for forward wethers and young ewes. Forward wethers brought from 12s to 13s 7d; medium, 10s 9d to 11s 9d; backward and small, 8s to 10s 3d; good young ewes from 12s 9d to 13s 1d; fair sorts, 9s 2d to 10s 6d; aged, 6s 6d to 8s 1d; forward lambs, from 7s to 8s 5d; backward, 6s 6d to 8s 1d; shorn, 4s.

Pigs.—560, including some good lots, were placed in the fat pens. There was an improved sale for these, porkers being scarce, and large stores were kept up by a southern buyer, but little pigs were unsaleable. Baconers brought from 30s to 47s 6d, or 3d to 3½d per lb; porkers, from 24s to 31s, or 3½d to 4d per lb; strong stores, 12s to 23s.

Several stoats have been seen in the Linwood (Canterbury) district lately, and a full-grown one was found asleep in a baby's cradle. The mother was just putting the child into the cradle when she noticed the animal. In her fright she dropped the baby on to the floor and ran, and so did the unwelcome visitor.

Messrs. Donald Reid, and Co., Dunedin, take the opportunity of the advent of the grain season to offer their services to their many clients and farmers in general for the disposal of produce or for shipment of same to other markets, making liberal cash advances thereon if required. The firm have special facilities for the satisfactory storage and disposal of all kinds of farm produce. Their stores are dry, airy, thoroughly ventilated, and, being connected with the railway by a private siding, produce is delivered direct and is saved the loss of waste incurred in unloading and again carting into the warehouse. The firm lay particular stress on the fact that their charges are extremely moderate. They secure the highest current rates, and sale returns are made with promptitude.—*

There are many ways of killing a cat besides drowning it. In like manner there are many ways of getting a new hat or bonnet without purchasing it on the credit system. The proprietor of Hondai-Lanka tea has a system which is safe, easy, and acceptable to all. It is neither patented nor copyrighted. He says that if any good housewife will only use his Cock o' North tea for three months she will save as much money as will purchase a new hat or bonnet. In addition to which there will be peace and contentment in the household, for this brand has all the qualities which tend to soothe the most irascible temper and make a man contented with his home. The suggestion is well worth a trial, and should be put into practice at once by every housekeeper who believes that her looks would be improved by a new hat or bonnet.—*