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(For the week ending April 23)

PRODUCE.

Christchurch, April 17.—The New Zealand Millers' Association to-day decided to further raise the price of flour by 10s per ton. Flour in 200lb sacks is now quoted at £10 10s, pollard, £5; bran, £4 5s.

London, April 17.—The Bradford markets, owing to the diminishing supplies, are hardening, but the rise is chiefly attributable to the duty. Foreign advanced on Mark Lane 9d on the week. Cargoes are firm. Victorian January shipment, 29s 6d; New South Wales parcels afloat, 29s.

Butter is firmer New Zealand, 106s to 108s; Danish is unchanged. Cheese is hardening. New Zealand, 55s.

Sydney, April 19.—Breadstuffs are excited. There have been good sales of wheat in Sydney at 4s 3d. The country price is higher in some cases, being equivalent to 5s, freight to Sydney paid. Flour is quoted at £8 15s to £9 5s.

London, April 20.—Frozen Meat: Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, 3½d, Dunedin and Southland, 3½d, North Island, 3½d. Lambs—Prime Canterbury, 5½d, fair average (including Dunedin, Southland, Wellington, and secondary Canterbury), 4½d. New Zealand beef, 180lb to 220lb, fair average quality—Ox, 4½d, ox hinds, 5½d. River Plate crossbred or merino wethers, 3½d.

Auckland, April 21.—The price of Auckland flour was advanced 5s per ton to-day, and flour is now quoted at £11 5s, or 5s below the Dunedin price. Millers state that the rise is caused by farmers not threshing, many keeping the bulk of their wheat back in anticipation of a rising market. It is not expected, however, that the price of local flour will advance much, if anything, beyond the price quoted above.

Wellington, April 21.—The Agent-General's cablegram, dated London, April 19, says:—The mutton market is very firm. Holders are endeavoring to raise the prices. The average price of Canterbury is 3½d, Dunedin, Southland, and W.M.E. Co., 3½d; other North Island, 3½d. Lamb, weak. Stocks on hand heavy. Shipments of River Plate lamb are increasing. Canterbury lamb, 5½d; other brands, 4½d. Beef, firm. Supplies are small. New Zealand hinds, 5½d; fores, 4½d. There is a good demand for butter at 107s. Cheese is firm at 35s. The hemp market is dull, £37 nominally. Auction sales closed with weak demand. There is no alteration in cocksfoot.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; feeding, 2s 5d to 2s 7d. Wheat (good demand): 3s 8d to 4s; fowls' 3s 6d to 3s 8d. Potatoes (good demand), £5 to £5 10s. Chaff: Inferior to medium, £3 10s to £4 5s; prime £5 10s. Straw (scarce): Pressed, £2; loose, none in market. Flour: 200lb sacks, £11 10s; 50lb, £12 5s,

25lb, £12 5s. Oatmeal: 25lb, £14 10s. Butter: Dairy, 7d to 9d, factory 1s. Cheese Dairy, 4½d, factory 5d. Eggs, 1s 10d. Onions: Christchurch, £6.

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 10s to £12 10s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14; bran, £4 10s; pollard, £5. 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 25s, 50lb, 7s 3d. Oatmeal 50lb, 8s; 25lb, 4s. Pollard, 8s 6d per bag; bran, 3s 6d; chaff 2s; fowls' feed, 3s 9d per bushel.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co report as follows:—

There was a large attendance of buyers, and nearly all lines catalogued met with good competition, and were quitted at satisfactory values.

Oats.—During the past week there has been demand for all classes. Prime milling oats are scarce, and readily secure top prices. For good to best feed the demand has been keen, and prices show a slight advance on late quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7½d, good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6½d, inferior and medium, 2s 1d to 2s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is barely supplied with milling quality. Most of the new season's crop now coming to hand is more or less damaged, and except in a few cases only saleable for fowl wheat. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 3d to 4s 6d, medium, 3s 9d to 4s 1d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; inferior and medium, 3s to 3s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been moderately supplied, and nearly all good lines on offer have realised prices in advance of last quotations. We quote: Prime Derwents, £5 to £5 10s; medium and other sorts, £4 10s to £4 15s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Supplies coming to hand are barely sufficient for local requirements. For prime quality there is good inquiry, while other sorts are readily saleable at quotations. We submitted about 35 tons, good to prime quality, for which there was strong competition. One lot in bright condition realised £5 15s, and most of the good, sound chaff on offer sold readily at £5 5s to £5 10s, medium, at £4 15s to £5 per ton (bags extra).

WOOL.

London, April 17.—The Bradford wool market is advancing. Common sixties, 20½d; super, 21½d.

London, April 20.—Sheepskins are in strong demand compared with March rates. Merinos and fine crossbreds are ½d to ¾d higher, and coarse show a par to ½d increase.

The opening day's competition was maintained to the end of the Antwerp wool sales. Pieces, lambs, and merinos showed a from 5 to 10 centimes advance. Eight thousand one hundred and five bales of La Plata wool were offered, and 4288 sold. Australian bales were nearly all withdrawn.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

About 60 horses came forward for Saturday's sale, consisting principally of hacks and light harness horses, including consignments from North Island, Oamaru, and Christchurch. Only half a dozen medium draughts were offered, all of which

found buyers at prices considerably above owners' expectations. Four or five useful spring carters were disposed of at highly-satisfactory figures. One brown four-year-old gelding fetched £26 10s, one five-year-old gelding, £20; and one or two others realised from £25 to £27 10s. The bulk of the light horses were aged and of inferior quality; nevertheless a good number of them changed hands at fair prices. We have a good many inquiries for active dray geldings suitable for town work, and also for spring-van and spring-cart horses, consignments of which, we have no hesitation in saying, will meet with keen competition. Quotations:—Superior young draught geldings, £40 to £45; extra good prize horses, £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £38; aged do, £18 to £25; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £30; well-matched carriage pairs, £60 to £70; strong spring-van horses, £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order cart horses, £18 to £25; tram horses, £15 to £18; light hacks, £7 to £10; extra good hacks, £15 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £2 to £5.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle.—183 were yarded, mostly unfinished sorts, many of which were passed in, but anything prime sold at an advance. The ruling price for beef was 19s 6d to 25s per 100lb. Prime steers brought from £8 to £9 5s; others, £6 10s to £7 10s; prime heifers, £7 10s to £8 7s 6d; others, £5 10s to £7; prime cows, £7 10s to £9 15s; others, £5 7s 6d to £7.

Store Cattle.—350 were brought forward, mostly good sorts, and there was a keen demand. Calves, 16s; 15 to 18 months old, £2 6s to £3 11s; two-year-old steers, £3 15s to £4 10s; heifers, £3 12s 6d; two and a-half year-old steers, £5 1s; heifers, £5; three-year-old steers, £5 2s to £5 7s 6d; heifers, £5 12s 6d; mixed (three and four-year-olds), steers, £7 1s; heifers, £6 5s, dry cows, £1 2s 6d to £3 15s.

Dairy Cows.—About 80 were offered for sale. The best sorts were inquired for at from £7 10s to £9 2s 6d, and up to £10; others, £3 5s to £7.

Fat Sheep.—4500 were yarded, mostly good lines of wethers and ewes. There was keen inquiry for wethers, and the best went up to 18s 6d; good, 15s to 17s 9d. There was a rather irregular sale of ewes. Extra prime sold for 18s; prime, 15s to 17s 6d; medium, 12s to 14s 6d; inferior, 8s 6d to 10s 6d.

Fat Lambs.—2332 were penned, including many secondary sorts. Late rates were fully upheld. Exporters took 1454 at 10s 1d to 13s, the average price being 12s 3d; butchers bought 234 at from 7s to 13s 10d, average 12s; graziers 138 at from 9s to 10s 7d; and 506 were passed at 12s 6d to go to the factory on vendors' account.

Store Sheep.—The total brought forward was 16,000, mostly wethers and lambs. Forward wethers were in demand, and good lambs rose from 6d to 9d per head. Ewes were not so much sought after. Forward wethers brought from 14s to 15s 4d; good sorts, 12s 3d to 13s 10d; backward sorts, 6s 7d to 11s 6d; mixed wethers and ewes, 11s 6d to 12s 2d; two-tooth ewes, 13s 5d; two and four-tooth, 10s 1d; six and eight-tooth, 10s 1d to 11s 11d; eight-tooth, 10s 2d; aged, 3s 5d to 6s 6d; forward lambs, 8s to 9s 6d; backward, 4s 6d to 7s 6d.

Pigs.—550 were offered for sale. Pats were firmer, and owing to southern buyers, who took 200 for Studholme, Oamaru, and Dunedin, strong stores improved. Baconers sold at from 34s to 48s, or ¾ to ¾d per lb; porkers, 22s to 32s, or ¾d to 4d per lb; big stores, 20s to 25s; smaller, 12s 6d to 18s; suckers and weaners, 3s to 8s.