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(For week ending May 29)

PRODUCE.

London, May 23.—The wheat markets are quiet but firm. English is very scarce in country markets at an average of 31s 1d. Cargoes are steadily held, and unchanged.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co (Limited) report as follows:—

Oats.—There is good inquiry for all prime milling lines, while good clean lots, suitable for seed, are now receiving some attention. Good to best feed quality is readily quoted at quotations, but medium and inferior lines have not the same attention. We quote: Seed lines, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; prime milling, 2s 7d to 2s 7½d; good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; inferior to medium, 2s 2d to 2s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is moderate demand for milling quality, only best samples being wanted. Medium sorts are at present almost neglected, but good fowl wheat continues to meet with fair demand at late rates. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium to good 3s 4d to 3s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is fairly well supplied, and values are steady at late rates. We quote: Best Berwents, £4 10s to £4 15s; medium, £4 1s to £4 7s 6d; other sorts, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Prime oatens sheaf is not very plentiful, and commands ready sale at quotations. Medium and inferior quality is still in over-supply, and moves off slowly at prices on a par with late values. We quote: Best oatens sheaf, £4 to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 5s to £3 15s; inferior, £2 to £3 per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—The market is well supplied, and values are a shade easier. Best swedes about 14s per ton (loose, ex truck).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current—Whole-sale—Butter (fresh), 8d; butter (factory), bulk, 1s 1d; pats, 1s 1d; cash 1s 1½d; booked; eggs, 1s 3d per dozen; cheese (factory), 5½d; bacon farm, 7d; do, rolled, farm, 6d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £4 per ton; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, £4; flour, £11 10s to £12 10s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14; bran, £5; pollard, £5 10s. Retail—Fresh butter, 10d; butter (factory), pats, 1s

3d; bulk, 1s 2d; eggs, 1s 6d per dozen; cheese, 7d; bacon, rolled, 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, £5 per ton; flour, 200lb, 25s; 50lb, 7s 3d; oatmeal, 50lb, 8s; 25lb, 4s; pollard, 9s per bag; bran, 6s; chaff, 2s 3d.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Milling, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; feeding, 2s 4d to 2s 7d. Wheat (good demand): Milling, 4s to 4s 3d; fowls, 2s 3d. Potatoes, £4 10s to £4 13s. Chaff: Inferior to medium, £3 to £3 10s; prime, £4 10s. Straw (scarce): Pressed, £2 10s; loose, none in market. Flour: 200lb sacks, £11 10s; 50lb, £12 5s; 25lb, £12 10s. Oatmeal, 25lb: £14 10s. Butter: Dairy, 7d to 9d, factory, 1s 1d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 2s. Onions: Christchurch, £7 10s.

WOOL.

London, May 22.—There was brisk competition at the wool sale to-day. Merinos were very firm, crossbreds unchanged.

The Kaputone clip realised 9d, the Eldershe 13½d.

London, May 23.—The wool sales were brisk and prices the highest of the series.

The wool clip Matamata sold at 4½d; R S T., 6½d; Paika, 19½d.

The Bradford wool market is quiet and unchanged.

London, May 25.—At the wool sales low crossbreds fully recovered from their decline, and good crossbreds showed a slight improvement. Merinos are unchanged. The Gear clip sold at 5½d, the Otekaite at 8½d, and the Marchburn 10½d. To date 159,386 bales have been catalogued, and 155,386 sold.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fairly good entry of horses for our sale on Saturday, but as is usually the case on race days, with the sale starting at 9.30, the attendance was poor, and, with the exception of a few draughts changing hands, very few sales were effected. In draughts we sold one up-standing gelding, aged, at £40, one very useful light draught mare at £28 10s, and a very nice quality mare at £39, and several light harness horses at satisfactory figures. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £45 to £50, extra good, prize horses, £55 to £60, medium draught mares and geldings, £28 to £35, aged do. £25 to £30, up-standing carriage horses, £25 to £35, well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £80, strong spring-van horses, £28 to £32; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £23; tram horses, £15 to £20; light hacks, £12 to £18, extra good hacks, £25 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £8.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle—204 were yarded, including some prime heavyweights. The trade being well supplied the previous week, beef, especially heavy sorts, eased to 18s 6d to 24s per 100lb. Prime bullocks, £12 12s 6d; best steers, £8 10s to £10 10s; others, £5 17s to £8, prime heifers, £8 to £9 10s; others, £5 5s to £7 10s; heavy cows, £7 to £8 7s 6d; others, £4 15s to £6 10s.

Fat Sheep—6000 were offered, mostly ewes, which were in great demand for freezing, and showed an advance, while wethers quite held their own. Freezing wethers, 15s 6d to 18s 6d, and 19s 6d for extra prime, freezing ewes, 10s 6d, 14s to 15s 6d, butchers' best ewes, 12s to 15s, to 17s for extra good, others, 7s 5d to 11s.

Fat Lambs.—Of these there were

1500, including a lot unfinished. Good sorts were in demand, about two-thirds of the entry being taken for export at 10s to 13s 6d; tegs, to 14s; unfinished weaker sorts, 6s to 9s 6d.

Store Sheep.—4744 were yarded, mostly secondary wethers and lambs. There was a poor demand. A nice lot of forward wethers made 15s; fair sorts, 12s to 13s 6d; backward, 10s 6d to 11s; few aged ewes, 4s to 5s 3d, and better, to 9s; forward lambs, 7s 6d to 8s 9d, backward, 5s 10d to 7s.

Pigs.—Only 200 were placed in the pens, and the shortage caused an advance in the prices of both stores and fats. Baconers, 34s to 45s, or 3½d to 3¾d per lb; porkers, 20s to 30s, or 3½d to 3¾d per lb; stores, 10s 6d to 20s; suckers and weaners, 2s 6d to 8s.

Good Security.

'Mister, do you lend money here?' asked an earnest young voice at the office door.

The lawyer turned away from his desk, confronted a clean-eyed, poorly-dressed lad of twelve years, and studied him keenly for a minute. 'Sometimes we do—on good security,' he said gravely.

The little fellow explained that he had a chance 'to buy out a boy that's crying papers.' He had half the money required, but he needed to borrow the other fifteen cents.

'What security can you offer?'

asked the lawyer. The boy's brown hand sought his pocket and drew out a paper, carefully folded in a bit of calico. It was a cheaply-printed pledge against the use of intoxicating liquor and tobacco.

As respectfully as if it had been the deed to a farm, the lawyer examined it, and handed over the required sum.

A friend who had watched the transaction with silent amusement, laughed as the young borrower departed.

'You think that I know nothing about him,' smiled the lawyer. 'I know that he came manfully, in what he supposed was a business way, and tried to negotiate a loan instead of begging the money. I know that he has been under good influence, or he would not have signed that pledge, and that he does not hold it lightly, or he would not have cared for it so carefully. I agree with him that one who keeps himself from such things has a character to offer as a security.'

Late Burnside Stock Report.

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

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Fat Cattle—287 yarded, prices being about the same as last week. Best bullocks, £10 12s 6s; heifers, £7 10s to £7 15s.

Fat Sheep—2638 penned. Wethers (extra prime), 18s 9d; medium, 17s 6d; ewes, 16s.

Fat Lambs.—645 penned. Lambs (extra prime), 12s 6d; medium, 9s to 10s 6d; others, 7s to 8s.

Pigs.—191 forward. Only porkers and baconers were saleable. Suckers, 2s 6d to 5s; slips, 7s to 11s; stores, 12s to 16s; porkers, 20s to 31s; baconers, 36s to 50s.

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