

Commercial

(For week ending August 6)

PRODUCE.

London, August 1.—Wheat. The fine weather has caused a decline in the American wheat market, and has weakened the European market. Mark Lane is very quiet. Cargoes are dull. A Victorian and South Australian March shipment sold at 29s 3d.

London, August 3.—Frozen Meat.—Mutton: Crossbred wethers, maiden ewes, Canterbury, unchanged, Dunedin and Southland, 3 13-16d; North Island, 3 3d. The health authorities condemned some New Zealand mutton at Smithfield as inferior and unfit for food. Lamb: Prime Canterbury, 4 3d; fair average (including Dunedin, Southland, Wellington, and secondary Canterbury), 4 7-16d. River Plate mutton unchanged. New Zealand beef, 180lb to 220lb, fair average quality, nominal; ox fores, 3 3d, ox hinds, 5 3d. These prices are the official quotations furnished by the Frozen Meat Trade Association. The basis of quotations is sales of not less than 100 carcasses of mutton or lamb, or 25 quarters beef. All quotations for mutton are for fair average quality. The quotations for New Zealand lamb do not include sales of small lambs on heavies of inferior quality.

Wellington, August 4.—The following cable has been received from the Agent-General, dated London, August 2.—There has been no alteration in the mutton market since last week. There is a good demand for all lamb. Sales are heavy and considerable reductions in stocks are reported. The average price to-day for New Zealand lamb is—Canterbury brand, 4 3d, other than Canterbury, 4 3d, small lambs are very scarce. The beef market is steady. New Zealand hinds, 5 3d, fores, 3 3d. The hemp market is firm. "Good fair Wellington" grade, on the spot to-day, £32 10s per ton, August-October shipments, £31.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

The oat market remains without change, and no business is passing. None are offering from the country. During the last week a few sales of small lines have been made at 2s 6d to 2s 6 1/2d for B grade (f.o.b. Bluff sacks m).

Invercargill prices current—Whole-sale—Butter (farm), 9d, butter (factory), bulk, 1s 1d; pats, 1s 1d cash 1s 1 1/2d booked; eggs, 1s per dozen; cheese (factory), 5 1/2d; bacon farm, 6d; do, rolled, farm, 7d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £4 per ton; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, 1 1/4; flour, £11 10s to £12 10s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14. Bran, £4 15s, pollard, £5 10s. Retail—Butter (fresh), 11d, 1s; butter (factory), pats 1s 3d; bulk, 1s 2d; eggs, 1s 3d per doz, cheese, 7d, bacon (rolled), 9d; hams, 10d. Potatoes, £5 per ton, 5s per cwt, flour, 200lb, 25s, 50lb, 7s 3d, oatmeal, 50lb, 8s; 25lb, 4s; pollard, 9s per bag, bran, 5s; chaff, 2s 3d.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports.—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Milling, 2s 7d to 2s 9d; feeding, 2s 2d to 2s 5d. Wheat (good demand): Milling, 4s to 4s 3d; fowls', 3s 3d. Potatoes, £2 15s to £3. Chaff: Inferior to medium, £3 to £3 10s, prime, £4 10s. Straw: Pressed, £2; loose, none in market. Flour: 200lb sacks, £11 10s; 50lb, £12 5s; 25lb, £12 10s. Oatmeal, 25lb, £13 10s. Butter: Dairy, 7d to 9d; factory, 1s 1d. Cheese: Dairy, 4 1/2d; factory 5d. Eggs, 1s 3d. Onions: Christchurch, £6.

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

The catalogue submitted comprised nearly all classes of produce, and under fair competition from a full attendance of buyers most of the lines on offer were cleared at valuations.

Oats.—There is no change to report, sales being confined for the most part to small lines for local use. We quote: Seed lines, 2s 7d to 2s 10d, prime milling, 2s 5 1/2 to 2s 6 1/2, good to best feed 2s 3 1/2 to 2s 5d, medium, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling sorts alone command the attention of millers, medium quality being neglected. Fowl wheat is offering more plentifully, but meets with fair sale at quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 10d to 4s 3d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 9d, whole fowl wheat, 2s 11d to 3s 1d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Local stocks are more than sufficient to supply present requirements, and only best sorts are readily saleable. We quote: Best Derwents, £2 15s to £3, medium, £2 to £2 10s per ton (sacks m).

Chaff.—Prime oatens sheaf is arriving steadily and readily finds buyers. Medium is in over-supply and not in favor, while inferior quality is also difficult to place. We quote: Best oatens sheaf, £4 to £4 10s, medium to good, £3 5s to £3 15s, inferior and light, £2 5s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

WOOL.

London, July 30.—At the tailow auctions 1844 casks were offered and 213 sold. Mutton is 6d lower, beef is unchanged.

London, August 1.—The Bradford wool market is unchanged.

Wellington, August 2.—The Industries and Commerce Department has received the following cable from the Agent-General, dated London, 31st ult.: "Wool sales closed at the following rates: Crossbred, fine, 7 1/2d to 10d, medium, 5 1/2d to 7 1/2d, coarse, 3 1/2d to 5 1/2d, merino, superior, 11d to 1s, medium, 9d to 10 1/2d, inferior, 7 1/2d to 9d. Americans are buying best grades freely."

LIVE STOCK. STOCK SALES.

Sydney, July 31.—At the fat stock sales, on account of New Zealand owners, 425 wethers were sold at prices ranging from 27s to 36s 6d, and 518 ewes ranging from 23s 6d to 35s.

Auckland, July 31.—Stock in Auckland is advancing for export to Sydney. Sheep have risen 3s per head in a fortnight. Beef is averaging 26s per cwt, and up to 28s has been paid.

Wellington, August 3.—The Westralia, which left on Saturday, took 700 fat sheep for the Sydney market.

Sydney, August 4.—At the fat sheep sales the market was the dearest yet experienced. New Zealand crossbred wethers sold at 45s, 392 on account of Mr. McNICOLL ranged from 34s 6d to 44s, 167 on behalf of Mr. Scales from 36s 6d to 45s, and 170 on behalf of Mr. Combes from 28s 6d to 36s.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle.—168 yarded of mixed quality. Prime stuff sold well. Beef, 19s to 25s 6d per 100lb. Bullocks, £9 to £11, steers, £6 2s 6d to £8 10s, heifers, £6 2s 6d to £8 7s 6d; heavy cows, £8 10s; others, £5 5s to £7 10s.

Fat Sheep.—4500 yarded, including a number of lines of good wethers. Heavy sheep were in keen demand for shipment to Sydney, selling for 22s to 27s, best freezers, 19s to 21s; others, 14s 9d to 16s 6d; heavy ewes, 17s to 20s; others, 11s to 15s 6d, merino wethers, 9s to

13s 6d. There was a rise of 1s in wethers, and 2s 6d in heavy sheep.

Fat Lambs.—160 yarded. There was an improved demand for export at 11s to 15s 9d; others, 9s to 10s 6d.

Store Sheep.—1750 yarded, mostly wethers, which sold well at from 13s to 18s 8d, young ewes, 12s to 13s 10d, aged, 5s 2d to 10s 9d; hoggets, 9s 9d to 10s 6d.

Pigs.—About 400 penned. Fats were in good demand, but stores were easier. Baconers, 37s to 54s, or 4d per lb; porkers, 21s to 34s, or 4d to 4 1/2d per lb, big stores, 15s to 23s, smaller, 11s to 14s, suckers and weaners, 5s to 9s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

We submitted some 15 or 16 draught mares and geldings, including Mr. Samuel Hanger's well-known team from St. Bathans, and less than a dozen medium class hacks and harness horses. Mr. Hanger's team deservedly commanded a lot of attention, a good number of country buyers coming in intending to fill their requirements out of it, and there was a good muster of city contractors and others as well. The confidence of the public, however, in the genuineness of the sale was checked early in the proceedings when the vendor withdrew one horse because the bidding failed to reach within a trifle of his estimate of its value. After this the competition lacked spirit, but, nevertheless, some very satisfactory sales were effected—namely, one seven-year-old gelding, £50; one five-year-old gelding, £48; one seven-year-old mare £46 10s; one six-year-old gelding, £43; one three-year-old gelding, £39; and several aged horses, from £30 10s to £37. There is a strong demand for good, useful draughts at from £35 to £45. A few inferior light harness horses were sold at from £3 to £9. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £40 to £18, extra good, prize horses, £50 to £55; medium draught mares and geldings, £32 to £38, aged do, £22 to £30; up-standing carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90, strong spring-van horses, £28 to £36, milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £27, tram horses, £14 to £27; light hacks, £8 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25, weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £7.

Late Burnside Stock Report.

(Per favor Donald Reid and Co.)

Fat Cattle.—165 yarded. Best bullocks, £10 10s to £12 15s; medium, £9 to £10 5s; best cows and heifers, £8 to £8 15s.

Sheep.—1939 penned. Crossbred wethers, 18s 6d to 19s 6d; extra good, 20s to 21s 6d; medium, 17s to 18s 3d, others, 15s 6d to 16s 9d, ewes, 15s to 16s 3d; extra good, up to 17s 9d, medium, 13s 6d to 14s 9d, others, 11s to 12s 3d.

Lambs.—223 penned. Best lambs, 11s to 12s 3d, medium, 9s to 10s 9d, others, 6s 6d to 8s 9d.

Pigs.—67 forward. Suckers, 7s to 11s, slips, 12s to 16s; stores, 18s to 23s, porkers, 28s to 36s; baconers, 39s to 57s, heavy pigs, up to 73s.

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