

Commercial

(For week ending April 22.)

PRODUCE.

Napier, April 16.—The Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company cable: 'A further decline in the values of mutton and lamb is reported. Quotations: Canterbury mutton, 4½d; Napier, Wellington, and North Island, 3½d. Lamb: First quality, 5½d; second, 5½d.'

London, April 16.—Wheat: Manitoban, 3s 8d per bushel; River Plate, 27s 6d per quarter.

In butter there is a brisk trade. New Zealand, 100s to 102s; Danish, unchanged.

Cheese is firm at 69s to 70s; Canadian, 70s to 71s. Rabbits are in large supply, and are quoted at about 7d.

London, April 19.—Frozen Mutton.—Sheep: Canterbury, light and medium, 4½d. Lambs: Canterbury, light and heavy, 5½; Dunedin and Southland, 5½d; North Island, 5d. New Zealand beef (180lb to 220lb, fair average quality): Ox fores, nominal, 3½d; hinds, 4½d. River Plate beef (nominal): Fores, 3½d; hinds, 4½d.

Wellington, April 20.—Under date the 18th inst. the Agent-General cables: 'There is a good demand for all qualities of mutton. Canterbury, 4½; Dunedin, Southland, and Wellington Meat Export, 4½d; other North Island, 3½d. Lamb is quiet. Canterbury, 5½d; other brands, 5½d. Beef is quiet. New Zealand hinds, 4½d fores, 3½d. Butter is in better demand owing to the wintry weather. Price, 101s. Cheese is steady at 69s. The hemp market is firm. Good fair Wellington, on spot, £32 10s; to arrive, £29 10s. The cocksfoot market is very dull. Prices for New Zealand, 17lb standard, 54s.'

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 8d; butter (factory, bulk, 11d; pats, 11½d cash, 11½d booked. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Cheese, factory, 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £3 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £5. Flour, £10 10s to £11 10s. Oatmeal, £10 10s to £11. Bran, £4 10s. Pollard, £6 10s. Retail—Fresh Butter, 10d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 1½d; bulk, 1s. Eggs, 1s 6d. per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 4s 6d per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 23s 6d; 50lb, 6s 6d. Oatmeal: 50lb, 6s 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 10s 9d per bag. Bran 5s 6d. Chaff, 3s.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 9d. Wheat: Milling, 4s 2d to 4s 4d; fowls' wheat, 3s 6d to 4s 1d. Potatoes: Derwents, £4; kidneys, £2 10s to £3 10s. Chaff: Old, £2 10s to £3 5s; new, £3 5s to £3 15s. Straw: Pressed wheat, 30s; oaten, 35s; loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal, 15lb, £10 10s. Pollard, £5 10s. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Old, 6½d; new, 5½d. Eggs, 1s 10d. Onions: Melbourne, £5 10s; Christchurch, £4 15s.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our store on Monday, when we submitted a moderate catalogue to a large attendance of buyers. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—There has been ready sale for all good to prime feed lines for immediate delivery, but for forward delivery there is not the same inquiry. Prime milling (chiefly Sutherlands) have been in request, but in the absence of steady supplies sales have been restricted. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—In milling quality, the demand is being supplied largely with northern wheat, a large proportion of the southern wheat being more or less out of condition. Fowl wheat is offering more freely, but commands good sale. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; medium, 4s to 4s 1d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 11d to 4s; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 3d 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Supplies have been coming forward sparingly, and values have firmed somewhat in consequence. Quotations: Best sorts, £3 10s to £4; others, £2 15s to £3 5s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is in good demand, and commands ready sale at quotations, but medium quality is out of favor and difficult to quit. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 15s; good, £3 to £3 5s; inferior and medium, £2 to £3 per ton (bags extra).

WOOL.

HIDE SALES.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

We held our fortnightly sale of hides at our stores, Crawford street, on Thursday, 16th inst., when there was present a rather smaller attendance of buyers than usual. Competition was keen, however, and under spirited bidding we sold all except two hides, these not reaching our ideas of value. Light and medium weight hides may be quoted, say, ½d to ½d lower than values a

fortnight ago, and prime heavy hides on a par with last quotations. Our catalogue comprised 216, and included in it were several lines of splendidly-fayed hides, which sold remarkably well, and averaged a good return. One line of seven hides from a client averaged £1 18s 3d each, and another, the weights of which ran from 54lb to 70lb, averaged £1 12s a-piece. These are good paying prices, and should prove highly satisfactory to vendors. Actual prices paid at our sale were as follows:—Prime heavy ox hides, 6½d to 7d per lb; medium do, 4½d to 6½d; light and inferior do, 3½d to 4½d; prime heavy cow hides, 5d to 5½d; medium do, 4d to 4½d; light and inferior do, 3d to 3½d; yearlings, 4s to 4s 3d; calf skins, 1s 6d to 2s 7d.

LIVE STOCK.

THE ADDINGTON MARKET.

At Addington market the entries for the day comprised 15,000 sheep, 370 cattle, and 340 pigs.

Fat Cattle.—The quality was up to the usual standard, and there was a fair demand at about last week's rates. Steers fetched £6 to £10 17s 6d; heifers, £5 17s 6d to £8 17s 6d; cows, £5 17s 6d to £8 10s.

Fat Sheep.—The yarding was larger than usual, and included a number of good freezing lines and a few lots of specially prime quality. Export buyers competed keenly for wethers, and also for ewes suitable for freezing, the former showing a slight rise in values, while ewes were firm at last week rates. The range of prices was: Wethers, extra heavy, up to 27s; freezing, 17s 6d to 20s; light, 15s 9d to 17s; wethers and maiden ewes, 15s 9d to 17s 5d; ewes (freezing), 12s to 16s; butchers' do, 8s 9d to 16s 10d; extra heavy, 17s 10d to 19s 9d; merino, 5s to 7s 3d.

Fat Lambs.—Of the 1350 entered a large proportion were not thoroughly prime. The market all round was easier, though for best freezers it hardened slightly towards the close of the sale. Freezers realised 12s to 14s 9d; butchers', 10s 3d to 15s 3d.

Pigs.—The entry was smaller than usual, but the demand was correspondingly poor. In consequence of several of the larger buyers having a large shipment of North Island pigs due to arrive next day, the sale was a very dragging one in all classes, and several lots were passed. Baconers brought from 38s to 63s, equal to 5d to 5½d per lb; porkers, from 30s to 38s, equal to from 5d to 5½d per lb; stores, 18s to 28s; slips, 10s to 15s; weaners, 6s to 10s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

A fair number of horses were offered at last Saturday's sale, but the quality of those forward was only medium, and, taking this into account, the prices realised may be considered satisfactory. Only 15 horses changed hands, and these were all harness horses, suitable for trams and light spring-cart work. An aged spring-cart mare fetched £25, and a six-year-old light harness horse found a different owner at £24 10s. The balance were disposed of at prices mostly ranging from £12 to £17. Owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the entry numerous buyers present for sound, young horses of all classes had to depart from the sale with their wants unfilled. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £50 to £55; extra good, prize horses, £56 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, £37 to £48; aged do, £24 to £36; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90; cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £30 to £38; tram horses £24 to £30; light hacks, £14 to £24; extra good hacks, £10 to £16; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £10.

MYERS and CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of their supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous-oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—**

Economy when practised to excess very often degenerates into a vice. There is moderation in everything. For instance, when a thrifty housewife buys a cheap tea and has to use double the quantity that she would if she purchased a good article, her zeal for saving is woefully misdirected, and results in loss of cash, and very often in loss of temper. An inferior article is not cheap at any price. A low-priced tea is a worse investment than shares in a 'salted' dredging claim, for every time it comes to table it causes unpleasantness and family jars. There is nothing so conducive to the peace of the household, or so refreshing to the nervous system as a cup of pure, unblended tea, such as Hondo Lanka, which comes direct from the grower in sunny Ceylon to the consumer in New Zealand....

Mr. E. O'Connor, of the Catholic Book Depot, Barbadoes street, Christchurch, calls attention to his stock of church requisites, catechisms, and Catholic literature generally, all of which are quoted at very moderate prices....