

# Commercial

(For week ending May 6.)

## PRODUCE.

London, May 1.—Wheat: River Plate is selling at 27s 7d; freight from Plate to London, 16s 9d. Minneapolis flour, 3dol 50c per 196lb.

Butter: The Waiwera's shipment arrived in excellent condition. Sales were made at 101s to 103s. Danish, 107s.

Cheese is slightly easier. New Zealand, 67s to 68s. London, May 2.—Frozen Meat—Sheep: Canterbury, light, 4½d; medium, 4½d; heavy, 4d; Dunedin and Southland, 3½d; North Island, 3½d. Lambs: Canterbury, light, 4½d; heavy, 4 13-16d; Dunedin and Southland, 4½d; North Island, 4½d. New Zealand beef (180lb to 220lb, fair average quality): Ox fores, nominal, 3½d; hinds, 4½d. River Plate lamb, 4½d; sheep, heavy, 3 1-16d; light, 3 9-16d; beef (nominal), fores, 3½d; hinds, 4½d. (The Frozen Meat Trade Association's Smithfield market quotations for the above classes of frozen meats are based on actual sales of not less than 100 carcasses of mutton or lamb, or 25 carcasses of beef of fair average quality. These quotations are not for selected lines, but for parcels fairly representative of the bulk of the shipments now on the market. New Zealand sheep—crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, light, 48-56lb; Canterbury, medium, 56-64lb; Canterbury, heavy, 64-72lb; Dunedin and Southland, 56-64lb; North Island, 55-65lb. New Zealand lamb: Canterbury, light, 28-36lb; Canterbury, heavy, 36-42lb. Dunedin and Southland, 28-42lb; North Island, 28-42lb.)

Wellington, May 4.—The Agent-General's cable, dated London, 2nd inst, is as follows:—"Mutton: The market is dull and weak, with stocks heavy. Canterbury, 4½d; Dunedin, Southland, and Meat Export, 4d; North Island, 3½d. A good demand for lamb, but the market is weak. Stocks are heavy, and widely distributed amongst agents, who are pushing sales. Canterbury lamb, 4½d, other brands, 4½d. Beef is quiet, with stocks light. New Zealand hinds, 4½d, fores, 3½d. Butter is steady at 102s. Buyers of cheese are holding back, expecting prices to go lower. New Zealand cheese, 68s and 69s."

## 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 10s 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, 5s 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 to 4s 3d; fowls' wheat, 3s 6d to 4s. Potatoes: Derwents, £3 15s; kidneys, £2 10s to £3 10s. Chaff: Old, £2 10s to £3 5s, new, £3 5s to £3 15s. Straw: Pressed wheat, 30s, oats, 35s; loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal: 25lb, £10 10s. Pollard, £6. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Old, 6½d; new, 5½d. Eggs, 1s 10d. Onions: Melbourne, £5 10s; Christchurch, £4.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. The catalogue submitted comprised oats, fowl wheat, potatoes, and chaff, for all of which there was fair competition up to current values. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats—Prime feed and milling lines have not been offering so freely and are in fair demand, prices being firm at late quotations. For lines a shade off color but in sound condition there is also good inquiry, but small supplies coming forward. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium and inferior, 1s 6d to 1s 7½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Only very prime to choice lines have much attention from millers. Medium qualities are in the meantime almost neglected. Fowl wheat has been offering more freely at slightly reduced rates. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 1d to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 11d to 4s; best whole fowl wheat, 8s 8d to 3s 10d; broken and damaged, 3s 3d to 3s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—During the past week consignments have been more numerous, and in consequence supplies are somewhat in excess of the demand. Fair sales have been effected on the basis of last week's quotations, but during the past few days these have been difficult to maintain, and in order to clear consignments lower values have to be accepted. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; medium, £3 to £3 7s 6d; other sorts, £2 15s to £3 5s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—The supply during the past week has been considerably heavier than for some time. Most of the chaff

coming forward is of medium quality, for which there is limited inquiry. Prime, bright eaten sheaf still has fair attention, choice lines being saleable at prices which show no reduction on late values. Medium sorts, however, have declined fully 5s per ton. Quotations: Best eaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 15s; choice, to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 7s 6d; light, damaged, and discolored, £2 to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

## WOOL.

London, April 29.—At the Antwerp wool sales 1914 bales were offered and 1168 sold. There was a numerous attendance and good competition. Prices showed an advance of from 10 to 15 centimes on the March sales.

At the tallow sales 800 casks were offered and 450 sold. Mutton, fine, 32s 6d; medium, 30s 6d. Beef, fine, 34s 6d; medium, 30s.

London, May 1.—Wool: The Bradford market is brisk. Forties are quoted at 9½d; forty-sixes, 1s 0½d; common sixties, 24d; super, 25½d.

The Antwerp wool sales closed firm. There was keen competition, prices averaging 15 to 20 centimes for fine crossbreds and merinos and 10 centimes for other qualities over the March sales. Six thousand eight hundred and nine bales were offered and 3622 sold, besides 1906 sold privately.

## HIDE SALES.

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

We held our fortnightly sale of hides on Thursday, April 30, when we submitted to an average attendance of buyers a record catalogue of 657 hides, yearlings, and calfskins. This is the largest catalogue ever submitted in Dunedin, being 109 in excess of the previous record, and we think is also the largest offered by any firm in New Zealand. Competition for all offered was most satisfactory, and the result was that for several lines we obtained very high prices. In ox hides we sold one weighing 74lb at 8½d (net return £2 8s 10d), and in cow hides one weighing 84lb at 6½d (net return £2 1s 8d). Some of our other prices were also very gratifying, as shown by the following list:—Ox hides: Two weighing 70lb, 8d; seven, 66lb, 7½d; four, 72lb, 7d; one, 72lb, 7d; three, 70lb, 7d; one, 79lb, 6½d; one, 71lb, 6½d; one 70lb, 6½d; 21, weighing from 60 to 70lb, 6½d to 6d. Cow hides: Two, weighing 60lb, 5½d; eight, 63lb, 5½d; four, 60lb, 5½d; 26 weighing from 54lb to 62lb, 5½d to 5d. Actual prices paid may be quoted as follows:—Prime ox hides, 6d to 7½d; extra stout do, 8d to 8½d, medium do, 5d to 5½d; light and inferior do, 2½d to 4½d; prime cow hides, 5d to 5½d; extra good do, to 6½d; medium do, 4d to 4½d; light and inferior do, 3½d to 3½d per lb; yearlings, 2s 10d to 4s 6d each, calfskins, 9d to 2s 7d each.

## LIVE STOCK.

### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a medium yarding of horses at our sale last Saturday, most of them suitable for light harness work. Draughts were hardly represented, and only a few aged horses were sold, prices ranging up to £34 10s. A consignment of nine light harness horses from Mr. Thos. Crossland, of Waikiki, included some very fair horses, one dog cart gelding bringing £24 10s, and the remaining eight up to £16 10s. A five-year-old spring-cart gelding was disposed of at £27, and a number of aged hacks and harness horses at quotations. In the draught class there are numerous inquiries for powerful young geldings for shafting work. Staunch spring-van and spring-cart horses are also wanted, and a number could be placed at good prices. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £50 to £55; extra good, prize horses, £56 to £62; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £45; aged do, £25 to £34; up-standing carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £85; cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £30 to £38; tram horses, £24 to £30; light hacks, £15 to £22; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £10.

### ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were fair yardings and a good attendance at the Addington market to-day.

Fat Cattle.—There was an entry of 150, which consisted principally of cows and heifers. The demand was keener than usual, and prices consequently higher than recent rates. Steers realised £8 10s to £10 15s. Heifers fetched £6 7s 6d to £8 10s. Cows sold at from £4 17s 6d to £8 7s 6d. Beef ruled from 27s to 30s per 100lb.

Fat Sheep.—There was a large yarding, which comprised a fair proportion of prime wethers and good quality ewes, but many of the pens were filled with half fat ewes, and for these the demand was poor, and a dragging sale resulted. Butchers and export buyers competed keenly for wethers, which maintained late rates, but in ewes there was a drop of fully 1s per head. The late hour at which the sale concluded tended to injure the market. The range of prices was—Freezing wethers, 16s 3d to 19s 1d; extra heavy, to 20s 5d; best butchers' ewes, 16s to 18s; medium, 12s 6d to 15s 6d; freezing ewes, 11s 3d to 16s 9d; others, 8s 3d to 12s.