

Commercial

For week ending May 27.

PRODUCE.

London, May 23.—Butter (dull): New Zealand, 96s to 97s; Danish, unchanged.

Cheese (quiet but firm): New Zealand, 65s to 66s.

London, May 24.—Frozen Meat.—Sheep: Canterbury—Light 3½d, medium 3½d, heavy 3½d; Dunedin and Southland 3½d; North Island, 3½d. Lambs: Canterbury, light, 4½d. All other sorts unchanged. Beef: Fores, unchanged; hinds, 4½d. River Plate Sheep: Heavy and light, 3 9-16d. Beef: Fores, 3 5-16d; hinds, 4 7-16d.

Wellington, May 25.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the Agent-General, dated May 23:—The mutton market is dull and weak. Average price to-day for Canterbury mutton, 3½d per lb; Dunedin, Southland, and Wellington Meat Export Company, 3½d per lb; other brands—North Island mutton, 3½d to 3½d. River Plate mutton is in small supply, and firmly held. The quantity of mutton going into consumption at present is very small. Lamb: The market is quiet. The average price to-day for Canterbury brand is 4½d; for brands other than Canterbury, 4½d per lb. Beef: The market is steady. The average price to-day for New Zealand hind-quarters is 4½d per lb; forequarters, 3½d. Transactions in New Zealand butter are very limited, and prices irregular, nominally 97s per cwt; Danish, 100s. Cheese: The market is steady at 66s; new Canadian, 63s.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 8d; butter (factory, bulk, 11d; pats, 11½d cash, 11½d booked. Eggs, 1s 6d per dozen. Cheese, factory, 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £3 10s per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 per ton. Flour, £10 to £11. Oatmeal, £10 10s to £11. Bran, £4 10s. Pollard, £6 10s. Retail—Fresh Butter, 10d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 1½d; bulk, 1s. Eggs, 1s 9d per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 5s per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 22s; 50lb, 6s 3d. Oatmeal: 50lb, 6s 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 10s per bag. Bran, 5s 6d. Chaff, 2s.

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, 3s 9d to 4s 1d; fowls' wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 8d. 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; oatens, 35s; loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal: 25lb, £10. 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. report as follows:—We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Tuesday, when we submitted a moderate catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. There was fair competition for most of the lines on offer, and prices throughout ruled about on a level with late sales. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Prime milling continue to meet a strong demand with only a limited quantity offering, and under these conditions prices are firm at late quotations. Good to best feed lines are also in strong demand, and as consignments are being largely held on owners' account the quantity offering for immediate sale is not great, and buyers' present requirements not readily supplied. Values for all sorts are firm at late quotations, and, in the case of choice samples, at slightly higher rates. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 9½d to 1s 10d; choice sorts, to 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 8d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is little or no prime milling quality coming forward from the south, and millers' requirements, which are chiefly for choice lines, are being supplied almost entirely from northern districts. The southern wheat coming forward is of only medium quality, and in the absence of any demand from millers can only be quoted as fowl wheat. This is offering more freely, and late quotations are barely maintained. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 1d; medium to good, 3s 8d to 3s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Moderate supplies have come forward, and although the demand is barely so keen as it was a week ago, holders show little inclination to sell at any reduction. We quote: Best Derwents, £3 15s to £4; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s; kidneys and others, £3 to £3 15s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—There are moderate stocks of medium quality on hand, and for this class there is practically no demand, the inquiry being entirely for prime oaten sheaf. This is offering sparingly, and is worth 2s 6d to 5s per ton above late values. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 7s 6d; inferior to medium, £2 to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—Fair supplies forward, and market steady at late values. We quote: Best swedes—bagged, 20s; loose, 14s to 15s per ton.

WOOL.

London, May 19.—At the wool auctions there was a quieter sale, faulty merinos being in the buyers' favor.

London, May 20.—Competition was keener at the wool sales for all sorts amongst Home and Continental buyers. The prices of fine merinos were firmly maintained, and crossbreds were occasionally harder. The Waipori clip realised 10½d, and the Elderslie 14d.

London, May 21.—Crossbreds are very firm. Merinos have slightly improved on the last two days' sales. The Tapupuru clip realised 7½d.

Wool prices are good. Some merinos have been withdrawn. Crossbreds are still very dear.

London, May 23.—The wool sales closed very firm. Competition throughout the series almost equalled the boom of 1899. Compared with the March series, fine crossbreds were 7½d to 10 per cent. dearer, lower grades, 10 to 15 per cent. dearer; fine merinos, from par to 5 per cent.; medium, 7½ per cent. dearer.

At the Bradford sales the Otekaikie clip realised 10½d.

London, May 24.—At the wool sales the following clips were sold:—Rakamona, 7½d; Aviemore, 8½d; Richmond, 9½d; Highfield, 10½d; Matahuoi, 7½d; Waewalpa, 6½d.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were fair yardings and a good attendance at Addington market.

Fat Cattle.—185 were entered, the bulk being heifers and cows, including a good proportion of prime quality. There was keen competition, and the market was firmer than last week, the price of beef ranging from 26s to 30s per 100lb. Steers realised £7 to £9 17s 6d; heifers, £5 17s 6d to £10; cows, £5 15s to £9 5s.

Fat Sheep.—The entry was again somewhat limited, and, as butchers were apparently short of stock and bid keenly, prices advanced somewhat. Freezing wethers fetched 17s 4d to 20s; unfinished wethers, 14s 7d to 17s; merino wethers, 10s to 16s; wethers and ewes, 15s 10d to 18s 6d; butchers' ewes, 11s 9d to 18s 11d; merino ewes, 9s 6d to 10s 6d.

Fat Lambs.—About 1900 were yarded, and met with a spirited demand on the part of export buyers for all pens suitable for freezing. Prices showed a distinct advance on those ruling the previous week. Freezers sold at from 12s 8d to 15s 5d; tegs, 16s to 18s 4d; butchers', 12s 6d to 14s 9d.

Pigs.—There was a larger entry than usual, and a satisfactory sale. Baconers fetched 37s 6d to 60s, equal to 4½d per lb; porkers, 30s to 42s, equal to 5d per lb; stores, 16s to 25s; weaners, 5s to 10s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

The horses forward for this week's sale, some 40 in number, were, with a few exceptions, the poorest lots we have seen in the yards for years. There was a splendid attendance of buyers, more especially for sound draughts, and the few that were entered commanded great prices. Two eight-year-old geldings were sold at £50 and £48 respectively, and one aged heavy spring-van gelding (blemished) brought £37, while several animals changed hands at from £15 to £26. Prices ruling for fresh draught and harness horses are exceedingly good, and those having suitable stock for sale should sell now. In light harness horses some capital sales were made in those cases where the quality and age were right. For example, a five-year-old spring-cart gelding realised £27 10s, a two-year-old filly 25gs, and two yearling filly foals £8 10s each. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £50 to £55; extra good, prize horses, £56 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £36 to £48; aged do, £25 to £35; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; tram horses, £16 to £27; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £4 to £8.

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