

Commercial

(For week ending June 10.)

PRODUCE.

Napier, June 4.—The Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company cable a fall of 4d in value of North Island mutton. The value of lamb of both qualities has advanced 4d. Quotations: Canterbury mutton, 3½d; Napier, Wellington, and North Island, 3½d. Lamb, first quality, 4½d; second, 4½d.

London, June 5.—Rabbits.—No demand.

Butter.—Very quiet. New Zealand is irregular, at about 94s; Danish, 96s to 98s.

Cheese.—Unchanged.

Wellington, June 7.—The Agent General cables under date London, June 6, as follows:—Frozen mutton: The market is weak at the same prices cabled last week. Stocks on hand are very heavy. There is a good demand for all lambs offering and the market is rising. The average price to-day is: Canterbury brand, 4½d; brands other than Canterbury, 4½d. There has been no alteration in the beef market during the week. The demand for butter is limited at 95s per cwt; cheese steady at 66s. Hemp is dull. The spot price for good fair Wellington grade is £34 a ton; July shipments, £31 10s. The stocks of hemp to-day amount to 603 tons, against 384 tons this late last year. During the week there has been no alteration in the position of the cocksfoot market.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 8d; butter (factory), bulk, 9½d; pats, 9½d cash, 10d booked. Eggs, 1s 6d per doz. 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. 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 9½d to 1s 10½d; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 9d. Wheat: Milling, 3s 9d to 4s 1d; fowls' wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 7d. 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 9d. Onions: Melbourne, £5; Christchurch, £4.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores to-day, when we submitted a fair-sized catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. Under fair competition most of the lines on offer were cleared at prices which show little variation from late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Good to prime feed lines have been offering more freely during the past week, but the reduction in values lately reported from the southern ports has had its effect on this market, and good to best feed qualities cannot to-day be readily placed at late quotations. Prime milling sorts have still fair attention, but inferior and damaged lines are not in demand. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 9½d to 1s 10½d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d; inferior and medium, 1s 6d to 1s 7½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is little change in the market to report. Prime samples are the only samples in favor with millers, and of these sorts Tuscan has a strong preference. Medium quality is almost neglected. Fowl wheat is in heavy supply, and difficult to place at late values. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 1d; medium to good, 3s 7d to 3s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; damaged and broken, 3s to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is fairly well supplied, and last week's quotations are barely maintained. We quote: Good to choice Derwents, £3 7s 6d to £3 15s; others, £3 to £3 5s; kidneys and other sorts, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—During the past week the supply of prime quality has been small, and for this class there is a strong demand at prices a shade in advance of late quotations. Medium continues to move off at late values, but has not the free sale which is accorded to better quality. Straw chaff also has more attention. We quote: Best oatens sheaf, £3 10s to £3 15s; choice, to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £2 15s to £3 5s; inferior and straw chaff, £1 15s to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—We quote: Best Swedes, 14s to 15s loose, 20s (bags in) per ton.

WOOL.

London, June 5.—Bradford Wool: Merinos are neglected, but there is a good demand for crossbreds; common forties, 10½d; supers, 13½d.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

In consequence of the holiday there were small entries at Addington to-day.

Fat Cattle.—221 were yarded, including a fair proportion of steers and prime heifers. The market on the whole was fairly easy, but some pens of specially good quality sold remarkably well. Steers, £6 15s to £11 17s 6d; heifers, £5 17s 6d to £9 5s; cows, £5 10s to £9 10s. Beef, 25s to 29s per 100lb.

Fat Sheep.—As the entry was smaller than usual, keen competition of butchers and export buyers resulted in a satisfactory sale. Best freezing wethers, 18s 10d to 22s 5d; medium, 16s 7d to 18s; best butchers' ewes, 16s to 21s 9d; medium, 11s 9d to 15s 8d; wethers and ewes, 14s 6d to 20s.

Fat Lambs.—There was a small yarding, and the quality was above the average. There was good demand for export and prices ruled from 6d to 1s above those ruling last week. Tegs, to 17s; freezers, 12s 9d to 16s 9d; butchers', 9s to 16s 3d.

Pigs.—There was a poor entry and small attendance, and the prices obtained afford no indication of values.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

Following on the winter fair, our weekly sale on Saturday was a tame affair. Only a few of the Tramway Co.'s reject horses, 12 in number, and about a score of aged draught and harness horses were offered. Considering their defects the tramway horses sold well, fetching from £6 to £12, but few of the others offered changed hands. Of the draughts, one was sold at £40 and another at £26. There is no change in the market. Good, sound, young horses of all classes are in demand, and find a ready sale at lately ruling values.

Watermarks on Paper

Watermarks are indentations made on paper, in various shapes, during the process of manufacture; the pulp being compressed by an engraved device called a dandy. The earliest known watermark is a globe surmounted by a cross found in an account book at the Hague, bearing the date 1301. Many early undated Italian manuscripts contain a plain cross as watermark. The fleur-de-lis, the Peter's cock, and the Paschal Lamb are all found in the books of the fourteenth century. The marks of the dolphin (the symbol of Christ) and the anchor (expression of hope) are of later date.

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