

Commercial

(For week ending July 8.)

PRODUCE.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 8d; butter (factory), bulk, 9½d; pats, 9½d cash, 10d 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, £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 6d 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 10d; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 9½d. Wheat: Milling, 3s 7d to 4s 1d; fowls' wheat, 3s to 3s 5d. Potatoes: Derwents, £4; kidneys, £2 10s to £3 10s. Chaff: £3 to £3 12s 6d. Straw: Pressed wheat, 30s; oats, 35s; loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal: 25lb, £10. Pollard, £6. Bran, £4. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 6d; dairy, 5½d. Eggs, 1s 9d. Onions: Melbourne, £5; Christchurch, £4.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report: We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a fairly large catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. Bidding for most of the lines on offer was fairly good up to late values. Chaff, however, was rather more plentiful, and did not elicit the same competition. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Prime milling and seed lines have fair inquiry, but for feed quality the demand is limited, and nothing like extensive sales can be made. Shippers have little difficulty in supplying their orders, which are not heavy, at quotations. Their inquiries are confined almost entirely to good, bright feed, inferior sorts being neglected. Quotations: Choice seed lines, 2s to 2s 3d; prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; inferior and medium, 1s 5d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is little alteration to report in any respect. Prime to choice milling sorts continue to find buyers at quotations, while milling qualities are neglected, except as fowl wheat, for which a fair demand exists. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 2d; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 9d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; damaged and broken, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be moderately supplied, and all well-conditioned lines have ready sale. The supply of prime Oamaru Derwents is especially short, and for these, as well as for good seed kidneys, there is strong inquiry. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; kidneys and other sorts, £3 10s to £4 10s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Heavy supplies continue to arrive, and, with increased stocks, late values cannot be maintained. Prime quality is still in most demand, and has not suffered to the same extent as medium sorts, which are difficult to quit. Quotations: Best oats sheaf, £3 to £3 7s 6d; extra choice, £3 10s; medium to good, £2 10s to £3; inferior and light, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—We quote best swedes, 14s to 15s per ton (loose, ex truck).

Hay.—Stocks have worked off to some extent, but there is still fair supplies on hand. Quotations: Best clover and rye grass, £3 to £3 5s; medium, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton.

Straw.—Market well supplied. Oaten, 27s 6d to 30s; wheat, 25s to 27s 6d per ton.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows:

Wheat.—Best milling samples and fowl wheat are moving off slowly and other descriptions are very difficult to place. Prime milling, to 4s 2d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 2d; broken and inferior, 2s 9d to 3s.

Oats.—Prices are beyond what buyers care to give, and consequently the business passing is small. Best seed samples are worth 2s to 2s 3d; prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d; good to best feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; medium and inferior, 1s 5d to 1s 7d.

Barley.—Nothing doing. Prime malting is nominally worth 3s 6d to 3s 10d; milling and medium, 3s to 3s 4d; feed, 2s 9d to 2s 11d.

Potatoes.—Best Derwents, to £4; kidneys and other sorts, £3 to £3 10s.

Chaff.—Best oats sheaf, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d; medium to good, £2 10s to £3.

Turnips.—Best swedes, loose, 13s per ton.

Straw.—Best, 30s to 32s 6d.

Hay.—Best, £3 to £3 5s.

WOOL.

London, July 1.—The Antwerp wool sales opened quiet. There was a good attendance. Fine merinos from 5 to 10 centimes below April prices. Crossbreds, which

were rather sparsely represented, showed 5 to 10 centimes advance. Two thousand four hundred and fifty-six bales of La Plata were offered, and 724 sold.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows: Rabbitskins.—Owing to fall in London sales prices yesterday were lower by 1d per lb all over. We sold one line of blacks at 43d and winter greys to 15d.

Sheepskins.—Our sale was one of the best we have had for some time, the recent rise in crossbred wool causing very keen competition in that class of skins, in fact we sold some as high as 6d per lb, and all sorts were keenly competed for.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—Best rendered tallow is worth up to 24s, but buyers have reduced their prices for fat, and it is lower than late quotations. Best cow fat is worth to 16s 6d; best rough fat, to 16s.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was an average yarding of stock at Addington market, and a good attendance.

Fat Cattle.—193 came forward, the entry including a fair proportion of useful steers and heifers. The sale opened poorly, but subsequently improved, and, although the market on the whole was firm at last week's rates, prices were irregular. Beef averaged from 27s to 30s per 100lb, but in a few instances the latter price was exceeded. Steers realised £6 17s 6d to £12 15s; heifers, £5 17s 6d to £9 15s; extra prime, £11 5s; cows, £5 10s to £9; extra prime, £10 15s.

Fat Sheep.—A large entry, including a number of large lines of prime quality freezers. These were snapped up by export buyers, leaving butchers to compete for smaller pens, with the result that prices all round were decidedly firm at an advance on the previous week's rates. Freezing wethers realised 18s to 25s; merinos, for freezing, 17s 6d; butchers', 14s 9d; wethers and ewes, 16s to 22s 3d; freezing ewes (aged), 12s 10d to 17s; young ewes, 17s to 23s; butchers' ewes, 12s 3d to 22s.

Fat Lambs.—1340 were penned, some of the pens being of particularly prime quality. The sale, as a whole, was an excellent one, prices all round being firm at last week's rates. Tegs, 17s 3d to 25s; extra heavy, 30s; freezers, 13s to 17s; butchers', 12s to 18s 6d.

Pigs.—The entry was small and the demand keen. Choppers, £3 to £5; baconers, 45s to 56s, equal to 4½d to 5d per lb; porkers, 30s to 42s, equal to 5½d to 6d per lb.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a very small yarding of horses at our sale last Saturday, and only one lot of draught horses was forward, this being a consignment of four, the property of Mr William Smith, of Gore. Included in the number was a very good six-year-old heavy draught gelding, for which £55 was bid at the hammer, but this offer was not accepted, the owner's reserve being £60. Another of Mr Smyth's geldings fetched £46, while a mare realised £44, and in another lot a brown filly, rising three years, unbroken was sold at £40. There was a good demand for spring-van horses, and a number of sales were effected at up to £35. For the higher classes the bidding was not so brisk, although about a dozen changed hands. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £50 to £55; extra good, prize horses, £56 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, £38 to £48; aged draught mares and geldings, £25 to £35; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90; spring-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £22 to £32; tram horses, £16 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £8.

Late Burnside Stock Report

(Per favor Messrs. Donald Reid and Co.)

Fat Cattle.—160 yarded. Best bullocks, up to £12 12s 6d; best cows and heifers, up to £10 7s 6d. Sheep.—739 penned. Best wethers, up to 22s 9d; best ewes, up to 20s 9d.

Lambs.—375 penned. Best lambs, up to 16s 3d.

Pigs.—47 forward. Suckers, 12s to 17s; slips, none in market; stores, 23s to 28s; porkers, 35s to 44s; baconers, 50s to 65s; heavy pigs, up to 72s.

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