

Commercial

(For week ending July 15.)

PRODUCE.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 9d; 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 5s; seed kidneys, £3 10s to £4 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, £5 15s. Bran, £4. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 6d; dairy, 5½d. Eggs, 1s 9d. Onions: Melbourne, £5; Christchurch, £4.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris and Co., report as follows: Oats.—Market rather weaker, and shippers not operating. Good feed, or B grade oats, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; superior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—A very dead market. Prime milling, to 4s 2d, with a preference for velvet; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 2d; other sorts, 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—In short supply, and a hardening market. Best, £4 5s to £4 15s.

Chaff.—Heavy consignments of all sorts. Prime, £3 7s 6d; medium, £3; inferior, 30s to 45s per ton.

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 large catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. Competition throughout was rather slack, and many of the lots on offer had to be passed in. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The market continues to be very dull, and without any export demand it is impossible to effect sales of any importance. Even at a reduction on present quotations buyers cannot be tempted to operate largely without actual orders. Milling and seed lines have some inquiry, but at slightly reduced rates. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 10d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; inferior and medium, 1s 3d to 1s 6½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is little alteration to report. Millers' requirements are easily supplied with first quality, and for medium sorts there is little demand. Fowl wheat has been offering more plentifully, and at slightly lower values. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 2d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 10d; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments from Canterbury have kept the market fairly well supplied. There is strong inquiry for prime Oamaru Derwents and for good kidneys and other seed sorts. Values are firm at late quotations. We quote: Best Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; best seed kinds, £4 5s to £5; others, £3 10s to £4 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market is heavily supplied, and, with the exception of very prime quality, all sorts are decidedly easier. Choice lots still have a good demand at prices about on a level with late quotations, but medium quality is difficult to quit even at some deduction in value. We quote: Best oatens sheaf, £3 to £3 7s 6d; choice, to £3 10s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 17s 6d; straw chaff, inferior and light, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—We quote: Best swedes, 15s to 16s 6d per ton (loose, ex truck).

WOOL.

London, July 7.—The fifth series of colonial wool sales will be limited to 140,000 bales, and the sixth series will be unlimited.

The wool sales opened brisk, prices being from par to 7½ per cent. advance on the closing sales of the last series.

At the wool sales Messrs. Buxtons and Ronald, Balm and Co., and Jacob and Son offered 9805 bales, three-quarters of the offerings being New Zealand. There was a full attendance of buyers. Compared with the May series the prices for merinos and fine crossbreds remained unchanged. Medium coarse crossbreds were fully 7½ per cent. dearer, the home trade keenly competing for crossbreds.

At the tallow sales 1028 casks were offered, and 434 sold. Mutton: Fine, 29s 9d; medium, 28s. Beef: Fine, 31s; medium, 28s.

London, July 8.—The wool sales to-day were animated. Crossbreds were firm, but merinos limited.

London, July 9.—The Bradford wool market is quiet. Forties, 11½d; forty-sixes, 14½d; common sixties, 24d; super, 25d.

Wellington, July 9.—The Department of Industries and Commerce received the following cable message from the Agent-General, dated 8th inst.: 'At the opening of the wool sales competition was very animated. Compared with closing rates of last series, greasy, coarse, and medium crossbreds are ½d dearer, and merinos and fine crossbreds at about par.'

London, July 10.—At the wool sales there was a little stronger market for merinos. Crossbreds are very firm.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was again this week a small entry. Draughts were very scarce, and the few sound, fresh horses that were in the market brought great prices, considering that none of them were young. Mr. William Smith's six-year-old gelding was withdrawn at £56, two aged geldings from Linnburn station were sold at £46 and £42 respectively, and four other aged horses changed hands at £47, £41 10s, £25, and £21 10s respectively. In light horses a number suitable for the trams were sold at prices ranging from £14 to £29. Other descriptions of light horses were dull of sale, and very little business was done in them. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £48 to £54; extra good, prize horses, £55 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £46; aged do. £25 to £34; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90; spring-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £30; tram horses, £14 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £8.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was a large entry of stock and a good attendance of buyers at the Addington market.

Fat Cattle.—172 head were yarded, and prices were firm at an increase on last week's rates. Steers brought £6 15s to £10; extra prime, to £15 12s 6d; heifers, £5 17s 6d to £11 10s; cows, £5 5s to £10 15s. Beef, 28s to 31s per 100lb.

Fat Sheep.—There was another large yarding, and the keen demand which has been noticeable for some time was again in evidence, recent rates being more than maintained. Freezers, wethers, and best quality ewes showed a rise of 6d per head. A feature of the sale was a consignment of 38 show wethers from the New Zealand and Australian Land Company's Totara Estate, which realised from 35s to 65s per head, the higher price constituting a record for the Colony. The range of prices was: Extra heavy wethers, 35s to 65s; freezing wethers, 17s to 26s 3d; merinos for freezing, 16s to 20s; others, 11s 1d to 14s 2d; freezing ewes (aged), 14s to 20s; butchers', 12s 6d to 21s 5d; wethers and ewes, 17s 4d to 21s 9d.

Fat Lambs.—1550 head were yarded, and all prime quality met with keen competition on the part of export buyers, with the result that prices advanced 6d per head on the previous week's rates, and the quantity secured by butchers was very small. Tegs, 17s 9d to 19s 9d; a few extra large, 27s 6d; freezers, 13s 7d to 17s 6d; butchers', 12s 6d to 16s.

Pigs.—There was a small entry, and an improved demand for baconers. Prices were as follows: Baconers, 45s to 62s, equal to 4½d to 5d per lb; porkers, 34s to 44s, equal to 5d to 5½d per lb; choppers, £3 to £5 18s.

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

Clearing Sale.—We sold, on account of D. Harris, at Heywood Point road, all his dairy cattle, farm implements, etc., at very satisfactory figures, buyers from Christchurch and the north being present. The cattle were eagerly competed for, and cows made up to £8 17s 6d, while all other articles made good prices.

Late Burnside Stock Report

(Per favor Messrs. Donald Reid and Co.)

Fat Cattle.—172 varded. Best bullocks, up to £11 17s 6d; best cows and heifers, up to £10.

Sheep.—1977 penned. Best wethers, up to 26s 9d; best ewes, up to 21s 6d.

Lambs.—386 penned. Best lambs, up to 15s 6d.

Pigs.—35 forward, there being no slips nor stores in market. Suckers, 13s to 17s; porkers, 44s to 50s; baconers, 52s to 65s; heavy pigs, up to 80s.

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