

Commercial

For week ending August 5.

PRODUCE.

London, August 2.—The Frozen Meat Trade Association's (Smithfield market) quotations for the under-mentioned 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 shipments now on the market. New Zealand sheep: Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, light, 48lb to 56lb, 4 3-16d; Canterbury, medium, 56lb to 64lb, 4 1-2d; Canterbury, heavy, 64lb to 72lb, 4d; Dunedin and Southland, 56lb to 64lb, 4 1-16d; North Island, 55lb to 65lb, 3 15-16d. Lambs and beef are unchanged. River Plate sheep, heavy and light, 3 15-16d. Beef unchanged.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Milling, 1s 9 1/2d to 1s 10d; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 9 1/2d. Wheat: Milling, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; fowls' wheat, 3s to 3s 3d. Potatoes: Derwents, £4 5s; seed kidneys, £3 10s to £4 10s. Chaff, £2 15s to £3 7s 6d. Straw: Pressed wheat, 30s; oaten, 35s; loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal, £9 10s. Pollard, £5. Bran, £3 10s. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 6 1/2d; dairy, 5 1/2d. Eggs, 1s 4d. Onions: Melbourne, £5; Christchurch, £4.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 8d butter (factory), bulk, 10 1/2d to 11 1/2d, pats, 11 1/2d to 11 3/4d cash. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Cheese (factory), 6 1/2d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £4 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 1 1/2d. Eggs, 1s 6d per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 5s 6d per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 22s; 50lb, 6s 3d. Oatmeal, 50lb, 6s 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 10s per bag. Bran 5s 6d. Chaff, 2s.

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

We held our weekly produce sale at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a large catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—There is practically no change in the market to report. Prime milling and seed lines continue to have some attention, while good to best feed have been more strongly inquired for, but at prices which show no improvement on late quotations. Medium and inferior sorts are offering freely, but are not in favor of buyers. Quotations: Seed lines, 1s 11d to 2s 3d; prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 10d, good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7 1/2d; inferior and medium, 1s to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—In milling quality prime lines only are in favor with buyers, medium being still for the most part neglected. Fowl wheat has been moving off freely and is in shorter supply. There is steady demand, and prices are a shade firmer. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 11d to 4s 2d; medium to good, 3s 5d to 3s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d, broken, damaged, and medium, 2s 6d to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There is still good inquiry for prime Oamaru Derwents, although the market has been more heavily supplied with good samples from Canterbury. Kidneys and up-to-dates have fair inquiry, but early red sorts are not readily placed. Quotations: Seed lines, £4 10s to £5 10s; prime Derwents, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 15s to £4 2s 6d; others, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market is still well supplied with chaff of medium quality, which continues to arrive steadily and meets with little inquiry. Prime quality is not over-plentiful and readily quit on arrival. Quotations: Good to best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 7s 6d; medium, £2 to £2 15s; inferior and straw chaff, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Quotations: Best oaten straw (pressed), 27s 6d to 30s; wheat, 25s to 27s 6d per ton.

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

Wheat.—The market continues as last reported, millers not being prepared to buy except odd lots. Fowl wheat has good inquiry, but there is not so much offering. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 3d.

Oats.—Buyers decline to do business at present quotations except in small lines, and should holders force sales in any quantity the market is bound to ease. Present quotations are: Seed lines, 1s 10d to 2s 3d; prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9 1/2d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7 1/2d, inferior, 1s to 1s 4d.

Potatoes.—Best Derwents, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d.

Chaff.—There is a good demand for prime lines which are scarce, and are worth £3 2s 6d to £3 7s 6d. Medium and inferior is in over supply and worth £1 10s to £3.

WOOL.

London, July 31.—The Bradford wool market is unchanged. Merinos are quiet, crossbreds brisk.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a moderate sized catalogue on Monday, when there was present the usual attendance of buyers. Prices were quite up to last week, and we sold winter greys mixed up to 16d, black skins up to 30d.

Sheepskins.—At to-day's sale bidding was keen and prices, especially for crossbreds, were extremely good. Merinos are worth up to 6 1/2d per lb; halfbreds, 6d per lb; crossbreds, 5 1/2d per lb. We sold some very heavy green skins at 6s 6d and 6s 5d.

Hides.—No sales since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in this, buyers not being prepared to give more than values lately ruling. 24s can sometimes be had for a specially good line of tallow and the price for good rough fat may be quoted at 16s 6d.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was a smaller entry than usual at the Addington market to-day, the recent bad weather having interfered with the forwarding of stock.

Fat Cattle.—156 head came forward, the bulk of superior quality, and some of the lines particularly prime. There was a spirited demand, and prime beef ruled from 29s to 32s 6d per 100lb, while in a few instances lighter animals of first-class quality realised up to 34s and 35s per 100lb. Steers, £8 7s 6d to £18 10s; cows, £9; heifers, £9 17s 6d to £11 15s.

Fat Sheep.—There was a good entry and a spirited demand for all classes. Practically the whole of the ewes offered were taken by butchers at an advance on recent rates, and for wethers the export buyers had to face a very firm market. Prime wethers realised, 23s 6d to 27s 3d; lighter, 17s 6d to 22s 3d; merino (freezing), 18s to 19s 6d; lighter, 12s 3d to 16s 6d; best butchers' ewes, 17s 8d to 23s 6d; medium, 12s 6d to 17s 3d; wethers and ewes, 16s to 24s 7d.

Fat Lambs.—There was a very small entry, but it met with a keen demand at a slight increase on last week's rates. Freezers brought from 12s 6d to 17s 3d; tags, 17s 6d to 18s 9d.

Pigs.—There was a good yarding, and the demand was slightly easier than in the previous week. Baconers realised 40s to 65s, equal to 4 1/2d per lb; porkers, 32s to 39s 6d, equal to 5 1/2d per lb; choppers, £3 10s to £4 15s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

A fair number of horses came forward this week, principally medium draughts and ordinary harness horses. The attendance of buyers was exceptionally good for a sale at which no very special consignments were announced. Messrs. Tonkin and Co.'s consignment of 12 medium draughts were the first to be offered, and these commanded really splendid values, considering that they were all just of useful class, suitable for the trams, spring-carts, and the like. The prices for this consignment ranged from £17 10s to £35. For one very strong spring-van five-year-old gelding we obtained £38; and for an eight-year-old dog-cart horse £25. A few other harness horses changed hands at equally satisfactory prices to the foregoing. The number of draughts forward was half a dozen, and these were eagerly competed for, and found new owners at the following prices: Brown gelding, eight years old, heavy shafter, £50 10s; chestnut gelding, nine years old, waggon horse, £46; roan gelding, nine years old, active, nuggety, £47; bay gelding, aged, farm horse, £42; do, £38; do, £35. Taken