

Commercial

(For week ending August 26.)

PRODUCE.

Napier, August 20.—The C.C. and D. Company cable from London as follows:—First quality lamb and hinds and fores of beef have declined 1d. To-day's quotations are: Canterbury mutton, 4½d; Napier, Wellington, and North Island, 4d. Lamb: First quality, 5½d; second do, 5d. Beef: Hinds, 4d; fores, 2½d.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 8d. butter (factory), bulk, 10½d to 11½d, pats, 11½d to 11½d cash. Eggs, 8d per dozen. Cheese (factory), 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £4 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10 10s. Oatmeal, £9 to £9 10s. Bran, £3 10s. Pollard, £4 10s. Retail—Fresh butter, 10d; butter (factory), pats, 1s 1½d. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 5s 6d per cwt. Flour: 200lb, 21s; 50lb, 6s. Oatmeal: 50lb, 5s 6d. 25lb, 2s 9d. Pollard, 8s per bag. Bran, 4s 6d. Chaff, 1s 9d.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d; feed, 1s 5d to 1s 7½d. Wheat: Milling, 3s 10s to 4s 2d; fowls' wheat, 3s to 3s 3d. Potatoes: Derwents, £4 5s; seed kidneys, £3 10s to £4 10s. Chaff, £2 10s to £3 5s. Straw: Pressed wheat, 30s; oats, 35s; loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal, £9. Pollard, £4. Bran, £3 5s. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 6½d; dairy, 5½d. Eggs, 10d. 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 full catalogue to a large attendance of buyers. There was fair demand for most of the lots on offer, and with a few exceptions the catalogue was cleared at valuations. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week there has been fair demand for A and B grade in moderate quantities. For lower grades, however, the demand is extremely slack, and few sales are passing. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d; good to best feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 7½d; inferior and medium, 1s to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—In milling quality the market is quiet, with no quotable change in value. Fowl wheat, which is not over plentiful, continues to find buyers at late values. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 8d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be well supplied with good to prime northern Derwents, which meet with steady demand at prices on a par with late quotations. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s inferior, £2 10s to £3 5s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—The market is still heavily supplied, and stocks are moving slowly at somewhat reduced prices. Prime quality, which is not over plentiful, is the only class meeting with ready sale. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 2s 6d; extra prime, to £3 5s; good do, £2 10s to £2 15s; inferior and medium, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Quotations: Best oaten straw, 30s; wheat, 27s 6d per ton.

Turnips.—Best swedes, 15s to 15s 6d per ton, loose, ex truck.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris and Co., report as follows:—Wheat and Oats.—The market continues very lifeless, and any offering are only placed in small lines at prices easier than late quotations.

Chaff.—It takes a prime lot all its time to make £3 5s, good selling at £2 17s 6d to £3.

Potatoes.—Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 5s.

WOOL.

London, August 20.—The Bradford wool market is cheerful. Forties, 11½d; forty-sixes, 13½d; common sixties, 24d; super, 25½d.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris and Co., report as follows:—Rabbitskins.—Yesterday we offered a fair-sized catalogue, when prices in sympathy with the fall in London were considerably lower, except for prime winters, which nearly held their own. We sold: Winter greys, mixed, from 15½d to 16d; and blacks from 14d to 24d.

Sheepskins.—Our catalogue to-day was again a very large one, and all offered met with keen competition. Merinos are worth up to 6½d; halfbreds, 6½d; crossbreds, 5½d; butchers' green skins, 3s 9d to 5s 6d.

Hides.—Last week's sale showed a rise for heavy weights; medium and light weights a shade easier. We sold ox at up to 6½d, which is the highest price paid in the local market for some time past, and cows up to 5½d.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

Following yesterday's special sale of draught horses there was a very poor entry of this class for our weekly sale; but of light harness horses there was a fair supply, including a score of useful, but somewhat overworked, horses from the city tramways department. There was a good demand for this consignment, and it was disposed of at highly satisfactory prices—viz., from £9 to £20. Other sales effected were an upstanding five-year-old dog-cart horse at £25; another at £24; and light, useful harness horses at from £14 to £22. The two aged draught geldings forward changed hands at £34 10s and £30 respectively. Privately we sold a pair of splendid upstanding five-year-old geldings at £117 10s the pair. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £50 to £60; extra good, prize horses, £61 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £48; aged do, £25 to £34; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £37; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; tram horses, £14 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £4 to £8.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was a good yarding of stock at the Addington market to-day, and the usual attendance of buyers. Generally speaking, the recent high prices were fully maintained, and the market for beef was considered the dearest yet recorded.

Fat Cattle.—152 head were yarded. The entry was of a mixed quality. For really prime sorts the demand was brisk, and prices reached a higher mark than has been the case hitherto. For these the prices given were equal to from 35s to 38s per 100lb; while some odd pens or two cost even more. Medium and inferior sorts were not so readily sold, and for these prices were equal to from 30s to 34s, per 100lb. Steers, £7 5s to £16 10s; heifers, £6 to £13 10s; cows, £5 10s to £12.

Fat Sheep.—There was a large entry, though really prime quality was somewhat limited. For best lines of both wethers and ewes the recent high rates were well maintained, but unfinished sorts were less eagerly competed for. Prime wethers brought from 22s to 27s 3d; extra heavy, 28s 3d to 35s; light weights, 18s 5d to 21s 3d; prime ewes, 19s 7d to 26s 3d; light and unfinished sorts, 12s to 18s 10d.

Fat Lambs.—Only 363 of moderate quality came forward, and prices ranged from 14s 3d to 19s.

Pigs.—The entry was the largest for some months, and in consequence prices for porkers receded slightly, though baconers maintained their recent value. Baconers, 48s to 60s, equal to 5d per lb; porkers, 30s to 42s, equal to 5½d per lb.

The Countess of Cork and Orrery, who has just published the 'Orrery Papers,' belongs (says 'New Ireland') to the famous old De Burgh family of Connaught. Her father was the first Marquis of Clanricarde, and she is sister to the present peer. In editing the 'Orrery Papers' she is dealing with a literary as well as a military race. There are some literary traditions in her own family also. Her grandfather was George Canning, the statesman, and he was the son of a young Irishman of good family who wrote poetry and contributed to the London press. Lady Cork, whose golden wedding is due next month, was a celebrated beauty at the time of her marriage in 1853. All the best-known men in London subscribed to present her with a splendid wedding present as the most beautiful woman of her day. The Earl of Cork is a very large landowner in the South of Ireland.

In cases of attacks of Colic, Cramp, or Spasms, Evans's WITCH'S OIL will be found invaluable.—***