

Commercial

(For week ending September 2.)

PRODUCE.

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. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 6½d; dairy, 5½d. Eggs, 10d. Onions: Melbourne, £5

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report:—We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a good attendance of buyers. Competition, however, was not brisk, and a fair proportion of the lots on offer had to be passed in on this account. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—The market has been very slack during the past week. Shippers' requirements are small, and are readily supplied at prices a shade below late values. Some business has been done in A grade Sparrowbills and Gairtons for export to the London market, but in other directions the export trade has been extremely limited. For medium and inferior sorts there is little inquiry, and sales, even at reduced prices, are difficult to effect. We quote: prime milling, 1s 7½d to 1s 9½d; good to best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; inferior and medium, 1s to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling quality maintains its popularity, but of this class there is little offering locally. Medium milling has had more attention during the past week, good sound Tuscan having most inquiry. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 11d to 4s 2d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 10d; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 3d; damaged and broken, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (bags in).

Potatoes.—Moderate supplies have been coming forward, and the market is steady at late quotations, which are: For best Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; choice, to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; kidneys and other sorts, £3 to £4 10s per ton, according to quality.

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is the only kind meeting with ready sale. This has not been over plentiful, and is speedily quitted on arrival. Medium and inferior sorts are still in over-supply, and difficult to move at late values. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 5s; extra prime, to £3 7s 6d; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s; inferior, light, and straw chaff, £1 10s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Oaten straw, pressed, 27s 6d to 30s; wheat straw, which is offering more freely, 25s to 27s 6d per ton.

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

Wheat.—There is nothing fresh to report except a slightly better tone for medium milling. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 11d to 4s 2d; medium do, 3s 4d to 3s 10d; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 3d; inferior do, 2s 6d to 2s 11d.

Oats.—Matters remain as has been the case for some weeks past, buyers being content to purchase for special orders and no more. Prime milling is worth 1s 7½d to 1s 9½d; good to best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; inferior and medium, 1s to 1s 5d.

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

Chaff.—Best oaten sheaf is scarce and readily commands, £3 to £3 5s, in some cases £3 7s 6d; medium to good hard to sell at £2 10s to £2 15s.

Straw.—Oaten straw, best, 35s; wheat straw, best, 27s 6d.

WOOL.

London, August 28.—Bradford wool is steady. Fortysizes, 1s 2d; forties, 11½d.

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

Rabbitskins.—At yesterday's sale we submitted the largest catalogue we have had for some weeks. Prices for winters were higher and inferior skins on the whole easier. We sold as follows: Prime winters mixed bucks and does, 15½d to 16½d; second do, 12d to 13½d; autumns, 10d to 13½d; summers, 5d to 7½d; hawk torn, 4d to 9½d; blacks, 14d to 24½d.

Sheepskins.—Bidding at to-day's sale was animated, and all skins forward sold readily at prices fully up to last quotations.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow.—All coming forward is taken up by buyers at prices lately ruling, but it is impossible to get them to advance on their late prices.

LIVE STOCK.

At Addington to-day there was a good yarding in all classes.

Fat Cattle.—149 came forward, including a larger proportion of prime steer beef than last week. The previous high rates were fully maintained, the market being firm at 35s to 38s per 100lb for prime steers, and 30s to 34s for inferior quality. Steers, £8 7s 6d to £14 15s (extra prime £16); heifers, £7 to £12 15s; cows, £5 15s to £13 15s.

Fat Sheep.—A large yarding, which included a considerable proportion of light and unfinished wethers. For these the demand was a trifle slack as compared with recent sales, but young ewes and prime wethers maintained recent values. Prime wethers, 22s to 26s 9d; light and unfinished, 18s 4d to 21s 10d; merino, 15s 6d to 18s; lighter, 12s 10d to 13s 9d; prime ewes, 20s to 25s 3d; inferior, 14s to 19s; wethers and ewes, 19s 6d to 21s.

Fat Lambs.—About 400 yarded, and sold at equivalent to last week's rates. Prices ranged from 15s 3d to 17s 6d (a few extra heavy, 25s to 28s).

Pigs.—A large entry and a ready sale for all prime sorts. Choppers, £3 15s to £5 2s 6d; baconers, 50s to 74s, equal to 5d per lb; porkers, 32s to 45s, equal to 3½d per lb.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

The entries for this week's sale were very limited, only some 20 horses coming forward, but the deficiency in respect to quantity was more than made up by the excellence of some of the animals offered, particularly in the case of draughts. The entry in this class included three of the best Clydesdale geldings that have been seen in Dunedin market this year. Mr. Charles Kerse, of Dunrobin, sent forward a pair of magnificent five-year old horses, suitable for the town lories, and for wharf-dray and tip-cart work. One realised £65 and the other £55 10s. Another exceptionally fine gelding, rising four years old, was sold at £58, and several aged horses changed hands at from £41 10s to £48. The demand for first-class young draughts is keener than ever, the supply falling far short of buyers' requirements. Not many light harness horses were offered this week, but amongst those that passed under the auctioneer's hammer was a very fine upstanding horse, rising 6yrs, broken to saddle only, at £34, and some half-dozen other useful horses, but aged, found new owners at from £17 to £23. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £50 to £55; extra good, prize horses, £56 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £37 to £50; aged do, £25 to £28; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90; strong spring-van horses, £33 to £42; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £22 to £29; tram horses, £18 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £4 to £8.

Late Burnside Stock Report

(Per favor Messrs. Donald Reid and Co.)

Fat Cattle.—204 yarded. Best bullocks, up to £12; best cows and heifers, up to £11.

Sheep.—1770 penned.—Best crossbred wethers, up to 25s 9d; best ewes, up to 22s 9d; hoggets, 18s.

Pigs.—42 forward. Suckers, 17s 6d to 19s; slips, 20s to 23s; porkers, 38s to 50s; baconers, 52s to 72s.

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