

Commercial

(For week ending September 16.)

PRODUCE.

London, September 13.—Frozen Meat—Mutton and beef quotations are unchanged. Lamb: Canterbury, 4½d; Dunedin and Southland, 4½d; North Island, 4½d. The weakness is chiefly due to damaged cargoes by the Perthshire and Banffshire.

Wellington, September 14.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, 12th inst.: 'There is a better demand for mutton, and the market is firm at the price cabled last week. The lamb market has been unfavorably affected by damaged carcasses, but the downward movement is not likely to last. The average price to-day for Canterbury lambs is 4½d per lb; brands other than Canterbury, 4½d. Beef: The market continues dull. Average price to-day. Hindquarters New Zealand beef 4d; fores, 2½d. There has been no alteration in the butter market since last week. The cheese market is firm; spot demand good. The average price to-day for finest Canadian is 53s per cwt.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 8d. butter (factory), bulk, 10½d to 11½d, pats, 11½d to 11½d cash. Eggs, 9d per dozen. Cheese (factory), 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £4 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 per ton. Flour, £10 10s to £11. Oatmeal, £8 10s to £9. Bran, £3 10s. Pollard, £4. 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, 23s; 50lb, 6s 6d. Oatmeal: 50lb, 5s 6d; 25lb, 2s 9d. Pollard, 7s per bag. Bran, 4s 6d. Chaff, 1s 9d.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Seed, 1s 10d to 2s 3d; milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d; feed, 1s 3d to 1s 7d. Wheat: Milling, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; fowls' wheat, 3s to 3s 4d. Potatoes: Derwents, £4 5s; seed kidneys, £3 10s to £4 10s. Chaff, £2 10s to £3 7s 6d. Straw: Pressed wheat, 27s 6d; oats, 30s; loose, 35s. 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, when we offered a full catalogue to a good attendance of buyers, and, under moderate competition, quitted most of the lines on offer at prices on a par with late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The market is without animation, and there is little change in values to report. Prime milling and seed lines continue to move off slowly, and for prime B grade there has been rather more inquiry, but at no improvement in value. Medium and inferior sorts are offering more plentifully at slightly reduced prices. Quotations: Best seed lines, 1s 10d to 2s 3d; 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.—Local stocks of prime quality are small, and are being readily taken up by millers. The same buyers also give more attention to medium milling lines, which for some time have been neglected, and these show most improvement in value. Fowl wheat is scarce, and commands ready sale. Quotations. Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be moderately supplied with prime Derwents, for which there is steady demand. Medium sorts are in fair supply, but not strongly competed for. Good, early seed lines are scarce and have strong inquiry. Quotations: Best seed, £4 10s to £5 10s; prime table Derwents, £4 to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; other sorts, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market is still well supplied with chaff of medium quality, for which there is only a weak demand. Prime oats sheaf is arriving in moderate quantities, and finds ready sale ex truck. Inferior sorts and straw chaff have little attention. Quotations: Prime oats sheaf, £3 to £3 5s; choice, to £3 7s 6d; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s; straw chaff, inferior and light, £1 10s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

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

Turnips.—Quotations: Best swedes, 16s per ton loose (ex truck).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Wheat.—There has been a move in this cereal. Millers and others are now inclined to do business at the following prices. Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium do, 3s 6d to 3s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 5d.

Oats.—The market continues lifeless and there is little business doing. Quotations remains the same as last report.

Chaff.—Best, £3 to £3 5s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s.

Potatoes.—Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 7s 6d; medium, £3 10s.

Straw.—Best oaten, 30s; best wheat, 27s 6d.

WOOL.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Rabbitskins.—Prices at Monday's sale were on a par with previous week's quotations, best winter greys making 15½d to 16½d; blacks, to 24½d.

Sheepskins.—Our catalogue to-day was again a large one, containing several lots of good shipping skins. Competition was keen, and all descriptions sold at prices quite up to last quotations.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—All coming to hand finds purchasers at for tallow—best, 21s to 23s; good, 19s to 20s; best rough fat, 16s to 16s 6d.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fair number of horses forward for our weekly sale last Saturday, notwithstanding the special sale of the day before. Some very fine draught geldings were offered, and most of them changed hands at splendid prices, including one five-year-old horse at £70 and one seven-year-old at £63. These were two exceptionally heavy horses, fit for show purposes. A number of medium and aged draughts were also sold at from £28 10s to £46 10s. Some good light horses were in the yard, and these also sold well, one buggy horse, six years old, finding a new owner at £30 10s, and another very nice dog-cart horse at £30. The demand for first-class young draughts and for strong young harness horses is as keen as ever, and prices in both classes are all in favor of sellers. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £55 to £65; extra good, prize horses, £66 to £80; medium draught mares and geldings, £40 to £54; aged do, £25 to £38; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £37; 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.—167 yarded. Best bullocks, up to £13; best cows and heifers, up to £11 12s 6d.

Sheep.—2198 penned. Best crossbred wethers, up to 20s 6d; best ewes, up to 22s.

Lambs.—9 penned. Best lambs, up to 15s 6d.

Pigs.—71 forward. Suckers, 14s to 17s; slips, none in market; stores, 29s to 35s; porkers, 42s to 48s 6d; baconers, 50s to 64s 6d.

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