

Commercial

For week ending September 23.

PRODUCE.

Wellington, September 20.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, September 19:—Frozen meat: The mutton market remains firm. The average prices to-day are—Canterbury brands, 4½d per lb; for Dunedin, Southland, and Wellington Export Company's brands, 4½d; for other North Island brands, 4d; ewes, 3½d; River Plate mutton, 3½d. Lamb: The market closed this week quiet, but rather steadier. The average prices to-day are—Canterbury brands, 4½d per lb; brands other than Canterbury, 4½d to 4½d. Beef: The market is improving, with a better demand. The average prices to-day are—New Zealand hindquarters, 4d to 4½d; fores, 2½d. Butter: The market is rising. The average prices are—Choicest New Zealand, 98s per cwt; Danish, 109s; Irish, 102s; Canadian, 96s; Siberian, 89s. Cheese: The market is advancing steadily. Canadian, on spot, 54s; September shipments are quoted at 57s per cwt, c.i.f.

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, 11d 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 6d. Potatoes: Derwents, £3 15s to £4 5s, seed kidneys, £3 10s to £4 10s. Chaff, £2 10s to £3 10s. Straw: Pressed wheat, 27s 6d; oaten, 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, 6d. Eggs, 11d. 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 submitted a full catalogue to a moderate attendance of buyers. For most of the lines on offer there was very little demand, and under rather languid competition the bulk of the catalogue had to be passed in. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Prime milling and seed lines continue to move off slowly at late quotations. The export demand is more than usually spasmodic. Buyers decline to purchase except to fill actual orders, which come to hand slowly, and appear difficult to secure at late ruling values. They are also more particular as to quality, and on this account rejections are more numerous, and there is a greater quantity of medium oats on the market. Quotations: 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.—There is practically no change in the market to report. Local stocks of prime milling are extremely small, and medium qualities have more attention. Fowl wheat is scarce, and commands ready sale at quotations. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; broken, damaged, and medium quality, 2s 9d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be fairly well supplied with Canterbury Derwents, in addition to which there have been arrivals of Melbourne potatoes, so that buyers have little difficulty in supplying their requirements at prices a shade below late quotations. There is fair inquiry for prime seed kidneys—up-to-dates and other early sorts—with few offerings. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; other sorts, £3 to £3 10s; best seed, £4 to £5 per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf meets with most demand, and is readily saleable at late quotations. Medium sorts are still in over-supply, and have little attention. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 5s; choice, to £3 10s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 17s 6d; straw chaff, inferior and light, £1 10s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—There are practically no supplies coming forward, and good swedes are readily saleable at 17s 6d per ton (loose, ex truck).

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

Wheat.—The improved demand lately quoted continues, and millers are more inclined to do business than for some months past. Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 6d to 3s 11d; best fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 5d; inferior and medium, 2s 9d to 3s 2d.

Oats.—The market remains as last reported, and quotations are—Best seed, 1s 9d to 2s 3d, prime milling, 1s 7½d to 1s 9d; best to good feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; medium and inferior, 1s to 1s 5½d.

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

Chaff.—Best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 5s; in some cases £3 7s 6d.

Straw.—Oaten, best, 30s; wheaten, best, 27s 6d.

WOOL.

London, September 15.—The September series of the London and colonial wool sales have opened. There was brisk competition, and prices were from par to 10 per cent. above the closing sales of the last series.

London, September 17.—The wool sales included the sale of the following clips: Longburn, 8½d; Listowel, 10½d; Moa Flat, Lincluden, 11d.

Wool is extremely animated. A large selection of crossbreds are offering. Americans are operating freely.

London, September 18.—Bradford wool is more cheerful. Forties, 12½d; forty-sixes, 14d; common sixties, 13½d; super, 25d.

London, September 19.—At the wool sales the clip branded Gore realised 9½d, and that branded St. Clair 9½d.

At the wool auction the sales were very strong in all classes, particularly crossbreds, which showed an upward tendency. The Kaware clip realised 9½d.

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

Rabbitskins.—At yesterday's sale there was a full attendance of buyers and competition all round was keen. Best winters were a shade easier, and second winters and blacks a shade higher. We sold—Prime winter greys, mixed bucks and does, at 15½d; second winters, 11½d to 13½d; autumns, 11½d to 12d; springs, 6½d to 9d; summers, 7d to 7½d; blacks, 12½d to 27½d.

Sheepskins.—At to-day's sale we submitted a fair sized catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Prices were on the whole equal to last week, shipping lines, as usual, meeting with most demand. Merinos, best, brought 6d to 6½d; halibreds, best, 6½d to 7d; crossbreds, best, 5½d to 6½d.

Hides.—At last Tuesday's sale prices were easier, although still above those ruling at Sydney and Melbourne. We catalogued 422, and actual prices paid were as follows: Prime heavy ox hides, 5½d to 5½d; medium to good ox hides, 4½d to 5½d; light and inferior do, 2½d to 4½d; prime cow hides, 4½d to 4½d; medium to good do, 4d to 4½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 3½d; horse hides, 1s to 6s 3d each; yearlings, 2s to 3s 1d; calfskins, 6d to 2s 3d.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report on last week.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

Nine draughts and 17 hacks and harness horses constituted the supply for this week's sale. For the draughts there was a very keen demand, and all of them changed hands as follows: Powerful bay gelding, seven years (shafter), £62; do, six years, £60; active tip-cart gelding, four years, £59; nuggety cart gelding, eight years, £56; very powerful lorry horse, aged, £53; aged draught mare, £36; aged draught gelding, £30; light draught gelding, aged, £29; very small aged mare, £25. The light horses offered were a very poor lot, and about one dozen of them changed hands at from £7 10s to £12. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £55 to £65; extra good, prize horses, £65 to £80; medium draught mares and geldings, £40 to £54; aged do, 28 to £38; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £35 to £40; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £22 to £34; tram horses, £16 to £28; light hacks, £12 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £10.

ADDINGTON STOCK SALES.

Fat Cattle.—266 head came forward, including a large proportion of prime steers. The tone of the market was decidedly easier, and as owners were not prepared to accept a reduction many lots were passed. Beef ranged from 28s to 35s per 100lb. Steers realised, £7 15s to