

# Commercial

(For week ending October 13.)

## PRODUCE.

Wellington, October 12.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, October 10:— 'There is dull sale for all classes of mutton. The price for New Zealand is steady, but quotations for River Plate have been reduced ¼d per lb. The lamb market is quiet but firm, the average price to-day for Canterbury brands being 4½d to 5d; brands other than Canterbury, 4½d to 4¾d. Beef is in better demand, and the average price to-day is—New Zealand hinds, 4d; fores, 2½d. The butter market is steady, and good quality New Zealand is in fair demand at 100s to 104s per cwt; for secondary quality the demand is very slow at 90s to 96s; Danish is unchanged. The cheese market is not quite so firm. Finest Canadian on spot is quoted at 55s per cwt, c.i.f. Quotations for Canadian Cheese have fallen 53s to 54s.'

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 8d; butter factory, bulk, 10½d to 11½d; pats, 11½d to 11¾d 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, £10 10s to £11. Oatmeal, £8 to £8 10s. Bran, £3. 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; 25lb, 2s 6d. Pollard, 7s per bag. Bran, 4s. 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; 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, 6d. Eggs, 10d. Onions: Melbourne, £5.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce on Monday. There was a fair attendance of buyers, but competition was slack, and a slow sale resulted. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week a fair export trade has been done, but business has only been possible at low values and last week's quotations are barely maintained. Prime bright oats are not over-plentiful, but inferior sorts are offering freely, and as exporters do not care to take the risk of shipping this class of oats, they are extremely difficult to quit. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; inferior and medium, 1s to 1s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—A moderate business has been done in good prime milling sorts. These, however, are not plentiful, and for medium quality there has been little inquiry. Fowl wheat is offering more freely at a slight reduction in value. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 5d to 3s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is not heavily supplied, but good to prime Derwents are offering more freely from Canterbury, and late quotations are barely maintained. We quote: Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d, other sorts, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Prime oatsen sheaf continues to meet with most inquiry, but the demand for all sorts is a shade weaker. Inferior and medium sorts are still almost unsaleable. We quote: Best oatsen sheaf, £3 to £3 5s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s; straw chaff, inferior and light, £1 10s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co report as follows:—Oats.—Very little demand for milling sorts and no shipping doing. The outlook is anything but promising. Lower figures are being accepted for medium and inferior sorts. Prime milling, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5½d to 1s 6d; inferior to medium, 1s to 1s 4½d (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There has been fair inquiry for medium sorts. Very little prime milling offering. Fowl wheat offering freely at lower rates. Prime milling, 4s to 4s 1d; me-

dium do, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s to 3s (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Market easier this week and over-supplied. Best oatsen sheaf, £2 17s 6d to £3 2s 6d; medium to good, £2 7s 6d to £2 15s; inferior and light, £1 10s to £2 5s.

Potatoes.—Fair supplies of Derwents. Seed lines inquired for. Best Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; seed lines, £4 to £6.

## WOOL.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows:—Sheepskins.—In sympathy with wool reports all sorts are meeting excellent demand and selling at very full rates.

Rabbitskins.—A distinct improvement is shown for winters and second-grade skins and values all round are firmer. Winter blacks, to 27½d; greys, 17d; others in proportion.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

## LIVE STOCK.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report holding their monthly sale at Waikouaiti on the 8th inst., when they submitted 74 head of cattle on account of nine different vendors. The attendance was good and a fair sale resulted, although competition lacked the animation of a month ago for most sorts, really good cows being the most marked exception. Values ruled as follows: Cows, to £8 12s 6d; young steers and heifers, £5, £4 11s, and £3 15s; yearlings and calves, £3 1s, £2 19s, £2 8s; bulls, £3 4s; horses, £11 14s.

## DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fair number of horses forward for this week's sale, including consignments of both draught and harness horses from the country. The demand was brisk for both classes, and nearly every horse in the yards found a new owner at prices fully up to recent quotations. In draughts the following sales were effected:—viz, bay gelding, five years, at £59; bay gelding, seven years, at £56; and six aged but fresh horses at £51, £49, £46, £44, £37, and £33 respectively. Strong harness horses sold uncommonly well, 14 changing hands at from £17 to £31 10s. A number of aged hacks and harness horses were also sold at prices ranging from £7 to £13. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £54 to £65; extra good, prize horses, £65 to £80; medium draught mares and geldings, £40 to £50; aged do, £25 to £38; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £40; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £38; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; tram horses, £16 to £30; 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 comparatively a small yarding at Addington to-day, and the attendance of buyers was less than usual.

Fat Cattle.—174 head was yarded, the bulk being steers. The sale opened dull, and though it improved later on the market as a whole was easier than for the previous week. Steers realised £7 15s to £12; heifers, £6 5s to £10 10s; cows, £6 5s to £10 15s. Beef, 28s to 33s per 100lb.

Fat Sheep.—The entry was again limited, and included a large proportion of half fat wethers. Competition was exceptionally keen, and prices showed an advance on the previous week's rates. Wethers, extra prime, 27s to 28s 6d; prime, 22s 6d to 26s 6d; others, 19s 9d to 22s; prime merino wethers 20s to 24s; lighter, 16s to 19s 2d; ewes, 19s 9d to 24s.

Fat Lambs.—86 yarded, and realised from 12s 6d to 21s 6d.

Store Sheep.—Only 800 came forward, and every lot sold readily. Ewes and lambs, all counted, 10s 9d to 11s; wethers, 18s 3d to 20s 6d; hoggets, 15s 9d to 18s 4d.

Pigs.—A fair entry and keen inquiry. Baconers, 45s to 68s, equal to 5d to 5½d per lb; porkers, 36s to 43s, equal to 5½d to 6d per lb.

At this season everybody is liable to Coughs and Colds. Avoid all danger by taking TUSSICURA.—\*\*\*

The train arrangements in connection with Oamaru races, to be held on October 21 and 22, are advertised in this issue.