

COMMERCIAL

The High Commissioner cabled on May 29 (note that the quotations, unless otherwise specified, are the average market prices on spot):—

The demand for meat has fallen off considerably on account of the high prices, but the market is firm, and prices continue to advance, owing to the short supply available for the general public.

Mutton.—Canterbury, 6½d; North Island, 6½d; ewes, 6d.

Lamb.—Canterbury, 8½d for all weights: second grade, 8d; other than Canterbury, 8½d for best quality: second grade, 7½d.

Beef.—New Zealand beef not quoted. There is a moderate supply of chilled at: Hinds, 8½d; fores, 6½d.

Butter.—Market, quiet; may go lower. Danish, 148s to 150s; New Zealand, 142s to 144s; Australian, 138s to 140s; Siberian, not quoted; Irish creamery (Government buying continues), 140s to 144s; Argentine, 138s to 140s.

Cheese.—Market very firm on account of the difficulty of obtaining supplies. Canadian last season's make is cleared, and this season's make is not yet available. The New Zealand market is firm, and prices continue to advance. White and colored, 98s to 100s; United States, clearing on arrival at 88s to 91s, according to quality and size; English Cheddar, not quoted.

Hemp.—Market quiet, with a tendency in favor of buyers. New Zealand good fair grade, £32 10s; fair, £30 10s; fair current Manila, £39; June to August shipment, good fair, £32; fair, £30; fair current Manila, £38 10s. The output from Manila for the week was 28,000 bales.

Hops.—Market steady, and holders are firm. English, 105s to 80s; Californian, 95s to 65s.

Wheat.—Market becoming more depressed on account of very moderate demand. Prices are nominal. Canadian, on passage, nothing offering here: May to June shipment, 64s; American, July August shipment, 53s 6d; Argentine, on passage, 63s.

Oats.—Market dull. There is very little business doing. Argentine, on spot, 30s; May-June shipment, 29s.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, June 1, 1915, as follows:

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, 7th inst. Sheepskins.—We held our fortnightly sale to-day, and offered a full catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was keen, and prices were fully as good as last sale, if not a shade better. Best halfbred, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; best coarse crossbred, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; best fine crossbred, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; best merino, 7½d to 8½d; medium, 6½d to 7d; best pelts, to 9½d; lambskins, 9½d to 10½d; hoggets, to 11½d per lb.

Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Friday, 4th inst. Oats.—There is a keen demand. Shippers are offering freely and prices have shown a slight advance since last week's report. Prime milling, 4s 1d to 4s 2d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 1d; inferior to medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—There is a better inquiry, more especially for good milling samples. Prime milling velvet, 6s 10d to 6s 11d; Tuscan and red wheats, 6s 8d to 6s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d per bushel (sacks extra). Chaff.—The market is firm and there is a strong inquiry for prime samples. Choice lines, to £7; prime oaten sheaf, £6 10s to £6 15s; medium to good, £6 to £6 7s 6d per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—Small consignments have been coming forward of late, and the market shows a slight advance more especially for prime samples. Best tables, £4 15s to £5; choice, to £5 2s 6d; medium to good, £4 7s 6d to £4 12s 6d per ton (sacks in).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—We held our weekly sale of grain and produce on Monday, when values ruled as under:—Oats.—The advance reported last week has been well maintained, and there is ready

sale at quotations for all good lots offering. Special seed lines also have good inquiry. Prime milling, 4s 1d to 4s 2d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 1d; inferior to medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Prime milling lots meet with better demand. A large proportion of the latter threshed lines are barely in milling condition, and these are not readily dealt with. Choice lots, however, are readily taken up by millers. Fowl wheat is fairly plentiful, and meets moderate demand. Prime milling velvet, 6s 10d to 6s 11d; Tuscan, etc., 6s 8d to 6s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d; medium, 6s to 6s 4d per bushel (sacks extra). Potatoes.—There is a better tone in the market, due chiefly to the prospect of a little export trade being done. Only prime, sound, well-picked lines will be considered by purchasers, and so far only a moderate quantity is required. Best table potatoes, £4 15s to £5; choice, to £5 2s 6d per ton (sacks included). Chaff.—With strong inquiry from shippers, all good to prime lots offering continue to meet with ready sale at prices somewhat in advance of late quotations. Inferior and discolored lines are not in request, but straw chaff meets good demand. Best oaten sheaf, £6 10s to £6 15s; choice, £6 17s 6d to £7; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 5s; straw chaff—oaten £3 5s to £3 10s, wheaten £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

The following further sums, in addition to those published in our issue of April 29, have been received by the Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., as a result of the collection in the diocese of Dunedin for the Belgians:—

Riverton	£37	5	6
Ranfurly	35	0	9
J. Keenan, Tuapeka (per Mgr. O'Leary)	0	10	0
Mornington Sunday School children	0	5	0

The above is a second subscription for the same object from the Catholics of Ranfurly, who contributed £81 18s 10d to the local fund. The amount collected in Invercargill, £64, was sent to his Eminence Cardinal Logue.

POLISH RELIEF FUND

We have received the following subscriptions for the Polish relief fund:

'Colleen Bawn'	£10	0	0
Mr. Patrick Gleeson, Auckland	10	10	0
'A Sincere Friend'	5	0	0
Mrs. Moir, Balclutha	5	0	0
'Teddy Bear'	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bourke, Wellington	2	2	0
E. Fitzpatrick, Garden road, Epsom	2	2	0
T. Hynes, Riccarton	1	0	0
Noel and Julie O'Kane, Alexandra	1	0	0
J.C.S.	1	0	0
M. Smolenski, Burkes	1	0	0
Mrs. Woodcock, Invercargill	0	10	0
Miss K. Coughlan, Invercargill	0	10	0
'1683'	0	10	0
Mrs. Gallagher (per Little Sisters of the Poor)	0	8	0

CRUSADE OF RESCUE

We have received the following subscription for Father Bann's Crusade of Rescue, London:—

C. Dolan, Beach road, Hawera	£0	10	0
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Bombs thrown from airships generally explode by contact with the ground or with some building. The projectiles are capable of doing much damage, as they weigh a hundredweight, and contain lyddite, which hurls fragments of the iron casing of the bomb for long distances.