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## Commercial

### PRODUCE

The High Commissioner's cable, under date London, April 26:—

Mutton.—The market is a shade weaker. Quotations: Canterbury, 4½d per lb; North Island, 4½d.

Lamb.—Market quiet and steady. The stock is small, and holders are firm, high prices restricting business. Canterbury, 6½d; other than Canterbury, 6¾d.

Beef.—Market quiet, with fair demand. New Zealand F. B. S., 4d; fores, 3¾d.

Butter.—The market is steady, with a good demand, and prices are well maintained. Choicest New Zealand, 113s per cwt salted, 115s unsalted; Australian, 109s; Argentine, 106s; Danish, 120s; Siberian, 106s.

Cheese.—The market is quiet and rather steadier, with a better demand. New Zealand, 58s 6d.

Hemp.—Market dull; very little business doing. The market is weaker, with the tendency downward. Spot New Zealand good fair, £32 per ton; fair, £28 10s; fair current Manila, £33.

Messrs Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce on Monday, when values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Samples are offering more freely from southern districts. There is a fair export demand at late quotations, but during the past week the operations of a few speculators at advanced prices have put shippers out of the local market, as they can supply their requirements on better terms at other centres. Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Millers have a strong preference for prime velvet, which is offering sparingly. Velvet ear is in rather more favor than it has been, and Tuscan, if prime, is also more saleable. Fowl wheat is scarce, and has good demand. Prime milling velvet, 3s 11d to 4s 1d; Tuscan, etc., 3s 8½d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be well supplied, and as the export demand is quiet, there has been a slackening in values. Best table potatoes, £4 15s; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 12s 6d per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—Heavier supplies are coming forward. All prime lots find ready buyers at quotations, but inferior quality is not in request. Best oaten sheaf, £4 5s to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; light and discolored, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, April 29, 1913, as follows:—

Oats.—A good number of samples are coming to hand, but speculators are offering higher prices than shippers. Prices are very firm. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d; inferior, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is a good demand for prime velvet, but red varieties are not inquired for. There is also a good demand for good fowl wheat. Quotations:

Prime milling velvet, 3s 11d to 4s 1d; Tuscan, 3s 8½d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is well supplied and prices for prime quality have eased slightly. Inferior quality is not in request. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £4 5s to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; light and discolored, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Large quantities are coming forward and prices have eased. Best table potatoes, £4 10s to £4 15s; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 10s per ton (sacks in).

### WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a very large catalogue at yesterday's sale. There was a good attendance of buyers and competition was very keen. Quotations: Incoming, 16½d to 17½d; autumns, 15½d to 16½d; early autumns, 15d to 16½d; best racks, 12½d to 13½d; light racks, to 12½d; spring does and bucks, 10d to 12½d; small, 6d to 9½d; horsehair, to 20½d per lb; catskins, to 10d each.

Sheepskins.—We offered a medium catalogue at to-day's sale. Competition was much on a par with last sale, and prices showed no change. Quotations: Best halfbred, 8½d to 9½d; medium to good, 7½d to 8½d; best fine crossbred, 8d to 8½d; best coarse crossbred, 8d to 8½d; medium to good, 7½d to 7¾d; dead and inferior, 6d to 7½d; best lambskins, 7½d to 8½d; medium to good, 6½d to 7½d; best merino, 7d to 8½d; good, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 3½d to 4½d.

Hides.—We held a fortnightly hide sale on Thursday last when we offered a medium catalogue. Prices for all good lines were much on a par with late sales, but inferior lots had not the same competition. Quotations: Extra stout heavy ox hides, to 12d; stout heavy ox hides, 9½d to 10½d; heavy do, 9d to 9½d; medium, 8½d to 8¾d; light weight, 8d to 8¾d; extra stout heavy cow hides, to 9½d; stout heavy do, 6½d to 8½d; heavy, 8½d to 8¾d; medium, 8½d to 8¾d; light, 8d to 8½d; damaged and inferior cow and ox hides, 5d to 7½d; best calfskins, to 11d; medium, 10d to 10½d; damaged and inferior, 7½d to 9d; best yearlings, 8½d to 8¾d; medium, 8d to 8½d; bull hides, light, to 6½d; medium, 5½d to 6½d; horse hides, to 12s 6d each.

### Methven

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 24.

At a meeting held here on April 27 to form a branch of the Catholic Federation, 70 members were enrolled, with every prospect of the membership reaching 100 eventually. Mr. T. Dowling proposed that the branch be formed, and spoke strongly to the point. He was ably seconded by Mr. H. Cullen. The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. Dr. Kennedy; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Dowling and H. Cullen; committee, Messrs. Buckley, H. Cullen, D. McKendry, Denis McKendry, T. Dowling, P. McNeil, T. Maguire, T. Twomey, J. Cullen, and Misses Dowling, Cullen, and Twomey; representatives to the conference—Messrs. T. Dowling, J. Buckley; treasurer, Mr. D. McKendry; secretary, Mr. J. H. Poff.

### Manunui

The new church at Manunui, which was recently blessed and opened by his Lordship Bishop Cleary, is a very neat building in the Gothic style of architecture. It is 45 x 25 feet, with a sanctuary 14 x 14 feet. The altar, which was designed, built, and presented by Mr. D. Jerichovich, is a gem of Romanesque design, with insets of oil paintings—the Sacred Heart and the Last Supper. His Lordship spoke in very complimentary terms regarding the artistic style of the altar, which, he said, set a high standard for imitation.

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