

Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, July 7.

The High Commissioner cabled from London on July 5:—

Mutton.—Market firm; no change in prices except for heavy weights, which may be quoted at 1-16d higher. Canterbury, 4½d; light weight, as high as 4¾d; heavy weight, 4¾d; North Island, 4¼d.

Lamb.—Market weak, with a downward tendency. Prices have declined 1½d per lb for best quality. There is a dull sale for heavy carcasses of lamb. Canterbury two's, 6d; heavy weight (fours), 5d; other than Canterbury, 5½d.

Beef.—Market firm. There is a poorer demand for fores. New Zealand hinds, 4½d; fores, 3½d; chilled hinds, 5 5-16d.

Butter.—Market quiet; no change in prices.

Cheese.—Market firm, and prices continue to advance. There is a good demand for New Zealand cheese, first-hand stocks of which are practically cleared. New Zealand white, 65s 6d; colored, 63s 6d; Canadian (new make), finest white and colored, 63s to 65s.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

Oats.—The market is quiet. Shippers are operating to a small extent in Gartons and Sparrowbills, but vendors generally are not disposed to quit their holdings at current prices. The bulk of the business is therefore confined to local sales and seed lines. Prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—In milling quantities, only moderate business is passing. Prime velvet and velvet ear are readily saleable, but Tuscan is in over supply, and not in request. Good old fowl wheat meets with fair demand. Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; Tuscan, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5½d; medium, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Most of the consignments coming to hand are in medium condition only, and realise about £3 10s to £3 15s; good-conditioned lines are worth £4 to £4 7s 6d, while choice lots coming forward would probably sell at £4 10s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Heavy supplies are still coming in, and prices have inevitably suffered to some extent. The demand is chiefly for prime oatens sheaf, which sells at £4 to £4 2s 6d, while choice black oat is worth £4 5s. Medium to good is offering plentifully at £3 10s to £3 15s per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, July 8, 1913 as follows:—

Oats.—The market is very quiet as there is very little shipping demand and holders are firm. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is a fair demand for prime velvet but red wheats are not inquired for. Good whole fowl wheat meets with a ready sale. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; Tuscan, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Large consignments are coming to hand and prices have eased considerably. Medium quality is practically unsaleable. Quotations: Prime oatens sheaf, £3 15s to £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes.—There is very little demand and prices have receded further. The majority coming to hand are very badly graded. Quotations: Prime, £4 to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s per ton (sacks in).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We held our weekly rabbitskin sale yesterday when we submitted a large catalogue. Competition was keen and prices in some cases showed a rise on last week's values, and all other lots were firm at late rates. We offered a prime line of opossum skins and these sold up to 7s 8d each, averaging just on 6s for the consignment. Quotations: Prime winter does, 37½d to 40½; prime winter bucks, 26d to 32½d; second winter bucks, 22½d to 28½d; early winters, 19d to 20½d; autumns, to 18½d; early autumns, to 16½d; racks, to 13½d; light racks, to 12½d; summers, to 13½d; broken, 11d to 17½d; prime winter blacks, 33½d to 39d; autumn blacks, to 22d; fawns, 20d to 24½d; horsehair, 17d to 22½d; hareskins, 12d to 19d per lb. Catskins, 9½d to 13d each; opossum skins, from 4s to 9s 1d each.

Sheepskins.—We offered a medium catalogue at to-day's sale and all on sale were eagerly competed for. Prices were fully up to last sale's rates. Quotations: Best halfbred, 9d to 9¾d; medium to good, 8½d to 8¾d; best fine crossbred, 8½d to 8¾d; best coarse crossbred, 8d to 8½d; medium, 7d to 7¾d; best dead halfbred, 7½d to 8½d; crossbred, 6½d to 7d; medium, 4½d to 5½d; best pelts, to 6¾d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; best merino, 7¾d to 8½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6¾d; lambskins, to 8¾d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly hide sale on Thursday the 3rd inst. Competition was not so keen and prices showed a drop of from about ½d per lb as compared with last sale. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 8d to 8¾d; heavy, 7½d to 7¾d; medium weight, 6¾d to 7½d; light weight, 6¾d to 7¾d; best heavy cow hides, 7½d to 7¾d; medium, 7d to 7¾d; damaged and inferior cow and ox hides, 5½d to 7d; cut, 5½d to 6¾d; bull and stag hides, 5½d to 6d; best calfskins, 10d to 10½d; medium, 9d to 9½d; damaged and inferior, 4½d to 7d; yearlings, to 7d per lb.

OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL TYNAN, DUNEDIN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Michael Tynan, who passed away at his residence, Dowling street, Dunedin, on Tuesday afternoon at the age of 81 years. The deceased, who was a native of Ireland, arrived in Australia in the early days of the gold discoveries, and from there came over to Otago, where he engaged in gold digging for some time. Later on he entered into business at Outram, and about twenty years ago came to reside in Dunedin. The late Mr. Tynan was twice married, and was predeceased by his second wife by about two years. He was an invalid for some time. The funeral takes place this morning from St. Joseph's Cathedral for the Southern Cemetery.—R.I.P.

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