

Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, July 21.

The following cablegram has been received from the New Zealand High Commissioner, dated London, July 19:—

Mutton.—Market a shade weaker. Prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ d for light-weight Canterbury and 1-16d for all grades North Island. Canterbury, 4 5-16d; do light-weight, 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ d; North Island, 4 3-16d.

Lamb.—Market weak; prices declined. Canterbury twos, 5 11-16d; heavy-weight, unchanged at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; other than Canterbury, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Beef.—Market firm; no change in prices. Chilled—Hinds 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d, fores 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Butter.—Market dull and demand slow; no change in prices.

Cheese.—Market quiet for New Zealand, and trade slow for Canadian. New Zealand, white, 66s 6d; do colored, 65s 6d; Canadian, finest white and colored, 64s 6d.

Wheat.—Market quiet, quotations nominal. New Zealand long-berried, ex granary, per quarter of 496lb, 39s to 39s 6d. The value to-day of new crop for shipment is 35s to 35s 6d per quarter of 480lb, c.i.f.

Peas.—Market quiet, with poor demand on account of high prices.

Oats.—Market quiet but firm. New Zealand oats (Danish), ex granary, per quarter of 320lb, 21s 6d. The value to-day of A Gartons (new crop) is 23s.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce on Monday.

Oats.—There is practically no change to report. Prime Gartons and sparrowbills are in fair demand for export, but most of the lines in stores are firmly held at prices rather above buyers' limits. Medium and inferior lines are moving off for local use. Prime milling, 2s 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Local millers, although not buying keenly, are ready buyers of prime velvet ear. Tuscan has also had more attention at quotations during the past week. Fowl wheat is fairly plentiful, and only best quality is readily placed. Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 8d to 3s 10d; Tuscan, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium, 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).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be fully supplied, and in the absence of any export demand, prices have declined to some extent. Best table potatoes, £3 10s to £3 15s; choice, to £4; medium, £3 to £3 5s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—Consignments are not coming forward so freely, but stocks in store are fairly heavy. Prime oaten sheaf is in most favor and sells at £4 to £4 2s 6d. Choice black oat, to £4 5s. Medium to good, with moderate demand, £3 10s to £3 15s. Light and discolored is difficult to quit at £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, July 22, 1913, as follows:—

Oats.—There is very little demand and very few lines are offering. Medium and inferior lots are hard of sale. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little demand for velvet, but velvet ear and Tuscan are meeting with better inquiry. Good fowl wheat is readily sold. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 8d to 3s 10d; Tuscan, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium wheat, 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.—Consignments have eased slightly, but there is still a large quantity in store. Medium and inferior chaff is not inquired for. Prime oaten sheaf, to £4; medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £3 17s 6d; light and discolored, £2 10s to £3 per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There is very little demand and consignments are coming to hand freely. Prices have declined fully 5s per ton. Best table potatoes, £3 10 to £3 15s; medium, £3 to £3 5s per ton (sacks in).

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a very large catalogue at yesterday's sale. There was very keen competition and prices were fully up to the sales of a fortnight ago. Second winter bucks and does showed a substantial rise. Quotations: Extra prime winter does, to 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; prime winter does, 38d to 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; good, 35d to 37d; prime winter bucks, 26d to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; good, 22d to 25d; second winter does, 25d to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; second winter bucks, 19d to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; incoming winters, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 21d; best autumns, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; early autumns, 16d to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; springs, to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; best summers, 12d to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; prime racks, 13d to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; light racks, to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; small, to 8d; hawk torn, 12d to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; silver greys, to 49d; best winter blacks, to 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; autumn blacks, 20d to 24d; fawns, 22d to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; hare-skins, to 24d per lb. Catskins, 9d to 12d each. Horse-hair, to 19d per lb. Best opossum skins, to 9s 6d; good, 6s 6d to 8s 6d; inferior and small, 3s 6d to 5s each.

Sheepskins.—There was a good attendance of buyers at to-day's sale but bidding was very slack. Prices for good lines were fully up to late rates, but dead and inferior skins showed a considerable drop. Quotations: Prime halfbred, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to 9d; good, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; best fine crossbred, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; best coarse crossbred, 8d to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; medium, 7d to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; best dead halfbred, 7d to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; crossbred, 6d to 7d; medium, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; best pelts, to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium to good, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; best merino, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; medium to good, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; lambskins, to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly hide sale on Thursday the 17th inst., when we submitted a medium catalogue. Competition was not brisk and prices showed a considerable drop. Quotations: Extra stout heavy ox hides, 9d to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; stout heavy, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; heavy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; medium weight, 7d to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; light-weight, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; stout heavy cow hides, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 8d; heavy do, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; light, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; damaged and inferior ox and cow hides, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; bull and stag hides, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6d; best calfskins, 10d to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; medium, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; inferior, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb.

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