

Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, October 6.—The High Commissioner cabled on October 4 as follows:—

Mutton.—Market not quite so firm. Prices have declined, except for very best quality. Canterbury, 4½d; North Island, 4 7-16d.

Lamb.—Market weaker, slightly lower. Holders seem to be losing confidence owing to large Australian shipments. Canterbury twos, 5½d; heavy-weight fours, 5d; other than Canterbury, 5 3-16d.

Beef.—Market steady; no change in prices, except for chilled hinds at 4½d.

Butter.—Market quiet, but firm. No change in prices. A good demand continues for choicest. Quotations: Australian, 112s to 116s; Argentine, 120s to 122s.

Cheese.—Market quieter; no change in prices.

Hemp.—Market continues dull. Fair current Manila, £30 for all positions. Reports from Manila indicate that prices are about £1 higher than at this end. New Zealand hemp has been in better demand during the week, but transactions are light owing to absence of offers from the Dominion.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

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

Oats.—The demand for milling quality is being supplied chiefly with prime Gartons for direct consignment from country stations, as local stocks of this class are low. The export trade is quiet, and the local demand is being filled mostly with B grade oats (ex store). Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 2½d; good to best feed, 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Local stocks are light, and all classes of milling wheat have better inquiry. Best whole fowl wheat meets with ready sale at quotations, but lower grades are not so strongly competed for. Prime milling velvet, 4s 1d to 4s 2½d; velvet ear, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, etc., 3s 9d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 6½d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is moderately supplied—mostly with medium quality. Best table potatoes are not so plentiful and sell at about £2 10s to £2 15s. Medium quality are offering freely at £2 to £2 7s 6d, while consignments in poor condition are worth £1 10s to £1 15s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Heavier supplies have come forward, but for prime oaten sheaf values are fairly well maintained. Consignments in indifferent condition are not so readily dealt with. Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; choice black oat, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; light and discolored, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, October 7, as follows:—

Oats.—There is a fair demand for prime milling quality, but prices seem to be too high for shipping buyers. Medium and inferior quality is not inquired for. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 2½d; good to best feed, 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is a fair demand, and prime lines meet with a ready sale. Whole fowl wheat is readily sold but inferior quality is harder to place. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s 1d to 4s 2½d; velvet ear, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 6½d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Supplies are heavy and prices have receded somewhat. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; light and dis-

colored, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Fair supplies are coming to hand and the market shows a little improvement. Quotations: Best table potatoes, £2 10s to £2 15s; medium, £2 to £2 7s 6d per ton (sacks in).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at yesterday's sale to a good attendance of buyers. Competition was very brisk but prices showed a drop of 1d to 1½d per lb. Skins are now going off very fast. Quotations: Prime winter does, 36d to 38½d; good, 30d to 33d; second winter does, 22½d to 26d; prime bucks, to 27½d; good do, 21d to 23d; second winter bucks, 18d to 20d; outgoing, 16d to 16½d; incoming, 17d to 18½d; autumns, 17d to 18d; early autumns, 15d to 16½d; best broken and hawk torn, 15d to 16½d; medium, 9d to 13d; prime racks, to 13½d; light racks, to 12½d; summers, 10d to 12d; small, to 8d; super winter blacks, 40d to 42½d; second winter blacks, 25d to 29½d; best fawns, to 26½d; shocks, to 5½d; best hareskins, 18d to 20d; best catskins, 11d to 16½d each, small 4d to 8d each. Horsehair, 17d to 18½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at today's sale, this being the day of the monthly wool sale. Bidding was very slack, and although prime lines sold up to late rates, medium and inferior lots were very dull of sale. Quotations: Prime halfbred, 8½d to 8½d; good, 7½d to 8½d; inferior, 6½d to 7½d; best fine crossbred, 7½d to 8½d; best coarse crossbred, 7½d to 7½d; medium and inferior crossbred, 5½d to 6½d; best pelts, 4d to 5½d; medium, 2d to 3d; best merino, 7d to 7½d; good, 6½d to 6½d; inferior, 4d to 5½d.

Hides.—Our next hide sale will be held on Thursday, 9th inst.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

October 5.

Mr. G. Pallairet, a well known musician of Gisborne, has been appointed conductor of St. Mary's Choir, in place of Mr. F. Hale resigned.

The Jubilee was concluded here on Sunday. A large number approached the Holy Table, and made the necessary visits to secure the plenary indulgence. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed from the second Mass until after Vespers, after which there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

The many friends of Rev. Father Carran will hear with regret that he has not benefited by the change to a more congenial climate.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

M.B., Invercargill.—The address (for packages) is Catholic Mission, Yule Island, Papua. Donations in money should be sent to Rev. L. Martin, Kilmore, Victoria, who will duly forward them. Packages are conveyed from Australia through Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Bridge street, Sydney; and care should be taken to see that all packages are prepaid.

Several tests of the use of engine kerosene from the Taranaki New Zealand Oil Wells Company's refinery in milking machine engines have been made during the past week, with such satisfactory results that several substantial orders for engine kerosene have been received in consequence. The demand for refined products from the company's works remains strong. During the last week several large orders have been received, and they will be filled this week. The company has received one definite order of 5000 gallons of fuel oil, with a request for a further 50,000 gallons for the same company.