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## Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LAND ASSOCIATION LIMITED, report for week ending February 28, as follows:—

**Store Cattle.**—There is no change of any consequence to note in the position of the market in respect to these, a very satisfactory demand is experienced and late prices are being fairly well maintained, grown bullocks fetching £6 10s to £8 10s; Cows at £3 15s to £5 10s; heifers, £3 10s to £5 12s 6d; yearlings, 37s 6d to 46s.

**Store Sheep.**—There is a large supply of these now in the market, and, provided sellers are disposed to trust buyers, a considerable amount of business will eventuate. While good young sheep have the preference, sound mouthed aged sorts are saleable. There is a slightly better inquiry now springing up, and buyers prepared to operate freely in two, four, and six tooth crossbred wethers at from 9s to 12s; young crossbred ewes, 9s 6d to 12s; merino wethers, full mouth, 3s to 4s 3d; merino ewes, do, 3s 6d to 5s.

**Sheepskins.**—We catalogued for our weekly sale on Tuesday a moderate number of skins both dry and green. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium brought 1s 9d to 3s; do do merino, 1s 7d to 2s; medium to full woolled crossbreds, 2s 2d to 1s 6d; best, 4s 9d to 5s 3d; extra heavy 5s 6d to 5s 9d; full-woolled merinos, good, 2s 1d to 3s 6d; best, 3s 8d to 4s 6d; dry pelts, 1s to 1s 4d; green crossbred pelts best, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; extra prime, 1s 10d to 2s; medium to good, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; green lambskins, best, 2s to 2s 3d; medium to good, 1s 5d to 1s 10d each.

**Rabbitekins.**—The business now done in the local market is somewhat limited only small lots and mostly of inferior quality, and while a moderate demand is experienced the depressing tone of the market at home is very much reflected in the local market. Good spring skins this week only fetching 6d to 7d; summer, 5d to 6d; suckers half grown and inferior, 1d to 4d per lb.

**Hides.**—This market shows no change since we last reported, all consignments are saleable at late rates say for good conditioned (clean and free from scars) ox hides 60lbs and over, 2½d to 3d; medium, 1½d to 2d; inferior and light, 1s to 1½d per lb.

**Tallow.**—A steady demand exists for all coming to market. Best rendered mutton, 20s to 22s; medium to good, 18s 6d to 20s 6d; inferior to medium, 14s to 17s 6d; best fresh mutton tallow, 14s to 14s 6d; medium to good, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; inferior to medium, 11s to 12s 3d per cwt.

**Wheat.**—The tone of the market remains much in the same position, rather depressed. There is a very considerable amount of indisposition shown on the part of buyers to make purchases pending the arrival of the new crop. We quote as before say for good to best milling, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; extra prime veller a shade more, medium to good, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; inferior to medium, 2s to 2s 5d; ex store, sacks weighed in, terms.

**Oats.**—This market weekly shows less animation, both feed and milling gradually becoming of less value. Stocks, however are within small compass, and with but few arriving in most instances holders manage to secure prices nearly up to those last quoted. Danieb, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; best feed and milling, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; medium to good, 1s 8d to 1s 9d, ex store, sacks extra, net.

**Barley.**—Owing to the absence of supplies there is no business of any consequence being done. Good malting can be placed, but in the absence of transactions quotations are merely nominal. Best malting, 3s 9d to 4s; medium to good 3s 3d to 3s 6d; milling, 2s 6d to 3s; feed, 1s 9d to 2s 3d, ex store, sacks extra, terms.

**Grass Seed.**—There is no improvement to note in the demand for ryegrass seed, a large quantity of which is now coming to hand and in a very unsatisfactory condition, hardly any turning out equal to samples forwarded previously by the growers. Short shotty clean seed is saleable but buyers are not now disposed to purchase any that require to be machine dressed, except at prices showing a very substantial reduction on those paid at the opening of the season. Best machine dressed, 3s to 3s 3d; extra choice, guaranteed perennial,

3s 6d to 4s 6d; farmers' dressed, best, 2s 3d to 2s 7d; extra clean, a shade more; inferior to medium, with the usual mixture of sorrel, etc., 1s 6d to 2s, ex store, sacks extra net. —Cocksfoot: There is very little of the new seed yet to hand, but growers are very hopeful of higher prices as the demand opens. Last year's seed, some of which is yet on hand is selling at 3½d to 4½d per lb, net.

**Potatoes.**—Owing doubtless to the supply being less extensive during the past week, prices have slightly improved, best fetching L3 7s 6d to L3 12s 6d; medium, L2 2s to L2 17s 6d, ex store, sacks weighed in, net.

**Chaff.**—The market this week has been glutted with new and inferior stuff and has tended to weaken prices, best fetching L3 to L3 5s; inferior to medium, 30s to 35s per ton, ex truck, sacks extra, net.

**Dairy Produce.**—Market flat. Prime salt butter, dairy made, only saleable in retail lots at 6d to 7d; medium, 4d to 5d; factory, 9d to 10d per lb. Factory cheese—Medium size, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf, 5d to 5½d; dairy made, 2d to 4d per lb.

**Flax.**—Market quiet, and no improvement to note in values, all to hand, however, is being placed at prices on a par with late quotations, say, for medium to good L13 10s to L14 10s; bright and extra well dressed, a shade more; inferior, nominally L10 10s to L12 10s per ton, ex store.

MESSRS STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:—

**Fat Cattle.**—73 head yarded. Best bullocks, L6 10s to L10 5s; cows, L4 15s to L9 10s.

**Fat Sheep.**—Best wethers, 13s 9d to 15s; others, 10s to 13s 6d; Best ewes, 11s to 14s; others, 8s 6d to 10s 9d; merino wethers, 5s to 8s 6d.

**Fat Lambs.**—The supply in this class was moderate. Best, 9s to 10s 9d; others, 4s to 5s 6d.

**Store Sheep.**—Four and six tooth crossbred wethers, 11s to 12s; two-tooth do (in poor condition), 9s to 11d; young ewes, 10s to 12s; aged do, 7s to 10s; merino wethers (full mouth), 3s to 4s 6d; merino ewes (do), 4s to 5s 6d; crossbred lambs, 5s 6d to 7s 6d.

**Sheepskins.**—At the weekly sale on Tuesday a miscellaneous catalogue was submitted, which attracted the usual attendance of buyers, who completed with a fairly satisfactory amount of briskness, all the lots being disposed of.

**Wheat.**—Good to best milling wheat, 2s 8d to 2s 9d.

**Oats.**—Best feed and milling oats, 1s 11d to 2s; sacks extra.

**Grass Seed.**—Bye grass—Farmers' best dressed, 2s 3d to 2s 7d; best cocksfoot, 4½d to 6½d.

**Potatoes.**—The demand at present is not equal to the supply. Best, 30s to 57s 6d; medium, 35s to 47s 6d per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

**Chaff.**—Best, L3 10s to L3 17s 6d, extra good to L4 5s; medium, L2 5s to L2 15s; inferior, 30s to 40s.

MESSRS DONALD REID AND Co report as follows:—

**Wheat.**—The quantity of old wheat in stores is very limited, and will meet with ready sale for mixing purposes when the new arrives. Milling, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; inferior, 2s 6d to 2s 7d.

**Oats.**—The market continues very dull, and prices are somewhat easier. Milling, 1s 10d to 1s 11d (sacks extra); feed, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—Lots arriving here have had to be sold at unsatisfactory prices. Kidneys sold at £2 to £2 7s 6d per ton; Derwents, £3 7s 6d to £3 15s per ton.

**Chaff.**—The market has been glutted with new season's chaff during the past week. Old chaff is scarce, and would meet with a ready and satisfactory sale. We quote: Prime old, £3 10s to £4 (sacks extra); prime new, £2 10s to £3 5s (sacks extra); inferior and damp (£1 10s to £2 (sacks extra)).

**Ryegrass.**—A considerable amount of this is arriving, but mostly of inferior quality. We quote: Prime machine dressed, 3s to 3s 3d; extra prime, 3s to 3s 6d; good farmers' dressed, 2s 6d to 2s 10d.

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