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A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending September 26, as follows:—

Store Cattle—There are numerous enquiries for these, more especially for well grown, moderately fair conditioned lots, but supplies of such are not in the meantime, at any rate, showing up very freely. A very good demand exists for mixed sorts and all offering meet with a good sale at very full prices.

Store Sheep—There are no transactions of any very great importance transpiring in these. Good crossbred hoggets are in fair demand and a good many small lots of these are changing hands, a few crossbred wethers, also mixed crossbred wethers and ewes are occasionally in the market and are readily placed.

Country Sales—We held our monthly sale by auction at Clinton on Thursday, the 20th inst., when under the influence of good weather we had a very full attendance of both farmers and dealers, most of them being prepared to do business. The day's operations were confined to dealing in sheep only, of which a very fair entry was presented, and under very good competition nearly the whole were disposed of as follows:—153 crossbred wethers at 13s 6d to 18s 6d; do do at 10s 9d to 13s; 90 crossbred wethers and ewes at 11s 2d; 45 crossbred hoggets 11s 2d; 200 do do at 10s; 419 do do at 9s 11d; 153 do do at 9s 9d, and 28 do do at 9s 8d.

Wool—Cablegrams to hand since the opening of the sales at Home do not so far report any improvement in prices, at the same time opening rates remain firm with good competition for best wool.

Sheepskins—A very steady demand exists for these and all available are being taken up. The supply at Tuesday's auction at the Chamber of Commerce Hall, Crawford street, was up to the average, the attendance was also good. Country dry skins, inferior to medium crossbreds, 1s 6d to 2s 10d; do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 10d; medium to good crossbreds, 3s to 4s 6d; extra heavy, 4s 9d to 6s 3d; good to best merino, 2s to 3s 2d; extra heavy, 3s 4d to 3s 10d; dry p lts, 2l to 1s 2d; best green crossbreds, 5s 3d to 5s 6d; extra heavy a shade more; medium to good, 3s 10d to 5s; green merinos, 2s 2d to 2s 6d.

Rabbitskins—For this week's sale on Monday we submitted a moderate catalogue, when we had the usual attendance of buyers. Prime winter does, 11d to 1s; extra well-furred, clean, and bright, 1s 0d to 1s 1d; best bucks and does mixed, 10d to 11d; medium do, 9d to 10d; autumn and early winter, 7d to 9d; summer, 4d to 6d; suckers, half-grown, and inferior 1d to 3d; black and fawn, 10d to 12d; medium to good, 7d to 9d; inferior, 4d to 7d per lb.

Hides—The local demand continues fair at late values, prices being unchanged. Prime heavy, 2d to 3d; medium, 1d to 2d; inferior and light, 1d to 1d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Market unchanged. Best rendered mutton, 18s 6d to 20s; medium to good; 15s 6d to 17s 6d; inferior to medium 12s 6d to 15s; best caul fat, 12s 9d to 13s; medium to good, 11s 6d to 12s 9d; inferior to medium, 10s to 11s per cwt.

Wheat—There is practically nothing new to report concerning this cereal with respect to the demand for local consumption. Millers seem to have a very fair supply on hand, and are consequently niffrent about buying any other than the best velvet, which seems to be the only sort claiming any attention in milling quality, and any offering is readily placed at up to quota rates. Quotations: For best milling velvet, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; good to best do and best Tuscan, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; good to best red wheat, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; broken, 1s 9d to 2s 2d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—The demand lately hinged very much on the prospect of obtaining suitable tonnage, and it is still the same, whenever reasonable freights are procurable business eventuates, but at the same time buyers are not prepared to operate at any advance on quotations of the past two weeks. We quote: Prime milling, stout and bright, 1s 5d to 1s 5d; best short, bright feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; inferior and musty, 1s to 1s 2d; black oats, 1s 5d to 1s 5d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—There is no business of any consequence passing in this, quotations, under the circumstances, are merely nominal, say for best milling, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; extra prime, 4s; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d; milling, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; feed, 1s 8d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra).

Grass Seeds—A moderately fair demand exists for prime old pasture. Quotations for best dressed perennial, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; choice, 4s to 4s 6d; medium to good, 2s 9d to 3s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net.) Cocksfoot seed is moving off in small parcels at late rates. Say for best dressed, 6d to 6d; medium to good, 5d to 5d per lb.

Chaff—Full supply. Best only fetching L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; extra prime, L2 15s; medium to good, L2 2s 6d to L2 7s 6d; inferior, L1 12s 6d to L2, per ton (ex truck, sacks extra, net.)

Potatoes—Consignments continue to come to hand in excess of requirements. Quotations for prime northern derwents, 32s 6d to 37s 6d; medium, 25s to 30s, per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net.)

Dairy Produce—Market unchanged. Quotations for best dairy made salt butter, 7d to 8d; medium, 4d to 5d; factory made, 1s to 1s 1d per lb. Factory made cheese, small demand, medium size, slow sale at 4d to 4d; loaf shape, 4d to 5d; dairy made, 2d to 3d per lb.

Flax—At the moment there is no business to speak of being done, quotations therefore are merely nominal, say for medium to good, L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L10 to L12 per ton (ex store)

STRONACH BROS AND MORRIS report for week ending 25th Sept. as follows:—

Fat Cattle—141 yarded. Bullocks, L7 10s to L12 10s; cows and heifers, L6 to L9 2s 6d.

Fat Sheep—2381 submitted, including 500 merinos. Good crossbred wethers 13s to 15s; extra heavy do, 12s 6d to 19s 9d; best merino wethers, 10s 6d to 16s 6d.

Pigs—123 penned, good competition. Baconers, 40s to 53s; porkers, 22s 6d to 39s; sops and stores, 8s to 21s.

Sheepskins—We disposed of a large catalogue to-day, comprising all sorts. Best dry crossbreds, to 6d; merinos to 4d per lb; green crossbreds, to 5s 6d each.

Rabbitskins—The market shows a hardening tendency, which, we must confess, is not warranted by reports of London sales. On Monday we sold prime winter does at 13d; do mixed, 1s; do black and fawn, 1s 0d per lb.

Wool—Today's cables advise that all good crossbreds show an advance of 1d per lb on July rates. White scoured wools are selling well.

Wheat—Unchanged, best velvet, 2s 10d to 2s 11d.

Oats—Prime milling, 1s 5d to 1s 5d; best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4d.

Barley—A few inquiries for seed parcels. Best, say, 3s 9d to 4s.

Potatoes—Market very quiet. Best Derwents, 32s 6d to 37s 6d per ton.

Ryegrass—Dressed perennial to 4s 6d.

Cocksfoot—Firm at 6d for best.

MESSRS DONALD REID AND CO. report as follows:—

Rabbitskins—Prime winters, 10d to 13d; early winters, 7d to 9d; autumn, 5d to 8d; suckers and half-grown, 2d to 4d; black and fawn, 5d to 12d.

Hides—Prime heavy hides (over 60 lbs) 2d to 3d; medium, 1d to 2d; inferior and light, 1d to 1d per lb.

Tallow—Prime rendered, 18s 6d to 20s; medium, 15s 6d to 18s; inferior, 13s 6d to 15s; rough fat, 10s to 13s 6d.

Wheat—Prime milling velvet; 2s 10d to 2s 11d; good milling, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; medium, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; fowl feed, 2s 4d to 2s 6d (sacks in).

Oats—Bright milling, 1s 5d to 1s 5d; medium to good feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4d; inferior and musty, 1s 2d to 1s 3d (sacks extra).

Barley—Best malting, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s to 3s 5d; milling, 2s 3d to 2s 10d; feed, 1s 6d to 2s (sacks extra).

Potatoes—Best derwents, L1 12s 6d to L1 15s; medium, L1 7s 6d to L1 10s; kidneys, L1 10s to L2 10s (sacks in).

Chaff—Bright oat-sheaf, L2 12s 6d to L2 15s; medium, L2 to L2 10s; straw and inferior, L1 5s to L1 10s (sacks extra).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—

There was again a very small entry of horses, and the business was confined to the sale of a few hacks and spring cart horses, for which, considering the entry, there was a fair demand. Draught

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