

NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

DUNEDIN.

GRAIN.

The Company have pleasure in intimating that they are now prepared to receive Consignments of

OATS, WHEAT, BARLEY, &c.,

At their DUNEDIN STORES, which are connected with Main Railway Lines by PRIVATE SIDING.

LIBERAL ADVANCES made on GRAIN when received into Store.

Large Stocks of Cornsacks and Twines on hand.

FAT STOCK SALES CONDUCTED EVERY WEDNESDAY AT BURNSIDE YARDS.

ANDREW TODD, Manager.

GRAIN.

Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending February 27, as follows:—

Store Cattle—The market remains quiet, but immediately the stubble is free and turnips ready grown cattle will be in more request, during the past week we placed 40 dry cows at full market rates.

Store Sheep—A moderate amount of business is passing in these although up to the present transactions are mostly confined to cross-bred wethers, aged ewes are neglected and only a very few sales of merinos have so far been effected though as soon as harvest is over an improvement in the demand can hardly fail to be experienced.

Wool—Latest cablegrams to hand report the London market firm, and prices realised for lots sold privately since the closing of the last series show a slight advance. There is nothing being done in the local market pending the sales to be held on Thursday of this week when a good attendance of buyers is expected to put in an appearance, the firmer tone of the market at Home should influence the local in sellers' favour on this occasion.

Sheepskins—We submitted a full catalogue at our auction sale on Monday when the full complement of buyers usually to hand on these occasions were present: Country dry crossbred, inferior to medium brought 1s 4d to 1s 9d; ds do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 8d; medium to good crossbreds, 1s 10d to 2s 4d; heavy, 2s 6d to 3s 4d; extra do, 3s 6d to 4s 3d; good to best merino, 1s 9d to 2s 3d; heavy, 2s 4d to 2s 9d; extra do, 2s 10d to 3s 3d; dry pelts, 1d to 2d; green cross-bred pelts, 10d to 1s 3d; green lambskins, 1s to 1s 9d each.

Rabbittskins—The market is necessarily quiet owing to the absence of supplies. Small lots come to hand from time to time for which there are buyers at all times but the business done is unimportant; prices ruling for the few lots offering are as follows, say for spring skins 6d to 7½d; summer do, 5d to 6d; suckers, half-grown, and inferior sorts, 1½d to 4½d per lb.

Hides—Inferior and light, 1d to 1½d; light to medium weights, 1½d to 1¾d; heavy, 2d to 2½d; extra well saved, free from scars, 2½d to 3d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—All available supplies are disposed of readily to the local manufacturers at prices showing no change on those ruling lately. Best rendered mutton, 17s to 18s 6d; medium to good, 15s 6d to 16s 6d; inferior to medium, 12s 6d to 14s 6d; best fresh mutton caul fat, 12s 9d to 13s; medium to good, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; inferior to medium, 10s to 11s per cwt (ex store).

Wheat—Since our last report this market has not undergone any significant change. The demand is by no means brisk, buyers being only disposed to operate when sellers show a disposition to quit at prices more in accordance with the former's idea of value. Best milling velvet, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; good to best do, and best Tuscan, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; good to best red wheat, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; medium 2s 6d to 2s 7d; good whole fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; broken and inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms)

Oats—Transactions during the past week have been unimportant confined chiefly to the supplying of the small demand existing for local requirements. Best bright stout milling, 1s 4½d to 1s 5d; stout bright short feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; medium to good, 1s 3½d to 1s 3¾d; inferior, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; musty, 1s to 1s 1d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—There is no demand for local requirements, malsters having the idea that the supply this season is so very much heavier are not disposed to operate until prices are established and more to their satisfaction. Prime malting, 3s to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; milling, 2s to 2s 6d; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 9d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seed—Best dressed perennial, 3s 9d to 4s 3d; undressed, extra clean, guaranteed perennial, 3s to 3s 3d; good to best, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowl and medium, 1s 6d to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Cocksfoot—Best, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 4d per lb.

Chaff—Consignments being rather more than sufficient for requirements prices this week show little or no improvement, best

fetching L2 7s 6d to L2 10s; extra prime, L2 12s 6d; medium to good, L2 to L2 5s; inferior, L1 7s 6d to L1 17s 6d per ton (net, ex truck, sacks returned).

Dairy Produce—Market quiet confined to retail parcels, and not much enquiry at any time. Best dairy-made salt butter difficult to place at 4½d to 5d; medium, 3d to 3½d; factory-made, 10d per lb. Factory-made cheese, medium size, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf-shape, 4½d to 5d; dairy-made, 2d to 3d per lb.

Flax—Small parcels are occasionally placed for local manufacturing but hardly any for export. Quotations nominal, say for medium to good, L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L10 to L12 per ton (ex store).

WELLINGTON STOCK, HORSE, AND PRODUCE MARKETS
A. G. TAINE and Co, report on the markets for February 22:—

Fat Sheep—Home prices being so unfavourable, values are coming down, 8s to 9s being top prices; fat ewes 5s to 6s 6d.

Fat Lambs—7s to 8s.

Store Sheep—Wethers, 5s to 6s; ewes, 4 to 6 tooth, good lines, 7s; medium, 5s; f.m., 1s 6d to 3s. The present panic in sheep (for it is nothing less) is not warranted.

Fat Cattle—17s per 100 lbs.

Store Cattle—Easier, as they generally are at this time of the year. Weaners, 20s to 25s; yearlings, 30s to 40s; two-year-olds, L2 10s to L3; three-year-old steers, L4 to L4 10s.

Pigs—Slips, 10s to 11s; porkers, 20s to 25s; baconers, 35s to 45s, and inclined to ease.

Horses—We held our usual horse sale on Saturday. There was a moderate entry of horses in our yards, and a fair attendance. The horses consisted mostly of light harness horses and hacks, including a few express horses. Bidding was not brisk, except for express sors. We sold a medium five-year-old draught for L12 10s; a well-bred hack by Ascot, another by Foulshot, and a young express horse were withdrawn at L12 10s. A well-bred hack mare brought L10; aged harness horses, L4 15s to L7 10s; weedy and aged sorts, L2 10s to L3 15s. We sold a spring trap for L10 5s, and a lot of harness at satisfactory prices.

Wool—We have placed some late clips privately. Stained wool, 5d; light, 5½d to 7d; pieces, up to 3½d per lb.

Sheepskins—All coming forward selling freely at well up to late quotations.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quieter, feed, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½d; seed, nominal. Wheat: Milling 2s 9d to 3s; fowls' wheat, 2s to 2s 7½d. Chaff: Inferior, to medium, 30s to 40s; good to prime, £2 5s to £2 10s 0d. Hay: Oats, £3; ryegrass, £2 0s. Potatoes: new locals, L2 to L2 15s per ton; market full, imported, unsaleable. Flour: Stone, £6 10s to £7 0s; roller, £7 to £7 10s. Oatmeal, 25lbs, £3; bulk, £7 15s. Butter fresh, 4d to 10d, salt, 5d, dull demand. Eggs, 9d per dozen (plentiful).

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency offer liberal advances on grain. Sales are conducted by them every Wednesday at the Burnside yards. Cornsacks and twines supplied to order.

The City Boot Palace, 71 George street, Dunedin, paints the lily by adding daily to its fame. Nothing can be found to surpass its stock of boots and shoes.

Messrs A. and T. Inglis have received a large consignment of autumn and early winter goods. Ladies should visit the emporium in George street and see the display.

Those who enjoy a bright, cheerful fire may obtain what they desire by burning the Kaitangata coal. No other fuel can compare with it.

The musical public will find a great convenience in Messrs Charles Begg and Co's catalogue. It places before them a large collection from which to select, with a price list much lower than might be expected.

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