

NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED
DUNEDIN.

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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.

From the bells clashed out the sunset Ave; the camp of the Crusaders resounded with their evening shout as each bent his knee—"For God and his Holy Sepulchre! God wills it!" And Baron Fritz von Thornstein knelt too, and from his penitent heart went forth the echo of that cry: "God wills it!"

Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending April 17, as follows:—

Store Cattle—The ordinary amount of business is being put through, but the market shows no animation of any consequence, indeed the tendency is towards lower prices.

Store Sheep—A very considerable number of these are now changing hands, the greater portion being placed at auction, owing, doubtless, to the fact that sellers, in most instances, have despaired of securing better prices this season, consequently sales are now more easily effected, since buyers show a keener desire to complete, having more confidence that the highest bid will be effected. Prices still remain low, and owing to the want of feed and various other causes there is very little show for much improvement during the rest of this season.

Wool—There were no reports to hand this week in reference to the position of the market at Home, and probably there will be none until after the opening of the third series on the 30th inst., when prices obtaining at the close of the last series are expected to be sustained. The amount of wool available for this series of auctions is 340,000 bales. Only the usual oddments are being dealt with in the local market, no parcels of any consequence are now offering.

Sheepskins—The tone of the market shows an upward tendency, more particularly in respect to the value of country dry skins, which are well competed for at the auction room. We had all the buyers in attendance at our weekly auction sale on Tuesday, when the usual amount of spirit was displayed in the bidding, and full prices were obtained for all offered. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 4d to 2s 4d; do do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 8d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 6d to 3s; heavy, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra do, 3s 9d to 4s 4d; good to best merino, 1s 10d to 2s 9d; heavy, 2s 10d to 3s 9d; dry pelts, 1s to 1s 3d; green crossbred pelts, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; picked lots for special purposes, 2s to 2s 3d; green lamb-kits, 1s 6d to 2s 3d each.

Rabbitkins—A very steady market exists for these, all off red being freely taken up. Prices are also showing some advance, more especially on late saved skins. The moist weather lately prevailing delays drying operations, consignments in consequence are less extensive than they would be under more favourable circumstances. Owing to the holidays this week's sales were held on Tuesday instead of Monday, as is the usual custom. All the buyers, however, were in attendance, and prices fully up to and in some cases over those obtaining at our previous sale were secured. Good dry autumn skins, 5½d to 7½d; summer do, 3½d to 5d; suckers, half grown, and inferior sorts, 1s to 3d per lb.

Hides—Market unchanged, all coming to hand being taken up at prices on a par with late rates, which are for inferior and high, 1d to 1½d; light to medium, 1½d to 1¾d; heavy, 50 to 60lbs, 2d to 2½d; over 60lbs, in faultless condition, 2½d to 3d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—The market is somewhat quiet. At the same time all the consignments coming forward are readily placed. We quote best rendered mutton, put up fit for export, 17s 6d to 18 6d; medium to good, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; inferior to medium, 10s to 13s; best calf fat, 11s 6d to 12s; medium to good, 10s 6d to 11s; inferior to medium, 9 to 10s per cwt (ex store).

Wheat—Owing to the holidays no business of much consequence has been transacted. A very fair demand exists for local requirements, and all good milling wheat offering meets with a ready sale. Fowls' wheat is also in good request, fetching at times nearly as much as the best milling. We quote prime milling velvet and Tuscan, 2s 9d to 2s 9½d; extra prime, a shade more; good to best,

2s 8½d to 2s 9d; good to best red wheat, 2s 8d to 2s 8½d; medium milling and good whole fowls' wheat, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; broken and inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—This being a broken week business in consequence had to some extent been interfered with. A very considerable quantity is now coming to hand, but notwithstanding the fact that a large number of growers are storing for a time there is still a sufficiency offering to meet the demands of buyers and at prices showing no improvement on late quotations, which are, say for prime milling, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; best bright, short, stout feed, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; inferior to medium and good, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; long Tartars, fit for seed, 1s 3½d to 1s 5d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—The market for this is still inanimate—maltsters only purchasing when the quality is extra prime. Being satisfied that the quantity available this season is more than sufficient for their requirements, they are in no hurry to put in stocks, meanwhile, at all events. There is a big quantity of very indifferent barley in store, which will be difficult to place. We quote—Prime malting, 2s 9d to 3s; medium to good, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; feed and milling, 1s 6d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seeds—There is no change of an importance to note since we last reported. There are buyers of ryegrass, but are unwilling to give prices earlier obtaining. Quotations for best-dressed perennial seed, 3s 9d to 4s, medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).—Cocksfoot buyers are under the impression that prices must further drop, business in consequence is restricted. Quotations for best dressed, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 4d per lb (ex store, net).

Potatoes—Consignments lately having been on a larger scale buyers are not purchasing so freely, and to effect sales lower prices have to be submitted to. Best dewents only fetching, 37s 6d to 40s; medium, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Chaff—The market, meantime, is glutted, best being hard to place at 37s 6d to 40s; medium, 32s 6d to 35s; inferior to medium, 25s to 30s per ton (ex truck, sacks returned).

Dairy Produce—Prime salt butter has some enquiry from retailers, best dairy made fetching 6½d to 7d; medium, half to quit; North Island factory made, 7½d to 8½d; local factory made, 10d to 11d. Factory-made cheese, snow sale, medium size, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf shape, 4½d to 5d; dairy made, 2½d to 3½d per lb.

Flax—There is no change to note in the demand, which is still limited to requirements for local consumption. Quotations nominal, for medium to good, L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L10 to L12 per ton (ex store).

The greatest misery and desolation prevails in Sicily, which in the old Roman days used to be regarded as the granary of Italy.

Archbishop Ireland of Minnesota, when addressing a large audience in Chicago on Washington's Birthday, on "American Citizenship," said: "The Republic of America was a supreme act of confidence in man, a confession such as had never been heard before of human dignity and human ability. Its creation was the boldest act recorded in history." This is truly a magnificent tribute to the heroism and genius of the founder of our great nation.

Many ships have sailed to their doom in recent years, the most notable losses being the following:—The City of Boston left New York January 25, 1870, for Liverpool. She had 110 passengers on board, and was never seen again. A board was found a month later on which was written the news that she was sinking. The British ironclad Captain capsized and sank off Cape Finisterre September 20, 1870, with 472 on board. The steamer Ella sailed from London in the autumn of 1873, and was never heard of. The steamer City of Glasgow sailed from Liverpool for Philadelphia March 5, 1854, with 483 on board, and was never heard of. The steamer Pacific left Liverpool of January 23 1858, for New York, with 186 passengers, and was never heard of. The steamer President left New York for Liverpool March 11, 1841, with many passengers, all of whom were lost. Among them was a son of the Duke of Richmond. The ironclad Atlanta, rechristened Triumpho, sailed from Philadelphia for Port au Prince December 1, 1889, with 120 persons, all of whom were lost. Lloyds estimated in 1800 that 365 ships were lost in that year, and in 1830 677 British vessels alone were wrecked. In the 25 years following the disastrous year 1852 it was estimated that 60,000 wrecks occurred.

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