

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.

Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending April 24, as follows:—

**Store Cattle**—Most of the offerings lately have been young and half-grown sorts, hardly suitable for putting on the turnips, but even these meet with buyers, though at prices showing a very considerable reduction compared with those obtaining for such twelve months since. Several lots changed hands during the past week.

**Store Sheep**—The market still remains flat, nevertheless, a good many lots are changing hands, but young crossbreds, in forward condition, have the preference, aged sheep, both merino and crossbred, are saleable, and are being bought for boiling down. There is a considerable number still in the market, but sellers being now more anxious to meet buyers sales will be less difficult to effect.

**Wool**—We are still without any information from London in reference to the tone of the market. The Antwerp sales were held last week, but there was only a very medium attendance of buyers. A total of 7,080 bales was offered, of which 2,600 were sold, including 332 bales of Australian wool—prices at the close, however, remained unchanged. The usual oddments are being placed in the local market and at satisfactory prices considering the times.

**Sheepskins**—The number of these offering lately is on the increase, and, with a fairly good demand, all coming to market are being placed at auction and, with the attendance as a rule being very good, all offered meet with very fair competition. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, fetch 1s 4d to 2s 3d; do do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 8d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 4d to 3s; heavy, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra do, 3s 9d to 4s 3d; good to best merino, 1s 9d to 2s 9d; heavy, 2s 10d to 3s 8d; dry pelts, 1d to 1s 3d; green crossbred pelts, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; picked lots for other than fallmoungering, 2s to 2s 3d; green lambskins, 1s 6d to 2s 3d each.

**Rabbitekins**—On Monday we offered all to band by public auction, all the buyers being present. Competition was spirited late saved skins again topping last weeks prices. Autumn skins brought 6d to 8½d; summer, 3½d to 5½d; suckers and inferior to medium, 1s to 3d per lb.

**Hides**—There is no alteration in either demand or values. Inferior and light fetch 1d to 1½d; light to medium, 1½d to 1¾d; heavy, 50 to 60lbs, 2d to 2½d; over 60lbs, in perfect condition, 2½d to 3d per lb.

**Tallow and Fat**—Best rendered mutton, put up fit for export, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; inferior to medium, 10s to 13s; best caul fat, 11s 6d to 12s; medium to good, 10s 6d to 11s; inferior to medium, 9s to 10s per cwt (extra).

**Wheat**—There is no change of any consequence to note in the tone of the market. A moderately fair demand is experienced, and, although prices remain firm, there are no indications of any further improvement meantime at all events. Quotations for good to prime milling velvet, 2s 9d to 2s 9½d; extra do, 2s 10d; good to best Tuscan, 2s 8½d to 2s 9½d; medium to good of any sort, 2s 8d to 2s 8½d; 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**—Stocks are now assuming considerable dimensions, and consignments coming to hand freely, but we regret being unable to report more favourably on the tone of the market, which is undoubtedly a long way from being satisfactory. We quote—Prime milling, stout bright Sutherland, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; extra prime, ½d to ¾d more; best bright, stout short feed, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; medium to good, 1s 1d to 1s 1½d; inferior to medium, 1s to 1s 1d; long Tartars, clean and fit for seed, 1s 3d to 1s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Barley**—A very considerable quantity is now offering, chiefly medium and inferior quality. Quotations for prime malting, 2s 9d to 3s; medium to good nominally, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; feed and milling, 1s 6d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Grass Seeds**—There is some enquiry for prime samples of ryegrass seed, well dressed and shotty, short seed, and sales could be made at a slight concession, but the supply being limited, sellers are not anxious to quit at under quotations, which are for best machine dressed perennial, 3s 9d to 4s; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).—Cocksfoot is in full supply, and a dull

market. Best dressed, 4d to 4½d; medium 3d to 4d per lb (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Potatoes**—The supply being considerably in excess of requirements, sales are now difficult to effect, except at very uneatisfactory prices. Best derwents, in retail lots, 32s 6d to 37s 6d; medium, 27s 6d to 30s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

**Chaff**—Consignments have been pouring in at such a rate that payable prices can't now by any means be obtained. The bulk in consequence is being stored. Best, when saleable, 35s to 40s; an odd truck occasionally, slightly more; medium to good, 30s to 35s; inferior, 25s to 27s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

**Dairy Produce**—Prime salt butter, dairy made, 6½d to 7d; medium, slow sale, 3d to 4d; North Island factory made, 7½d to 8½d; local do, 10d to 11d per lb.—Factory made cheese, medium size, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf shape, 4¾d to 5d; dairy made, 2½d to 3½d per lb.

**Flax**—There is no business being done in this product at present, merely supplying local wants. Quotations nominal, say for medium to good L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L10 to L12 per ton (ex store).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report having held their weekly sale of horses on Saturday, when they submitted a very large entry, including a shipment from Sydney and a large draft of draught and light harness horses from the Oamaru district. The horses from Sydney were nearly all unbroken, and were composed of medium draught and spring-van horses, and one or two hacks ranging from four to six years old. Some of the horses were specially adapted for spring-van work, being upstanding, clean-legged, and active, but as they were unbroken they did not meet with the demand they otherwise would have attracted. The demand right through the sale was, however, unusually slack, and it was only with the greatest difficulty (with a few exceptions) that the horses could be placed. The class which excited most competition was strong young active draughts and young spring cart and van horses. Light and inferior hacks and harness and worn-out old draughts were very difficult to quit except at very low prices. The range of prices to-day was as follows:—Heavy active draught mares and geldings (4yrs to 6yrs), L14 to L20; light and small do, L8 to L12; aged and inferior do, L4 to L6; unbroken colts and fillies (2yrs to 3yrs), L9 to L15; upstanding active spring van horses (unbroken), L13 10s to L17; useful light spring cart horses, L9 to L12; upstanding hacks and harness horses (young), L7 to L10; aged and inferior do, L2 to L5.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet, feed, 1s 1½d to 1s 2½d; milling, 1s 3d, to 1s 3½d; seed, nominal. Wheat: Milling 2s 8d to 2s 10d; fowls' wheat, 2s to 2s 8d scarce. Chaff: Inferior, to medium, 30s to 40s; good to prime, £2 5s to £2 7s 6d. Hay: Oats, £3; ryegrass, £2 15s. Potatoes: locals, 30s to L2 per ton; market full. Flour: Stone, £6 10s to £7 0s; roller, £7 to £7 10s. Oatmeal, 25lbs, £7 10s; bulk, £7 5s. Butter: fresh, 6d to 10d, salt, 5d, dull demand. Factory, 10d to 11d. Eggs, 1s 2d per dozen (scarce).

LOW SUNDAY AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

LOW SUNDAY, April 21st, 1895, will long live enshrined as a red-letter day, in the hearts and memories of the Catholic congregation of the pro-Cathedral, Barbadoes street, Christchurch. Then took place that most solemn and touchingly-impressive ceremony—the First Communion of Catholic children. More than one hundred children—fifty-seven boys and forty-seven girls—were on this occasion the happy recipients of the Sacrament. Joy supreme, and happiness sincere were depicted on the radiant countenances of the privileged young ones, as, under the direction of the devoted Brothers and Sisters, they wheeled into church and took their appointed places in front of the High Altar.

NEVER BEFORE had J. LORD, the People's Grocer and Provision Merchant, advertised in the N.Z. TABLET before its readers Address—97 Lower High Street, Christchurch (5 doors from Barbadoes Street and 2 minutes' walk from Pro-Cathedral). Now, then, Catholics, roll up!

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