

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 as follows:—

Store Cattle—The demand is not exceedingly brisk, nevertheless odd lots change hands occasionally at prices in sympathy with those obtaining when finished.

Store Sheep—There are not very many offerings of any description. All offerings, however, meet with buyers who are now prepared to operate at prices somewhat more satisfactory to vendors.

Sheepskins—On Tuesday, the regular weekly auction sale day, moderately full catalogues were presented to a very full attendance of buyers, who competed with a good deal of spirit for all lots submitted, last week's full prices being well maintained. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 5d to 2s 6d; do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 8d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 7d to 3s 2d; heavy, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; ex ra do, 4s 2d to 5s 5d; good to best merinos, 1s 9d to 2s 9d; heavy, 3s to 3s 9d; dry pelts, 1d to 10d; green crossbreds, good to best, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; extra heavy, 4s to 4s 6d; medium, 2s 9d to 3s 4d; green lambskins, best, 2s 10d to 3s 2d; medium, 1s 4d to 2s 9d each.

Rabbitskins—Notwithstanding the fact that prices at the sales lately held in London showed a slight drop compared with those obtaining at the previous sales, the demand in the local market this week was very active. Quotations for best winter greys, 10½d to 11½d; extra prime selected does, 1s; medium to good, 9d to 10d; best autumn, 7d to 8½d; medium, 6d to 7d; summer, 3d to 5d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 1½d; best winter black and fawn, 11½d to 1s 1½d; picked, 1s 2½d; medium to good, 8½d to 10½d; inferior to medium, 4d to 7½d per lb.

Hides—There is no change to note in these. Heavy sorts are fetching 2½d to 3d; extra do, 3½d to 3½d; light to medium, 1½d to 2½d; inferior and light, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Transactions are confined to oddments from the country, and are taken up readily for local requirements at the following prices: Say for best rendered mutton, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; inferior to medium, 10s to 13s; rough fat, best mutton caul, 11s 6d to 12s; medium to good, 10s 6d to 11s; inferior to medium, 9s to 10s per cwt (ex store).

Wheat—Business all through the past week has been on a small scale and no change of any consequence to note. The market remains very quiet, stocks in first hands are nil and arrivals have been slight. Prime milling Tuscan and velvet, 3s 9d to 4s 10½d; good to best, 3s 8d to 3s 9d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; inferior, 3s 3d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms.)

Oats—The market this week has been somewhat quieter and as sellers are not exceedingly anxious to quit at Home prices, less business has been done, but the slightest improvement in the inter-colonial demand would undoubtedly cause a reaction. Prime milling, stout and bright are held for 1s 9d to 1s 9½d; best short bright stout feed, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; medium to good, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; inferior, to medium, 1s 5d to 1s 7d; occasionally odd lots of long oats fit for seed, 1s 9d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra, net, but to effect sales less would have to be accepted.)

Barley has a moderate demand, but prices show no improvement, prime malting fetching 2s 9d to 3s; medium to good, 2s 5d to 2s 8d; feed and milling, 2s to 2s 4d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seeds—Market quiet. Best machine dressed perennial ryegrass seed, 4s to 4s 3d; extra prime, 4s 6d; medium to good, 3s 6d to 3s 9d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Oatsfoot—best machine dressed, 4½d to 5d; extra prime, 5½d to 5½d; undressed, 3d to 4d per lb (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Chaff—The market has been fully supplied during the week, prices, in consequence, show but little, if any, change. Prime, L2 15s to L2 17s 6d; extra do, L3; medium to good, L2 10s to L2 15s; inferior, L1 15s to L2 7s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks extra or returned, net).

Dairy Produce—Market quiet. Prime salt butter, dairy made, 7½d to 8d; medium, 6d to 7d; inferior, flat, 3d to 5d; North Island factory made, 9½d to 11d; local factory, 1s to 1s 1d per lb. Cheese dull. Medium size in retail lots, 4½d to 4½d; loaf shape, 4½d to 5d; dairy made, 2½d to 3½d per lb.

Flax—Buyers for local manufacture are the only operators. There is no change to note in quotations, which we repeat. Medium to good, L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L8 to L10 10s per ton (ex store).

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats, feed: 1s 6½d to 1s 8½d; milling, 1s 9½d; Quiet demand Wheat: Milling 3s 10d to 4s; fowls' 3s to 3s 7d, scarce, both in good demand. Chaff: Fair supply offering, inferior, 40s to 45s; medium, £2 10s; good, £3 to £3 1s; Hay: Oats, £3; ryegrass, £3 to £3 10s for good; Straw, pressed 35s; loose, 32s 6d per ton; Potatoes: market very dull, 30s to 35s; kidney, good seed, L2 5s to £2 10s; Flour: sacks, £9; 50lbs, £9 10s; Roller, stone, 10s to 20s; less according to brand; Oatmeal, 25lbs, £9; Fresh butter 6d to 1d; Factory, 1s; salt, medium to good, 5d to 9d; Eggs, 1s 6d; Bran, L3 10s.

Dr Brownson wrote: "I never in a single instance found a single article, dogma, proposition or definition, of faith which embarrassed me as a logician, or which I would, so far as my own reason is concerned, have changed or modified, or in any way altered from what I found it, even if I had been free to do so. I have never found my reason struggling against the teachings of the Church, or felt it restrained, or myself reduced to a state of mental slavery. I have, as a Catholic, felt and enjoyed a mental freedom which I never conceived possible when I was a non-Catholic.

All who are in want of a good suit of clothes—men's or boy's—will do well to call on Messrs W. A. Tribe and Co, High street, Christchurch, who will provide for their needs in the most satisfactory manner possible.

Messrs Brown Ewing and Co., Princes street Dunedin, are in constant receipt of new goods. Every taste is provided for and every want anticipated by the firm.

Messrs A. and T. Inglis's great annual sale will commence on Thursday, August 8. The goods offered will be, as usual, of unsurpassable qualities. The stock to be disposed of is very large, and the reductions will be almost incredible. All who can value a bargain will do well to not lose the opportunity thus placed within their reach.

At the New York Academy of Music on Sunday, May 26, the Rev Thomas Dixon, a Protestant minister, created something of a sensation when he pronounced Protestantism in New York a failure, "For twenty years," he said, "Protestantism in New York has been a colossal failure. As at present constituted, the majority of the churches in the city are doing nothing, but are a positive hindrance to the progress of Christianity, and are repudiated by the spirit of Christ. They are an incumbrance on the face of the earth, a plague and a hindrance to the advancement of truth, because they are, as Christ says in the gospel, 'neither hot nor cold' The Baptist denomination in this city owns property worth 4,000,000 dollars, and although within the last twenty years 15,000 children have been born into that faith, they have actually in that time lost 2000 members. The combined wealth of the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches is here 16,000,000 dollars. There are in these Churches the brainiest men of the age, and yet they are not holding their own. They are a curse, because they are only maintaining the traditions of a dead past. Their machinery is so much sacred junk—holy junk, to be sure, but junk all the same—that should be put up at auction and sold to the highest and best bidder. What the people want is a new Church (applause and one hiss)—a Church that will be popular, a Church that will reach the masses, and that is what the Churches of New York at the present time are trying to avoid."