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NEW SEASON'S JAM.

APRICOT CONSERVE, in glass jars (2lb nett weight) | RASPBERRY JAM, in glass jars (2lb nett weight)
 NECTARINE " | RED CURRANT JELLY, in stone jars (1lb nett weight)
 PEACH CONSERVE, in glass jars (2lb nett weight)

The above are made with this Season's FRESH Fruit and boiled within a few hours after being gathered and retain the FULL FLAVOUR and COLOUR of the Fruit. They are the MOST DELICIOUS and WHOLESOME Preserves in the market.

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able number of pupils. The strongest class is Standard V, in which the results are even and good throughout. As far as Standard IV the writing of the school is weak, the defects being due partly to a want of sufficient attention to detail and partly to the recent and sudden adoption of the vertical system in all standards in place of its gradual introduction by commencing in the junior classes. The drawing is incomplete, and in reading much greater attention should be given to correct intonation and expression. The instruction in arithmetic, composition and geography is satisfactory. The results in the class subjects are fair, and in the additional subjects satisfactory. —A. J. MORTON, Inspector."

ROSS (Sisters of Mercy).

This school was examined by the Government Inspector on November 19th and 20th. The following is from the report:—"The four pupils presented in Standard VI passed very satisfactorily, but those in Standard V were each too weak for promotion. The failures in latter class and in the remaining standards were caused mainly by weakness in spelling, writing, drawing or composition. The reading, arithmetic and geography of the school are generally satisfactory. The instruction in the extra subjects, except that little work has been attempted in science or object lessons, is satisfactory, and in history, drill, singing and needlework good results have been achieved.—A. J. MORTON, Inspector.

Commercial.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED, report for the week ended December 24 as follows:—

Wheat—Prices on par with late quotations. Prime milling (velvet), 4s 4d to 4s 5d; best tuscan and red wheat, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 9d to 4s 1d; broken and inferior to medium, 2s 6d to 3s 8d; ex store, sacks weighed in, terms.

Oats—Best feed and milling are held for 2s 2½d to 2s 3½d; medium to good, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s; ex store, sacks extra, net.

Barley—Prices well maintained. Prime milling, 3s to 3s 3d; extra do, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; medium, 2s 9d to 3s; inferior, 2s to 2s 6d; ex store, sacks extra, net.

Grass Seeds—Best dress perennial ryegrass seed, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s; best un-dressed, 2s 6d to 2s 10d; medium 2s to 2s 3d; cocksfoot, best dressed, 4½d to 5d; medium, 2½d to 4d; ex store, sacks extra, net.

Potatoes—Old Derwents unsaleable. New kidneys, fresh, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; stale, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per cwt; ex store, sacks weighed in, net.

Chaff—Market glutted, best only fetching £3 7s 6d to £3 12s 6d; retail lots up to £4; medium to good, £2 17s 6d to £3 5s; inferior, £2 to £2 15s per ton; ex truck, sacks returned, net.

Sheepskins—Best dry crossbreds, 4½d to 5½d; do medium, 3d to 4d; best do merino, 3½d to 4d; medium do, 2d to 3d per lb; green crossbred pelts 9d to 1s 3d; best green lambskins, 1s 6d to 2s, medium, 9d to 1s 1d each.

Babbitkins—Market firm; none offered this week. Quotations —For prime winter greys, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; picked does, 1s 2½d to 1s 3d; medium to good, 10d to 1s; best spring, 8d to 9½d; medium, 6½d to 7½d; summer, 3d to 5½d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 2½d per lb.

Hides—There is no alteration to note. Best, 2½d to 3d; extra heavy, 3½d to 3½d; light, 1½d to 2½d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Market unchanged; last week's quotations apply.

LARRY AND CO, LIMITED, Wellington, report as follows:—

Wheat—The volume of business passing is small, and values generally are without change. We quote—Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d f.o.b. Southern ports; prime whole fowl wheat, 4s ex stores, Wellington; inferior fowl wheat, 3s per bushel.

Oats—Although Southern markets display increased firmness transactions locally are small, and at relatively lower prices. We

quote—Prime short, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; duns, 2s 6d; Danish, 2s 6d; seed tartarians, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel.

Barley—Unaltered. We quote—Best feed, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; prime malting nominally, 3s; cape, 2s 8d per bushel.

Beans—In poor demand at 3s per bushel.

Pollard—Moderate enquiry at 90s per ton.

Maize—Satisfactory business is passing at 2s 9d to 2s 10d per bushel.

Chaff—The demand generally is slackening, but prices meantime are without quotable change. Prime bright heavy, 95s; medium, 85s; straw chaff, 65s per ton.

Pressed Straw—Moderate demand at 60s per ton.

Cocksfoot—Without change. Prime bright machine dressed, 4½d to 5d; bright heavy undressed, 4½d to 4½d; rough heavy undressed, 3½d to 3½d; medium and inferior, 2d to 3d per lb.

Ryegrass—Market firm. We quote—Prime heavy dressed, 4s 3d to 4s 9d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s per bushel.

Potatoes—Holders show a strong disposition to force sales, and prices in consequence have a downward tendency. We quote—Prime Oamaru derwents, 75s to 80s; Canterbury, 75s; Napier, 60s per ton.

MESSES DONALD REID AND CO. report as follows:—

Fat Cattle—There was a moderate entry, 152 head being yarded. Best bullocks sold at L9 10s to L12 5s; medium, L7 15s to L9 5s; light, L6 to L7 10s; best cows and heifers, L6 15s to L7 17s 6d; ordinary, L4 5s to L5 15s.

Fat Sheep—This week's entry was the smallest on record at Burnside, on 761 being penned. Crossbred wethers (in the wool) sold at 16s 6d to 18s 9d; do ewes (in the wool), 16s to 17s 6d; do wethers (shorn), 13s 3d to 16s 6d; do ewes (shorn), 12s 6d to 15s 3d.

Fat lambs—There was a good demand, but the supply was rather more than was required, and prices were from 1s to 1s 6d lower than last week. Best sold at 10s to 12s; medium, 8s 3d to 9s 9d; small, 6s 6d to 7s 9d.

Fat Pigs—Suckers sold at 4s to 8s 6d; slips, 9s to 13s 6d; stores, 14s to 16s; porkers, 20s to 22s.

Sheepskins—Green crossbreds sold at 3s 10d to 5s 9d; do merinos, 3s to 4s 1d; do lambs, 1s to 1s 2d; dry crossbreds, 2s to 5s 7d; dry merinos, 1s 5d to 3s 11d.

Hides—Prime heavy, 2½d to 3d per lb; good to medium, 2d to 2½d; light, 1½d to 1½d; inferior, 1½d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow—Prime rendered, 17s to 18s 6d; medium, 15s to 16s; inferior, 12s to 14s; rough fat, 9s to 11s 6d per cwt.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

WEEKLY REPORT.

MESSES WRIGHT, STEPHENSON, AND CO report as follows:—

We quote:—Heavy draughts, four to six years, L22 to L27; do, eight to ten years, L15 to L20; light and small do, L8 to L12; aged and inferior do, L4 to L7; upstanding spring-cart horses, young and sound, L12 to L16; well-bred upstanding hacks and harness horses, L16 to L20; upstanding hacks and harness horses, L10 to L14; aged and inferior, L2 to L5.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats, feed: 2s to 2s 1d; milling, 2s 3d; quiet demand. Wheat: Milling 4s to 4s 4d; fowls' 3s 6d to 3s 10d, both in good demand. Chaff: large supply offering, inferior to medium, £2 to £2 10s; good, £3 10s to £3 15s; Hay: Oats, £4 10s; ryegrass, £3 to £3 10s for good; Straw, pressed, 32s 6d; loose, 35s per ton; glutted. Potatoes: Dull demand 15s to 20s; Flour: sacks, £10 10s to £11; Roller, stone, 10s; lbs according to brand; Oatmeal, 25lbs, £11 10s; Fresh butter 6d to 9d; Factory, 9d; salt, medium to good, 5d to 8d; Eggs, 10d; Bran, L3 15s, scarce. New potatoes: local 9s; Auckland, 6s. New onions, 10s.

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. The guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read—[ADVT.]

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