

N.Z. LOAN & MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED, DUNEDIN.

WOOL.

The Company have pleasure in intimating that WOOL SALES will be conducted as usual at their Commodious, Convenient and Well Lighted DUNEDIN Stores throughout the Season the principal Sales being held on following dates:—

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1895

THURSDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1896

FRIDAY, 31st January, 1896

THURSDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1896

NO CHARGE

is made for Cataloguing, Advertising and, Fire Insurance. The only Selling Charges are as under:—

Receiving and Classifying ... $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb
Commission ... $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on first L200 and $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on balance

FAT STOCK.

Sales conducted every WEDNESDAY at Burnside Yards.

OUR COMMISSION CHARGE IS NOW REDUCED TO $2\frac{1}{2}$ PER CENT.

ANDREW TODD, Manager.

And sees his heart's blood drop on the grass,
Will witness bear on the Judgment Day
For the priest and his flock at the Midnight Mass.
—New York Freeman.

Commercial.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED, report for the week ended March 17 as follows:—

Wheat—Millers being fairly well supplied for the time being, the market is less firm; buyers decline to operate at prices lately obtained. Quotations—For prime milling, Tuscan and velvet, 3s 7d to 3s 9d; extra do a shade more; best red wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; inferior, 2s 9d to 3s (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—Threshing not being yet general, very little of the new crop has, up to the present, come to hand, so that the few lots still in store are fetching up to late rates, but immediately full supplies are on the market, the idea prevails that prices will be lower, for a time at all events. Meantime quotations are—For prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; good to best feed, 1s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 8d; medium, 1s 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 7d; inferior, 1s 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—There is a fair demand for all offerings, prime malting being worth 3s 3d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 2s 6d to 3s; inferior, 2s to 2s 4d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seeds—Market flat, prime machine dressed ryegrass seed is quoted at 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra do, 3s 9d to 4s; farmers' best dressed, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cockafat: Difficult to place at say for best, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 4d; medium, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 3d per lb (ex store, net, sacks extra).

Potatoes—Best Derwents, L2 15s to L3 5s; kidneys, 30s to 45s per ton (ex store, sacks in, net).

Chaff—Heavy supplies this week, best fetching L2 12s 6d to L2 17s 6d; medium, L1 15s to L2 10d per ton (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

Sheepskins—Market unchanged, best green crossbreds fetching 2s to 2s 4d; ex ra heavy, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; green lambskins, best, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; medium, 1s 6d to 2s 3d; best dry crossbreds, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium, 3d to 4d; best do menno, 4d to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb.

Rabbitskins—Best spring greys are fetching 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 9d; medium, 6d to 7d; summer, 3d to 5d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb.

Hides—Market slightly easier, best fetching 2d to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; extra heavy, 3d; light, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; inferior, 1d to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Late quotations are being still maintained, say for best rendered mutton, fit for export, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; inferior to medium, 10s 6d to 13s 6d; best fresh mutton caul fat, 11s to 11s 6d; medium to good, 10s to 10s 6d; inferior to medium, 8s 6d to 9s 6d per cwt (ex store).

MESSRS DONALD REID AND Co report as follow:—

Weekly Auction Sales of Grain and Produce—These have been held at our stores each Monday. The new season's grain is now coming forward more freely, and is securing increased attention from all branches of the trade, consequently our sales during the last fortnight have been favoured by a large attendance of shippers, millers, produce merchants and others interested in the business, which has resulted in good competition for all the produce offered. Some slight variations in values have occurred since our last issue, and these will be found noted below.

Wheat—We have been favoured with very fine harvest weather since the date of our last report, and farmers have been busy getting their wheat secured and threshed in splendid condition, and during the past week a considerable quantity has come to hand. Millers, having been buying already, and having made provision for most pressing requirements, have only sparingly operated, in the belief that values are likely to recede, and at late quotations shippers could see no margin to induce them to operate. Prices this week have

suffered a decline of 2d per bushel, and we hope now to see more buyers in the field and a better trade done. Velvet continues to meet with most attention, and, if prime, commands top rates. We quote—Prime milling, velvet, 3s 7d to 3s 9d; do do Tuscan, etc, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; fowl wheat and medium sorts, 3s 2d to 3s 5d per bushel (sacks in).

Oats—Little change to report, and all coming to hand are readily placed at late quotations, while specially clean lines, suitable for seed, command slightly higher rates. We quote prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; good feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley—Prime malting examples, clean skinned and bright, meet a strong demand and ready sale at quotations. Milling and feed sorts are more plentiful, and not so eagerly sought after. We quote prime malting, 3s to 3s 4d; medium to good, 2s 8d to 2s 11d; feed and milling, 2s 2d to 2s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes—Derwents are in full supply, and during the past few days have suffered a slight decline in values. Kidneys are difficult to place unless they are specially suitable for seed. We quote prime derwents, L2 15s to L3 2s 6d; kidneys, L2 to L2 5s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff—The market is plentifully supplied with new season's chaff, and an occasional lot of old chaff which meets ready sale. Prices for all sorts have receded during the week about 5s a ton. We quote best oat straw sheaf (oil) L2 17s 6d to L3; do (new), L2 15s to L2 17s 6d; medium to good (new), L2 10s to L2 12s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report for week ending 11th inst a follows:—

Fat Cattle—A large entry, 240 head offered. Best bullocks, L8 10s to L10; medium do, L6 10d to L8; heifers and cows, L5 to L6 10s; aged and inferior, L3 10d to L4 10s.

Fat Lambs—830 were sold at fairly good prices. Best lambs, 9s 6d to 11s 6d; medium do, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; superior do 4s 6d to 6s.

Pigs—113 submitted, the demand for bacon qualities was fair, but other sorts were not readily placed.

Store Sheep—Sales have been made as follows:—Crossbred lambs, 5s to 5s 9d; aged and crossbred ewes, 3s 6d to 4s; 2 tooth crossbreds, 6s 6d to 8s 6d; 4 and 6 tooth or sired wethers, up to 9s 10d.

Hides—Values have receded about $\frac{1}{2}$ d per pound.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—

Oats, feed: 1s 5d to 1s 8d; millhog, 1s 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; demand fair. Wheat: Fowls' 2s 7d to 3s 6d; Fair demand. Milling, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; Chaff: new now in, £2 10s to £2 15s; old, £2 12s 6d to £2 2s 6d; market bare supplied. Hay, oaten: None in market. Ryegrass, new, £3. The quality is good this season. Straw: 32s 6d to 35s, pressed and loose. Potatoes: kidneys, £2 to £2 10s; derwents, L2 12s 6d to L3. Flour: sacks, £9 10s to £10; Roller, stone, £8 to £8 10s; Oatmeal: in 25lbs, £9; butter, dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to 10d. Eggs, 1s. Onions, 6s 6d per cwt. Christchurch, bran, L3 5s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS. WEEKLY REPORT.

MESSRS WRIGHT, STEPHENSON, AND Co. report as follows:—

There was a good attendance of the public at Saturday's sale, and what is even more satisfactory to chronicle is the fact that the proportion of buyers was greater than usual. The demand for strong, upstanding light harness horses, suitable for tram ways or for butchers', bakers', grocers', and milkmen's delivery carts, is better just now than we have seen it during the past two years, and we would strongly recommend clients with this class of horse for sale to place them on the market whilst the demand continues. There is also a good demand for young draughts, and well-bred "cobby" mares are wanted by an outside buyer as the nucleus of a stud farm. 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.

HEART DISEASE, INDIGESTION.

RAINBOW & SONS INVIGORATOR for New Life. Try it and be your own judge. RAINBOW'S INVIGORATOR is the best all-round medicine in the world, and cannot be beaten by any skill in existence as a Blood Purifier. DIRECTOR'S—Take a half to one teaspoonful after meals, in a little sugar and water. To act as a purgative take one and a half to two teaspoonfuls at bedtime.