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ANDREW TODD, Manager, DUNEDIN.

### Commercial.

**THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED,** report for the week ended December 22, as follows:—

**Wheat**—Market flat. Buyers, being now fully supplied, decline to operate except in extra prime velvet, quotations for which are 4s 6d to 4s 9d; prime Tuscan, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; best red wheat, 4s 2d to 4s 5d; medium, 3s 9d to 4s 1d (ex store, sacks in, terms).

**Oats**—Have only a very moderate demand. Quotations for best milling, 1s 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 2s; best bright feed, 1s 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 1s 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; medium, 1s 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 1s 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; inferior, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Barley**—No sales of any consequence passing. Quotations nominal, say for prime malting, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; medium, 2s 6d to 3s; feed and milling, 2s to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Grass Seed**—Has no inquiry. Best dressed ryegrass seed in retail lots fetches 2s 6d to 2s 9d; extra prime, 3s to 3s 3d; medium, 2s to 2s 3d (ex store). **Cocksfoot**: Best dressed, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; medium, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 5d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Chaff**—The supply being in excess of requirements at auction on Monday, best brought £2 10s to £2 12s 6d, one small lot of 80 sacks, £2 15s; medium, £2 5s to £2 7s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

**Potatoes**—Prices are much easier this week, best Derwents only fetching £3 15s to £4 per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in).

**Sheepskins**—All offered are readily taken up, but at prices somewhat more in favour of buyers, but dry crossbreds fetch 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 5d; medium, 3d to 4d; dry merinos, 2d to 4d per lb; green crossbred pelts, best, 10d to 1s 1d; medium, 6d to 9d; best green lamb-skins, 1s to 1s 3d; medium, 6d to 9d each.

**Rabbitskins**.—Only small catalogues of inferior skins now offering. Medium and off-season fetch 7d to 9d; inferior, 4d to 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; suckers, 1d to 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per lb.

**Hides**.—No alteration in price. Best fetch 2d to 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; extra heavy, 3d to 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; light, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; inferior, 1d to 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per lb.

**Tallow and Fat**.—Market quiet. Country rendered broken packages fetch 10s 6d to 15s; best mutton caul fat, 11s to 11s 6d; medium, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; inferior, 8s 6d to 9s per cwt. (ex store, net).

**MESSRS DONALD REID AND Co.** report as follows:—

**Oats**—The demand has been exceptionally quiet during the past week, and buyers can only be tempted at prices considerably below late quotations. We quote prime milling, 2s to 2s 0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; good to best feed, 1s 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 1s 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat**—Only choice samples of velvet are at present wanted by millers; other sorts are difficult to quit even at reduced values. To-day we sold fowl wheat at 3s 2d to 4s 2d per bushel (sacks in).

**Potatoes**.—We submitted a line of about 16 tons Derwents, which realised L3 10s to L4 per ton (sacks in).

**Chaff**—The market is fairly well supplied at present. Medium quality is almost unsaleable, but good heavy oaten sheaf continues to find buyers at L2 12s 6d to L2 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

**MESSRS LAERY AND Co., LIMITED,** Grain and Produce Merchants, Wellington, report as follows:—

**Wheat**—Prime whole fowl wheat, 4s 6d; prime milling, 4s 9d per bushel.

**Oats**—Market firm. Prime short feed, 2s 4d; Danish, 2s 3d; duns, 2s 4d; black oats, 2s 4d; Tartars (seed), 2s 5d; Tartarian (seed), 2s 5d per bushel.

**Barley**—Prime feed, 2s 8d; malting, nominally, 3s 9d per bushel.

**Potatoes**.—Market strong. We quote Canterbury and Oamaru grown, L5 to L5 10s. New potatoes—Kidneys, choice, 11s; round (best), 9s per cwt.

**Chaff**—Prime bright heavy feed, 65s; medium to good, 52s 6d to 57s 6d per ton.

**Cocksfoot**—Prime bright heavy farmers' dressed, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; medium to good, 3d to 4d per lb.

**Ryegrass**—Prime bright machine dressed, 4s to 4s 6d; farmers' parcels, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

**Sheepskins**.—Best butchers' skins, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; medium to good, 3s to 4s; country crossbred skins, medium to fine quality,

well-saved pelts, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; extra choice lines, full-woolled, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 6d; half to three-quarter woolled, well-saved, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 5d; fair to medium, 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; best country merinos, full-woolled, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d to 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; ordinary to good, 4d to 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per lb.

**Hides**.—Extra heavy ox hides, well flayed, 18s to 20s; plump heavy, 16s to 17s 6d; medium, 10s to 11s; cow hides, extra heavy, 8s to 9s 6d; medium, 7s to 7s 6d. Badly flayed and slippery hides at proportionate rates.

#### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

At Saturday's sale there was a fair attendance of buyers present, and a moderate number of horses of all classes forward. There were very few good draughts offered; nearly all those submitted for sale were either aged or inferior sorts, and there was very little inquiry for them. Consignments of really first-class, sound, young animals would sell well, as there is a good demand for them, and whenever horses of this description are forthcoming they meet with a good deal of attention and bring good values. Springcarters were well represented; among those offered were consignments from Oamaru and Invercargill, which consisted of strong upstanding horses suitable for springcart or 'bus work. For these there was a good demand, and a number found new owners at satisfactory prices. Upstanding hacks and harness horses are in better demand just now on account of the approaching holidays. To-day we offered and sold a number of good useful sorts at prices in favour of sellers. On account of next Saturday being Boxing Day there will be no sale. The date of the following week's sale will be duly advertised. We quote:—First-class heavy young draughts at from L28 to L33; medium, L20 to L25; aged, L15 to L19; good hacks and strong carriage horses, L15 to L20; spring-cart sorts, L11 to L15; light hacks, L7 to L10; inferior, L2 to L5.

**MR F. MEENAN,** King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet; feed, medium to good, 1s 10d to 1s 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; milling, 2s to 2s 1d; Fowls: wheat 3s 10d to 4s; milling, 4s 9d to 5s; chaff L2 to L2 15s. Ryegrass, L2 10s to L2 15s. Straw, 22s to 24s per ton. Loose and pressed potatoes, bare in market, L5 10s to L5 15s. Flour: Roller, L12 to L12 10s; stone, L11 to L11 10s. Oatmeal: L12 in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 5d to 8d; factory, 9d. Eggs, 9d. Bran, L3 10s. Pollard, L4 0s. Onions L9. New potatoes scarce; local, 15s; Auckland 14s.

### Diocese of Christchurch.

(From our own correspondent.)

#### DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

THE distribution of prizes at the Marist Brothers' School in Barbadoes street, took place in the schoolroom on Monday week. In the absence of the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, the Vicar-General, assisted by the Rev. Father Galerne, presided. The boys in a short address wished the Bishop, the Vicar-General, and Father Galerne all the joys of this festive season, and then a few choruses were gone through, after which the prizes were distributed in the presence of a number of parents. The following is the prize list:—

Dux of the school: Cecil Morkane. Good conduct: John Joyce.

Standard VII.—Christian Doctrine: Thomas O'Connell 1, Cecil Morkane 2. Arithmetic: Joseph M'Gee 1, H. Turkington 2. Algebra: H. Turkington 1, Joseph M'Gee 2. Euclid: C. Morkane 1, James Whelan 2. English grammar and composition: C. Morkane 1, John Cronin 2, James Whelan 3. Reading: Thomas O'Connell 1, H. Turkington 2. Irish history: John Cronin 1, Joseph M'Gee 2. Drawing: James Whelan 1, Joseph M'Gee 2. Geography: Joseph M'Gee 1, Cecil Morkane 2. Writing: John Cronin. Attendance: Henry Turkington.

Standard VI.—General proficiency: Charles Hickmott. Christian Doctrine: Charles Hickmott 1, John Beary 2. Arithmetic: Thomas Slattery 1, John Beary 2. Grammar and composition: Charles Hickmott 1, Arthur Gardner 2. Reading: John Beary 1, Arthur Gardner 2. Geography: Thomas Slattery 1, Thomas Foley 2. Irish history: John Joyce 1, Arthur Gardner 2. Drawing: Arthur

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