

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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PRICE FOR ENSUING SEASON £3 15s Net PER TON ON TRUCK, DUNEDIN.

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AGENTS:

N.Z. LOAN & MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LD

ANDREW TODD, Manager, DUNEDIN.

Commercial.

REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 20.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY report as follows:—

Wheat—The market is flat, buyers are scarce and quotations nominal, say, for best northern Tuscan and velvet, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; southern, 4s to 4s 4d; medium to good, 3s 7d to 3s 10d; fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—The market is void of animation, and to effect sales 1½d to 2d per bushel less would have to be accepted, but holders have confidence in the future, and meantime decline to sell prime milling under 2s 3½d to 2s 4d; prime short feed, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; medium to good, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior, 1s 9d to 2s; odd lots for seed, 2s 5d to 2s 7d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—Prime malting is in good demand, any other difficult to place. Quotations—For best, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; inferior, 2s 6d to 2s 9d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seeds—No business of any consequence passing. Best dressed ryegrass seed is nominally worth 3s 6d to 3s 9d; extra prime, 4s to 4s 3d; medium, 2s 9d to 3s 3d; large seeds, 2s 3d to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cockfoot, best dressed, 4½d to 5½d; medium, 3½d to 4½d per lb (net sacks extra).

Chaff—Market glutted, prime only fetching, L3 10s to L3 15s; medium, L2 7s 6d to L2 17s 6d; inferior, L1 15s to L2 5s; straw chaff, L1 5s to L1 10s (ex truck, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes—Prices are easier this week, best Derwents fetching L3 to L3 5s; medium, L2 12s 6d to L2 17s 6d per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Sheepskins—Market steady at late rates, say for best dry cross-breeds, 4d to 5d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; dry merinos, 2d to 4½d per lb; best green cross-breeds, 3s 9d to 4s 3d; medium, 3s to 3s 7½d; green lambskins, 2s 3d to 3s 5d each.

Rabbitskins—Are well competed for more especially good sorts, best winter greys fetch, 11½d to 12½d; medium, 10d to 11d; autumn, 7½ to 9½d; summer, 3d to 5½d; suckers and half-grown, 1d to 2½d; best black and silver grey, 1s to 1s 3½d; inferior to medium and good, 4d to 9½d per lb.

Hides—Heavy sorts fetch, 2½d to 3½d; extra do, 3½d to 3½d; medium, 1½d to 2½d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Business confined to country oddments, best rendered fetching, 13s 6d to 15s; medium, 11s 6d to 13s; butchers' rough fat, best, 11s to 11s 6d; medium; 9s 6d to 10s 6d; inferior, 8s to 9d per cwt (ex store, net).

MESSRS. DONALD REID AND Co. report that prices ruled as under at their auction sale on Monday:—

Oats—We submitted several lines of fair short feed, which sold, under good competition, at 2s 1d to 2s 2d per bushel. We quote: Seed lines, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra.)

Wheat—Several lots of fowl wheat sold at 3s 2d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes—The demand to-day was scarcely so keen as it has been of late. Prime northern Derwents are in request at L3 5s to L3 10s per ton. We had none of these on offer, but submitted good southern Derwents, which sold at L3 to L3 5s per ton, sacks in).

Chaff—The market has been well supplied for the past week, and to-day's prices show a slight decline on those of last week. We offered about 40 tons mixed quality, which sold at: For best oaten sheaf, L3 12s 6d to L3 15s; medium to good, L3 to L3 10s; discoloured, L2 5s to L2 15s; straw chaff, 25s to 30s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips, 15s per ton (loose in truck).

MESSRS. EDWARD THOMAS AND Co., Bond street, Dunedin, Wool, Sheepskin, Rabbitskin, Hair and Hide Merchants, report:—

Rabbitskins—Considerable animation was shown at the sales last Monday, and in some instances prices were paid which were altogether fictitious and out of proportion to rates ruling at Home. A general advance of a farthing was noticeable in nearly all lines, winters especially being eagerly sought after and extra prime lots brought to 12½d.

Hair—Continues without alteration.

Sheepskins are also in steady demand and are readily bought up at values above London equivalent.

Hides—Coming in freely and bought at previous week's rulings.

MESSRS. STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report:—

Fat Cattle—166 yarded prices being a little higher than last week. Best bullocks fetched L7 to L8 10s; others, L5 to L6 15s; best cows, L6 to L7 7s 6d; others, L3 to L5 10s. We sold cows for Mr. A. Douglas, Allanton, at L5 2s 6d to L4 12s 6d.

Fat Sheep—2817 penned; prices showing no alteration. Best wethers sold at 14s to 15s 6d; medium, 12s to 13s 9d; best ewes, 9s 6d to 12s; others, 7s to 9s 3d.

Lambs—576 penned, all meeting with a good demand. Best lambs fetched 10s to 11s 3d; medium, 8s to 9s 9d; light, 5s 3d to 7s 6d.

Pigs—116 yarded. There was a keen demand and prices ruled higher than for some time past especially baconers.

Rabbitskins—These are in good demand and all offering well with good competition. Quotations—Prime winters, 12d to 12½d; early do, 11d to 11½d; autumns, 7½d to 10½d; summers, 4d to 6d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 3½d; while blacks are worth up to 16d and silver greys 18d per lb.

Hides—Market firm. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 3½d; good do, 3d to 3½d; medium, 2½d to 2½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2d per lb.

Tallow—Best rendered mutton, 14s to 15s 6d; medium, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; rough fat, 8s 6d to 11s 6d per cwt.

Wheat—The demand has been easier during the week, but there is no quotable difference to report. Prime milling velvet, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; medium, 4s 2d to 4s 3½d; prime Tuscan, 4s 2½d to 4s 4d; medium, 4s to 4s 1½d; fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 8d per bushel (sacks in).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

The attendance of buyers at Saturday's sale was small, as also was the number of entries. The horses forward were chiefly dealers' and town lots, and comprised, with one or two exceptions, only medium draughts and spring-van sorts. Bidding was dull throughout the sale, and only a small amount of business was done. Had any first-class sorts been offered they would, we are sure, have realised full prices, as we had several inquiries for heavy young draughts and upstanding, active spring-van horses. Hacks and light-harness horses, unless showing quality and breeding, find little inquiry, and are slow of sale. We quote:—First-class heavy young draughts at from L30 to L35 (extra heavy a pound or two more); medium, L22 to L27; aged, L15 to L20; hacks and strong carriage horses, L15 to L20; good 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: Fair demand; feed, medium to good, 2s to 2s 3d; milling 2s 3d to 2s 5d; fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; milling, 4s 9d to 5s chaff, L3 to L4. Ryegrass, hay, L2 10s to L2 15s. Straw 24s per ton; loose, 28s. Potatoes, L2 10s to L3 12s 6d per ton. Flour: Roller, L11 to L11 10s; Oatmeal: L13 in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 7d to 10d; factory, 1s 1d. Eggs, 1s. Bran, L3 15s. Pollard L3 15s. Onions L8.

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE weekly meeting of this Society was held in the Christian Brothers' Schoolroom on Friday evening, July 16. There was a capital attendance of members and a really good programme was got through with much credit.

The recitations, by Messrs. Leo Pastorelli and C. Delany, both of whom made their *debut* as reciters, were very well received, and we fully expect to hear of these young gentlemen again in some of the more ambitious efforts of our young men. Mr. J. Black recited "The engine driver's story," and Mr. J. Hill gave "Brutus' address to the Romans." Both gentlemen acquitted themselves in a masterly style. Mr. S. Columb read the beautiful piece entitled "The companionship of books," with grace and finish. Mr. J. Hally contributed a humorous reading with so much skill as to fairly convulse his hearers with laughter. The principal feature of the evening was Mr. F. W. Petre's lecture on "Art and architecture." The lecturer traced the early history of these arts from primitive times in an easy and pleasant manner, introducing many very beautiful incidents. He also related, with much success, the legend connected with the plans of the famous architectural pile, the Cologne Cathedral. Several members—notably Mr. Houghton—bestowed the highest praise on the lecturer for his masterly effort.