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Commercial.

REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 10.

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

Wheat—Prime milling, more especially velvet, can be placed at about late rates, but medium is neglected. Quotations for best northern velvet, 1s 3d to 4s 6d; southern do, 4s to 4s 3d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 9d; best Tuscan and red wheat, 4s to 4s 2d; medium, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; inferior, 2s 9d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms.)

Oats—This market has been exceedingly flat for some time and even now very few change hands. During the last few days, however, there has been slight indications significant of a more satisfactory position of the market within measurable distance, a few consignments coming forward now from the country are fetching, 1s 10d to 2s 1d; while those in store are held for rates earlier obtaining say, for prime milling, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; best bright stout feed, 2s 2½d to 2s 3½d; medium to good, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior, 1s 9d to 2s; odd lots for seed are fetching 2s 4d to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—Best malting full and bright is readily placed but any other sort has very little attention. Quotations for prime malting, 4s to 4s 3d, extra do, 4s 6d; medium nominally, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; feed and milling, 2s 6d to 3s (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Chaff—Prime is slightly firmer but medium is in over supply and hard to place. Quotations for prime, L3 10s to L3 15s; medium to good, L2 7s 6d to L3 2s 6d; inferior, L1 15s to L2 5s; straw chaff, 22s 6d to 25s per ton. (ex truck, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes—Market fully supplied, best northern fetching, L3 2s 6d to L3 7s 6d; southern, L2 12s 6d to L3 per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Sheepskins—Market steady at late rates, say for best dry crossbreds, 1d to 5½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; dry merinos, 2d to 4½d per lb; best green crossbreds, 3s 9d to 4s 6d; medium, 3s to 3s 8d each.

Rabbitskins—Best skins are in good demand, while inferior to medium have less attention. Best winter grey fetch 1½d to 1½d, selected 1½d; medium, 9d to 10½d; autumn, 7d to 9d; summer, 3d to 5½d, suckers and half-grown, 1d to 2½d; best black and silver grey, 1s 2d to 1s 4d; ex ra prime, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; inferior to medium and good, 4d to 1s per lb.

Hides—A very good demand exists for these, heavy fetching 2½d to 3½d; extra do, 3½d to 3½d; medium, 1½d to 2½d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—There is no change to note in either demand or value. Best country rendered fetches 13s 6d to 15s; medium, 11s 6d to 13s; butchers' rough fat, best, 10s to 10s 6d; medium, 9s to 9s 6d; inferior, 8s to 8s 6d per cwt (ex store, net).

MESSRS EDWARD THOMAS AND CO., Bond street, Dunedin, report as follows—

Rabbitskins—Owing to a speculative tendency the market on Monday was somewhat brisker, and a marked advance, especially in the better grades, was the result. Selected lines brought, in one or two instances, as much as 13½d per lb. Good prime mixed from 12½d to 13d, bucks, 11½d to 12d; blacks showed an advance equal to 1d, while some silver greys brought 1s 6d.

Sheepskins also show more life. Good crossbreds and halfbreds, fit for shipping purposes, bringing up to 5½d.

Hair—Unaltered.

Hides continue at a high demand.

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

Oats—We submitted a few lines of fair feed sparrowbills, which sold at 2s to 2s 9½d per bushel (sacks extra). Late quotations for seed and milling lines are unchanged. The demand for feed is not strong, and late quotations are barely maintained.

Wheat—We offered fowl wheat, inferior to good, which sold at 2s 2½d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes—The demand is confined chiefly to prime lots of northern Derwents, which are saleable at L3 7s 6d to L3 10s per ton. We offered a fair quantity of medium to good Derwents, and sold northern at L3 to L3 5s; southern, L2 17s 6d to L3 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff—The market is still over supplied, and except for prime quality last week's values are barely maintained. We quote—Prime oaten sheaf to L3 10s; good, L3 to L3 5s; medium to good, L2 15s to L3 per ton (bags extra).

MESSRS STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:—

Fat Cattle—167 yarded. Competition was brisk and prices showed some improvement. Best bullocks fetched L8 to L9 12s 6d; medium to good, L5 10s to L7 15s; best cows, L5 10s to L7; others, L3 10s to L5. We sold for the Five Rivers Estate (Southland) and Mr. Alexander Douglas (Allanton) 19 head at quotations.

Fat Sheep—2472 penned. There was a good demand and prices ruled about 1s a head higher than last week. Best wethers fetched 15s to 15s 9d (a small lot extra prime 17s); medium to good, 12s 6d to 14s 6d; light, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; prime ewes, 11s to 13s 9d; medium, 8s 6d to 10s 6d.

Lambs—160 penned. The demand was very poor and prices ruled from 8s 2d to 6s.

Pigs—190 forward. All selling remarkably well. Suckers fetched 8s to 12s 6d; slips, 14s to 16s 6d; stoies, 18s to 23s 6d; porkers, 25s to 34s; baconers, 38s to 55s.

Rabbitskins—All offering meet with good competition and prices on Monday showed a slight advance. Prime winters fetched, 12½d to 13d; good do, 12d to 12½d; medium, 10½d to 11½d; autumns, 7d to 9d; summers, 4d to 6d; blacks up to 17d; silver greys to 18d per lb.

Sheepskins—Market firm at last week's rates.

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

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

Wheat—There is a fair demand at present and quotations remain unaltered. Prime milling velvet, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; medium, 4s 2d to 4s 3½d; prime Tuscan, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; medium, 4s 1d to 4s 2½d; fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 8d per bushel (sacks in).

Oats—There is very little business passing and the market shows a slight decline. Best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 3½d; medium, 2s to 2s 1½d; inferior, 1s 10d to 1s 11½d; best seed and milling, 2s 3d to 2s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley—There is a very brisk demand and all offering is readily disposed of. Prime malting, 4s 3d to 4s 5d; medium to good, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; feed and milling, 2s 9d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff—The market has been over-supplied during the week and prices show no improvement. Best oaten sheaf, L3 7s 6d to L3 10s; good do, L3 2s 6d to L3 5d; medium, L2 15s to L3 per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes—Demand good. Prime Derwents, L3 10s; good, L3 2s 6d to L3 5s per ton (bags in).

MESSRS SAMUEL ORR AND CO. Stafford street, report as follows.—

We had some rain yesterday, which also extended north a bit, but it was nothing to speak of.

Oats—In plain language, the bottom is out of the oat market, and to effect sales you must reduce values of a month ago by about 3d a bushel. The Sydney market, too, is dull; the Western Australia one full up and when it is open Melbourne purposes putting in her surplus. Then the stocks in store here are heavier than ever they were at this period of the year, so that the outlook is not very bright. We quote—Prime milling Sutherlands, 2s 4d; bright heavy sparrowbills, 2s 1d; ordinary, 2s.

Wheat—The Home market is still keeping its buoyancy, while locally prime milling is saleable at about recent rates, viz. prime milling Tuscan or velvet up to 4s 5d; other sorts, 4s to 4s 3d.

Barley—The market is still firm, and during the past month we sold close on 18,000 bushels at the top price of the season—or, rather, for years.

Chaff—Market glutted, and prices easier again.

Potatoes—Northern, L3 10s; southern, L3 5s.

Seeds—Ryegrass. A good many parcels are finding an outlet now, and prices are keeping fairly good, though not so high as in former seasons. We quote—Machine-dressed Poverty Bay seed, up to 6s; and local machine-dressed, 3s to 3s 6d; extra cleaned and heavy up to 4s 3d.—Cocksfoot: Heavy seed, 1½d; ordinary, ¾d to 1d. Timothy is cheaper than for some years.—Clovers: Prices for white are easier on basis of last year's quotations as also are cowgrass and alayke. We solicit intending purchasers to send for our samples and quotations, as these will compare most favourably with any on the market.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a small entry of horses for Saturday's sale and a poor attendance of buyers. The entries consisted of, with a few exceptions, medium draughts and a number of good upstanding