

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

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N.Z. LOAN & MERCANTILE AGENCY CO.,

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ANDREW TODD, Manager, DUNEDIN.

situated in the fertile plain known as the Golden Vale. Near this place his father, James Mathew, had a large distillery, which the son effectually helped to destroy. In '69 the castle was occupied by Count de Jarnac, who afterwards was appointed the French Ambassador in London, and by the Honourable Colonel of the Guards, who was a relative of the Count. Mr. Lynch and a number of friends went to visit it about that time, and they found that the hospitality of which Sheridan gives so interesting an account in his life of Dean Swift was duly observed there. Colonel Foly took them all up to the bedroom in which Father Mathew was born, but confessed that he did not keep up the tradition of Father Mathew's total abstinence principles.

Commercial.

REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 17.

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

Wheat—There is no change to note, extra prime velvet is the only sort saleable in the meantime, northern fetching 4s 5d to 4s 6d; southern, 4s to 4s 3d; best red wheat and Tuscan, nominally, 4s to 4s 2d; medium, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; inferior and whole fowl wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 3d (ex store, sacks weighed in terms).

Oats—There is a little more inquiry, but very few sales could be made, except at prices ranging from 1s 10d to 2s, the bulk, however, are still held firmly, and with fewer in store than at the same time last year, the future of the market should be considered safe. Sellers are holding out for 2s 3½d to 2s 4d for prime sutherlands, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d for best short feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d for medium to good, 1s 9d to 2s for inferior; small lots for seed are fetching 2s 4d to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—The market being cleared of good malting there are no sales of any consequence effected. Quotations for prime malting, 4s to 4s 3d; extra, 4s 6d; medium, nominally, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; feed and milling, 2s 6d to 3s (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Chaff—Prices remain about the same as last week, best fetching 13s 5s to 13 10s, odd lots, 13 15; medium to good, 12 7s 6d to 13 2s 6d; inferior, 11 15s to 12 5s; straw chaff, 22s 6d to 25s per ton (ex truck, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes are in over supply and selling cheaper, best Derwents only fetching 12 7s 6d to 13; southern, 12 10s to 12 15s per ton (ex store sacks weighed in net).

Sheepskins are in good demand at late rates, say for best dry cross-breds, 4d to 5½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; dry merinos, 2d to 4½d per lb; best green cross-breds, 3s 9d to 4s 6d; others, 3s to 3s 8d.

Rabbitskins—Good winter skins continue in very fair demand, while inferior sorts fetch poor prices. Best winter greys fetch 11½d to 12½d, selected, 13½d, medium, 9d to 11½d, 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; extra prime, 1s 5d to 1s 6d, inferior to medium and good, 1d to 1s per lb.

Hides—A very good demand exists, heavy fetching 2½d to 3½d; extra do, 3½d to 4½d, medium, 1½d to 2½d, inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Market unchanged, best country rendered fetching 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 DONALD REID AND CO. report that prices ruled as under at their auction sale on Monday—

Oats—Prices show no improvement on those lately ruling, although within the past few days there has been more inquiry and several fair lines have been placed for shipment. We quote, seed lines, 2s 2d to 2s 6d; prime milling, 2s 1d to 2s 3½d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 0½d; medium, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat—Milling quality is unchanged, with little business passing except in prime quality. Fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes—Supplies are now heavier and in the absence of anything like strong demand values are easier. We quote, prime northern Derwents, 13 to 13 2s 6d; southern, 12 15s to 13; medium to good, 12 10s to 12 15s per ton (bags in).

Chaff—The market is moderately supplied with prime oaten sheaf and prices to-day show a slight improvement on those of last week. We quote, best oaten sheaf, 13 7s 6d to 13 10s; extra

prime, to 13 15s; medium to good, 12 17s 6d to 13 5s per ton (bags extra).

MESSRS SAMUEL ORR AND CO., Stafford street, report as follows:—
A few showers have fallen during the week, but nothing worth speaking about.

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 3½ bushel. The Sydney market, too, is dull; the Western Australian 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 and 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 prices of the season—or, rather, for years.

Chaff—Market glutted, and prices easier again.

Potatoes—Northern, 13 10s; southern, 13 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, 4½d; ordinary, 3½d to 4d; Timothy is cheaper than for some years.—Clovers: Prices for white are easier on basis of last year's quotations, as also are cow-grass and alsyke. We solicit intending purchasers to send for our samples and quotations, as these will compare most favourably with any on the market.

MESSRS STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:—

Fat Cattle—222 yarded, prices showing a drop compared with last week. Best bullocks fetched 17 15s to 18 15s, medium, 15 to 17; best cows, 15 to 16 17s 6d.

Fat Sheep—3190 penned. There was a fair demand, but prices were 6d to 9d a head lower than last week. Best crossbred wethers fetched 11s to 15s 9d; medium, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; best crossbred ewes, 11s 6d to 13s 6d, medium, 8s 6d to 10s 6d, merino wethers, 12s 6d.

Lambs—6s penned, meeting with poor competition, prices ranging from 7s 9d to 7s 6d.

Pigs—138 penned, all being well competed for, prices realized being in favour of sellers. Suckers, 6s 6d to 10s 6d; slips, 11s 6d to 17s 6d; stores, 19s to 22s 6d; porkers, 21s to 25s 6d; light baconers, 30s to 37s; heavy do, 40s to 60s.

Rabbit-skins—All coming forward are eagerly competed for and prices show a further rise. Best winter greys, 12d to 13d; selected, 13½d; medium, 10d to 11½d, autumn, 7d to 9d; summer, 4d to 6d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 3½d; blacks and silver greys, up to 18d per lb.

Sheepskins—Market firm. Best green cross-breds, 4s to 4s 8d; medium, 3s to 3s 9d; best dry do, 3s 9d to 5s; medium, 2s 9d to 3s 6d; merinos, 3s to 3s 6d.

Hides—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 4½d; good, 3d to 3½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; light and inferior, 1d to 2d per lb.

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

Wheat—Market steady. Prime milling velvet, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; medium, 4s 2d to 4s 3½d; prime Tuscan, 4s 2d to 4s 4d; medium, 4s to 4s 1½d; fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 8d per bushel (sacks in).

Oats—The market has been very dull during the week and shows no signs of improvement. Best milling and seed, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2½d; good, 1s 11½d to 2s 0½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley—There is a good demand, and all offering is readily placed at following quotations. Prime malting, 4s 3d to 4s 5d; good, 4s to 4s 2d; medium, 3s 6d to 4d; feed and milling, 2s 9d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff—Prices show some improvement, prime chaff being about 2s 6d higher than last week. Prime oaten sheaf, 13 10s to 13 15s; extra good, a shade more; medium, 13 to 13 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes—Owing to heavy supplies prices are a good deal easier. Best Derwents, 13 to 13 2s 6d per ton (bags in).

MESSRS HOGAN AND DURIE, Wanganui, report as follows:—

Wheat—Market bare very little doing in this line. Prime milling, 4s to 4s 6d; fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 6d.