

# Commercial.

Messrs ETRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:—

Fat Cattle—140 yarded. Prices as last week's. Best bullocks, £10 7s 6d; others in proportion.

Fat Sheep—2074 yarded. Slight improvement. One pen of best crossbred wethers fetched 20s 3d; crossbred wethers and others, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium, 15s 6d to 16s 6d; merino, 7s 6d to 15s.

Pigs—Prices unaltered. Porkers selling well up to 45s.

Rabbitkins—Fair catalogue; good attendance buyers; keen competition. Prime winters, bucks and does, 15½d to 16½d; medium to good, 13½d to 15½d; autumn, 8½d to 10½d; suckers, 4½d to 8½d.

Sheepskins—Small catalogue; good attendance and keen competition. Dry crossbreds brought 2s 1d to 4s 3d; merinos, 2s 10d to 3s 4d; lambs and pelts, 5d to 2s 6d; green crossbreds, 3s 6d to 5s; merinos, 2s 11d to 3s 6d.

Hides—Quotations remain unchanged.

Tallow—Good demand for all lots coming forward. Prime rendered, 18s to 20s; medium to good, 15s to 17s 6d; inferior, 12s 6d to 14s 6d; rough fat, 9s to 13s.

Grain—Wheat: A larger business has been done during the last week than has been done for some time, the consequence being that prices have somewhat hardened. Seed wheat, 4s to 4s 6d; milling (prime to extra prime) 3s 6d to 3s 10d; do medium, 3s 2½ to 3s 5d; do inferior, 2s 11d to 3s 1d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 10d.—Oats: There is a steady demand for all qualities, a preference, however, being shown for bright heavy sparrowbill and Sutherlands. Seed (Danish) are inquired for, and if really clean would meet a good market. We quote:—Seed (all descriptions), 2s to 2s 3d; milling, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; feed, bright, heavy, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; do discoloured, 1s 4d to 1s 7d; sacks extra.—Barley: Some business is passing at late quotations, but the market is quiet.

Potatoes—The market is very dull. Best, 27s 6d to 32s 6d; inferior, 20s to 25s.

Chaff—There is better demand for medium and inferior, but prime and well cut oaten sheaf is in brisk demand. We quote: Best heavy, 45s to 50s; medium, 37s 6d to 42s 6d; light and inferior, 30s to 35s.

Ryegrass—Only a moderate demand. Best dressed, 3s 9d to 4s 3d; inferior, 2s 3d to 3s 6d.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending August 17 as follows:—

Store Cattle—A few of these change hands from time to time, and a much larger number could be placed if supplies were available. This week we sold 75 head heifers and steers at from 50s to £6 10s per head.

Store Sheep—The market now is comparatively quiet, nothing doing beyond the few odd lots changing hands at the various country sales, and the number put through then is limited. This week we placed 750 crossbred hoggets at 13s to 17s.

Sheepskins—The usual good demand was experienced at auction on Tuesday. We quote—Dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 2s to 3s 11d; do do merino 1s 10d to 3s 2d; full-woolled crossbreds, 4s 2d to 6s 3d; do do merino, 3s 4d to 5s 9d; dry pelts, 3d to 1s 9d; butchers' green crossbreds, best, 4s 6d to 4s 10d; choice, 5s; medium to good, 3s 4d to 4s 5d; green merinos, best, 3s 3d to 3s 7d; light, 2s 9d to 3s 2d each.

Rabbitkins—While the demand is very strong for these there is no further improvement in the tone of the market. We quote—Best winter does, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; bucks, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; medium to good, 1s 1d to 1s 2½d; autumn, 9d to 11d; summer, 6d to 8d; suckers and half-grown, 3d to 5d; black and fawn, 8d to 11½d per lb.

Hides—A fair demand continues to be experienced, but as regards prices there are no indications of any upward movement. We quote—For dry, salted, heavy weights, properly flayed, 2½d to 3d; medium, 2d to 2½d; light, 1½d to 1¾d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow—Supplies to hand are short, and all consignments coming forward are readily taken up at late quotations. We quote—Best rendered mutton, 19s to 20s; medium to good, 16s to 18s 6d; inferior to medium, 13s to 15s; rough fat is also firm, best caul fetching, 12s 6d to 13s; inferior to medium and good, 9s to 12s per cwt.

Grain—Wheat: Market practically in same position as last week. Millers are purchasing all prime samples offering at prices on a par with those ruling the previous week. We quote, best milling, velvet, red straw, and tuscan, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; extra prime, 1d to 2d more; good to best, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; medium, 2s 8d to 3s 2d; whole fowl's wheat, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; inferior and broken, 1s 9d to 2s 2d, ex store, sacks weighed in, terms.—Oats: The market may be reported a shade firmer. The slight improvement in the price of feed is due to the fact that sellers have not been forcing the market with supplies. We quote, best bright short feed and milling, 1s 11d to 2s; medium to good, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; good Dan sh and long Tartare, clean and true to name, 1s 9d to 2s 3d, ex store, sacks extra, net.—Barley: There is hardly any business being done in this cereal. Quotations for best malting 3s 6d to 3s 9d; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d; feed and milling, 2s to 2s 10d, ex store, sacks extra, terms.

Grass Seeds—Ryegrass: Best dressed perennial, 3s 9d to 4s; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 6d per bushel; ex store. Cocksfoot seed is going off in small parcels. Best dressed, 3½d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 3½d per lb.

Potatoes—Best derwents in small lots only fetch 25s to 30s; other sorts almost unsaleable. These prices are ex store, sacks weighed in.

Chaff—Sales are difficult to effect at prices lately ruling. Best bright, heavy, screened, 40s to 45s; inferior to medium, 27s 6d to 37s 6d per ton.

Dairy Produce—Prime salt butter, 9d to 10d; medium difficult to quit. The cheese market is extremely quiet; quotations nominal,

say for factory, medium size, 4½d to 5d; loaf shaps, 5d to 5½d; dairy, 3d to 4½d per lb.

MESSRS DONALD REID AND Co. report as follows for week ending August 17:—

Rabbitkins—Prime winters (bucks and does) sold at 16d to 16½d; medium to good, 14½d to 15½d; inferior, 12½d to 13½d; coloured, 10d to 11½d; autumns, 7½d to 10½d; suckers, 3½d to 5d per lb.

Sheepskins—Green crossbreds sold at 3s 5d to 5s; do merinos, 2s 8d to 3s 11d; dry crossbreds, 2s 1d to 5s 2d; do merinos, 1s 5d to 3s 8d; do pelts and hoggets, 7d to 2s 8d.

Hides—Prime heavies, 2½d to 3d; medium to good, 2½d to 2½d; light, 1½d to 2d; inferior bulks, 1½d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow—Medium rendered 16s to 17s; inferior, 13s to 14s 6d; rough fat, 10s to 13s per cwt.

Wheat—Seed wheat (all descriptions), 4s to 4s 6d; milling (prime to extra prime), 3s 7d to 3s 10d; do medium, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; do inferior, 2s 10d to 3s 2d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 9d.

Oats—Milling, 1s 11½d to 2s 1d; bright feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; medium do, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; discoloured do, 1s 5d to 1s 7d; sacks extra.

Potatoes—Best, 27s 6d to 32s 6d; inferior, 20s to 25s.

Chaff—Best heavy, 45s to 50s; medium, 37s 6d to 42s 6d; inferior, 27s 6d to 35s.

Turnips—In bulk, 12s to 13s; bagged, 14s (sacks extra).

Ryegrass—Consignments are offering very freely, and prices are hardly so firm. We quote—Machine dressed, 3s 8d to 4s; best farmers', 3s 1d to 3s 7d; inferior, 3s 6d to 3s.

Timothy—The market is very quiet. Quotations—Best, 37s 6d to 42s 6d; medium and inferior, 30s to 35s.

Cocksfoot—Best machine dressed, 3½d to 4½d; medium quality, 3d to 3½d; inferior, 2d to 3d.

## DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—There was again a very small entry of horses for our weekly sale on Saturday, only about 40 horses of all descriptions being offered. Draughts suitable for shafting and country work were again in excellent demand, and we had no difficulty in selling all that were forward of this class on which the reserves were at all reasonable. There was also a fair demand for good strong spring-cart horses, but medium class—hacks and harness horses—were again almost unsaleable. We quote—For first-class draughts (extra heavy), £25 to £30; good ordinary draughts, £18 to £22; medium draughts, £12 to £16; aged draughts, £6 to £10; good hacks and harness horses, £12 to £16; medium hacks and harness horses, £7 to £9; light and inferior hacks and harness horses, £2 10s to £5.

## RABBITSKIN MARKET.

J. H. KIRK AND Co., Bond street, report as follows for week ending 17th August:—

Prices continue all in favour of the seller, notwithstanding the distinctly unfavourable cable advices of last London sales, which would lead us to conclude that the values ruling locally are out of all proportion. Our prices for the past week have ranged from 15½d to 16½d for prime poisoned skins—according to condition and get-up.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price—Oats 1s 7d to 2s 1d (bags extra), demand good. Wheat (easier) milling, 3s 6d to 4s 0d; fowls', 2s 0d to 2s 9d, sacks included, Chaff: Market, good supply—£1 10s 0d to £2 12s 6d; hay, oatens £3 0s; ryegrass, £3. Bran, £3 5s. Potard, £3 15s. Potatoes, kidneys, seed, £2; derwents, £1 5s to £1 10s 0d. Flour: roller, £10 10, to £11 5s; stone, value nominal, £9 0s to £9 15s. Fresh butter, 10d to 1s 3d; salt, prime, 9d. Eggs, 9d. Oatmeal, £9 10s in 25lbs; bulk, £9.

## THE PINKERTONS.

(From the *Irish World*, July 16.)

The scenes witnessed at Homestead during the past week emphasize what we have said of the danger involved in the employment of Pinkerton's mercenaries to overawe labour. Their presence, as it was foreseen, excited passions that found vent in acts that converted Homestead into a veritable battlefield. For the loss of life that occurred during the fight to prevent the landing of the Pinkertons the responsibility must rest on those who advised the hiring of these mercenaries. There were other methods of effectively protecting the property of the owners of the mills without having recourse to the employment of the off-scourings of the slums of New York, Chicago, and other large cities.

When the strike began, the Advisory Committee of the strikers made a proposition to the sheriff of the county, which, if it had been accepted, would have saved Homestead from witnessing scenes of riot and bloodshed. The proposition of the Advisory Committee was that five hundred of the men who had been employed in the mills should be sworn in as deputy sheriffs to serve without pay, the Advisory Committee furnishing a bond of ten thousand dollars as a security for the faithful discharge of their duty by the deputies. If this offer had been accepted the peace of the community would have been preserved and not a dollar's worth of the property of the mill owners would have been injured. Unfortunately it was rejected and the aid of the Pinkertons was called in. What followed was the natural result of relying on an army of Pinkertons to guard the mills.