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## Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of the THE NEW ZEALAND LAND ASSOCIATION LIMITED, report for week ending October 18, as follows:—

**Store Cattle**—The supply of those offering up to the present seems to be considerably short of requirements. A good demand still continues to exist. Sellers have no difficulty in meeting with buyers, more especially those who have grown cattle in forward condition for disposal, and prices are secured comparing favourably with the high prices now paid for finished off lots.

**Store Sheep**—Only a very moderate business is being done in these now. The season's transactions, however, compare favourably with those put through at the same time during the past few seasons.

**Sheepskins**—A steady demand continues to exist for these. On Tuesday, the weekly sale day at the Chamber of Commerce hall, the attendance was good, mostly all the representatives of the trade were present. We cannot, however, report any quotable change in prices, but which were in some instances more than fully maintained. Best green crossbreds brought 5s 3d to 5s 6d; a few picked, extra large, slightly more; medium to good, 4s to 5s; green merinos, 3s to 4s 1d; country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 3s 3d; do do merino, 1s 6d to 2s 2d; full woolled crossbreds, good, 3s 5d to 4s 9d; best, 5s to 5s 9d; extra heavy, 6s to 6s 6d; full woolled merinos, good, 2s 3d to 3s 4d; best, 3s 6d to 5s; dry pelts, 2d to 1s 5d each.

**Rabbitskins**—The local demand continues good, and the auction sales are well attended. We quote:—Best winter greys, bucks and does mixed, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; best does 1s 3d; picked, a shade more; off season spring skins, 10½d to 1s 1½d; medium sorts 9d to 10d; inferior, 6½d to 8½d; suckers and half-grown, 3d to 6d per lb.

**Hides**—The demand continues firm but no quotable change in value, which we repeat, say, for dry salted heavy hides, 21 to 24½; extra heavy in prime condition, 2½ to 3; medium, 1½ to 1¾; inferior, 1d to 1½ per lb.

**Tallow and Fat**—All available supplies are readily placed on arrival at prices in sympathy with those lately ruling, and now are for best rendered mutton in shipping condition, 21s 6d to 22s 6d; medium, 18s 6d to 20s 6d; inferior, 14s 6d to 17s 6d; best caul fat, 14s to 14s 6d; medium to good, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; inferior, 11s to 12s 3d per cwt (ex store).

**Wheat**—Owing doubtless to the continued unsatisfactory tenor of cablegrams from Home in respect to the position of the market there, the local market is decidedly weaker. Very little business has transpired during the past week. Quotations:—For best milling velvet and Tuscan, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; extra prime might fetch a shade more; medium to good, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; inferior to medium, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; broken and thin, 2s 3d to 2s 5d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

**Oats**—The demand during the past week has been confined chiefly to the requirements of the local produce dealers, also to odd lines for milling, but no sales of any consequence are being effected. Best milling are held for 2s 0½ to 2s 1d; best short bright feed, 1s 11½ to 2s; medium to good, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d; small lots for seed occasionally 2s 2d to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Barley**—Only a very limited amount of business is passing in this cereal. There are no stocks now held in first hands, and indeed no demand of any consequence. Quotations:—For prime malting, 4s to 4s 3d; medium, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; milling, 2s 6d to 3s; feed, 1s 9d to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, terms).

**Grass Seeds**—Ryegrass seed has less enquiry but any sales effected are at prices on the basis of those lately quoted say for best dressed 4s to 4s 3d; choice, 4s 6d; undressed nominally, 2s 9d to 3s 3d; cocksfoot, small demand, best dressed worth 4½ to 4¾; medium, 3¾ to 4d; ex store.

**Potatoes**—The market unchanged, no more coming forward than is actually required, price remains firm, say for best Derwents L4 17s 6d to L5 2s 6d; medium, L4 10s to L4 15s per ton, ex store, sacks weighed in, net.

**Chaff**—The supply this week has been ample for requirements, prices in consequence have not further improved. Quotations for best, 60s to 67s 6d; extra prime, 70s to 72s 6d; medium, 45s to 55s; inferior, 30s to 42s 6d per ton, ex truck, sacks extra net.

**Dairy Produce**—Sales of butter in kegs are still quite of a retail character. Prime salt, dairy-made, nominally worth 6d to 7d; medium, 4d to 5d; factory, 10d to 11d per lb. Factory cheese is now in fewer hands, and late rates more readily secured, which are—For large size, 4½ to 4¾; medium, 4¾ to 5d; loaf, 5d to 5½, dairy-made, 2d to 4d per lb.

**Flax**—The market remains quiet, and no further indications of any improvement in price. The few consignments now coming forward are taken up at about equal to the following quotations—viz, best-dressed, L16 to L17; medium to good, L14 to L15 10s; inferior, nominally L10 10s to L12 10s per ton (ex store).

MESSRS STONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:—

**Fat Cattle**—132 were yarded this week. Bidding was brisk throughout. Prime bullocks, L10 to L11 17s 6d; medium, L8 5s to L9 15s; inferior, L5 10s to L7 15s; best heifers, L8 to L9; medium, L5 10s to L7 5s.

**Fat sheep**—A comparatively large entry, 1,896 being penned. Best crossbred wethers brought 18s to 21s; some very choice up to 22s 9d; medium quality, 10s 3d to 17s 6d; merino wethers to 12s 3d.

**Lambs** are bringing at Burnside 7s to 13s 9d.

**Sheepskins**—We sold a very full catalogue at most satisfactory prices on Tuesday last. Quotations—Best dry crossbreds, 5d to 5½; merino, 4d to 4½ per lb.

**Tallow**—This market is firm and all coming in are readily disposed of. For prime rendered, 21s to 22s; medium, 18s to 20s per ton.

MESSRS DONALD REID AND CO. report as follows:—

**Sheepskins**—Green crossbreds sold at 3s 6d to 5s 6d; green merinos, 2s 9d to 3s 6d; green lambs, 8d to 11d; dry crossbreds, 2s 3d to 5s; dry merinos, 1s 4d to 3s 11d; dry pelts and hoggs, 5d to 3s 3d.

**Tallow**—We quote: Prime rendered, 20s to 21s 6d per cwt; medium, 16s 6d to 19s; inferior, 14s 6d to 15s 6d; rough fat, 10s to 14s 6d.

**Wheat**—We quote: Prime milling, 2s 9d to 2s 10½; medium, 2s 7d to 2s 8½; fowl wheat, 2s 4d to 2s 6d.

**Oats**—Seed descriptions, 2s 1d to 2s 3d; prime, 1s 11½ to 2s; inferior feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; sacks extra.

**Barley**—Seed lots, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; malting, 3s 10d to 4s; milling, 3s to 3s 6d.

**Potatoes**—Best derwents, L5 to L5 2s 6d; medium quality, L4 15s to L4 17s 6d.

**Chaff**—Prime oats, L3 7s 6d to L3 12s 6d; medium, L2 15s to L3 5d; high, L2 to L2 10s; musty and inferior, L1 5s to L1 7s 6d; clean straw chaff, L1 10s to L2.

**Pressed straw**—Slow of sale, 26s to 27s 6d per ton, in truck lots.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price—Oats: 1s 10d to 2s 1d (bags extra). Wheat (sacks included): Milling, 2s 9d to 3s 0d, demand fair; fowls, 2s 0d to 2s 7d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, good supply, demand dull, £1 10s 0d to £2 5s 0d; prime up to £3 10s 0d, good demand; hay, oaten, quality good, demand dull, £2 15s to £3 0s; ryegrass, £2 10s to £2 15s, of good quality. Potatoes, kidneys, £5 0d; derwents, £4 15s to £5 0d, market bare. Flour: Roller, £7 15s to £8 5s; stout, £6 15s to £7 5s, demand quiet. Oatmeal, bulk, £10 0s; 25lbs, £10 10s. Butter, fresh, 5d to 9d; potted, demand easier, 6d for prime eggs, 6d per dozen.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND CO. report as follows:—

A moderately large entry of horses was offered at our sale on Saturday. The demand was not very brisk for either draught or light horses, but the latter were saleable at prices rather in favour of buyers. The sales that were made were chiefly of medium to low-