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### Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of the THE NEW ZEALAND LAND ASSOCIATION LIMITED, report for week ending October 25, as follows:—

**Store Cattle**—Owing doubtless to the genial spring weather experienced causing a rapid growth of feed, the demand for these is exceedingly brisk, at the moment there are far more buyers than sellers. All sorts are saleable and at prices in favour of sellers.

**Store Sheep**—A few of these continue to change hands and more would no doubt do so if buyers could operate at prices likely to leave a margin, but feed coming up now so quickly holders are not so anxious to quit except at prices somewhat in advance of buyers ideas of values.

**Sheepskins**—At our weekly auction on Tuesday we submitted a full catalogue of green and dry skins. The attendance, as usual, was large, and competition was spirited all through the proceedings, values being on a par with the last report. Best green crossbreds brought 5s 4d to 5s 6d; extra large and picked lots, 2d to 3d more; medium to good, 4s to 5s 2d; green merinos, 3s to 3s 11d; country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 3s 4d; do do merino, 1s 5d to 2s 3d; full-woolled crossbreds, good, 3s 5d to 4s 8d; best, 4s 10d to 5s 10d; ex ra heavy, 6s to 6s 4d; full-woolled merinos, good, 2s 4d to 3s 5d; best, 3s 6d to 4s 11d; dry pelts, 2d to 1s 4d each.

**Rabbitskins**—The market for these, in the meantime, is fairly steady, no fluctuations of any moment apparent in the prices realised during the past few weeks. We quote—Prime winter bucks and does, mixed, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; best winter does, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; off-season and 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**—There is no alteration to note in either demand or value.

**Tallow and Fat**—Stocks are low, and the quantity on offer is limited, but there is no apparent alteration in prices. We quote—Prime rendered mutton, 21s 6d to 22s 6d; medium to good 18s 6d to 20s 6d; inferior to medium, 14s 6d to 17s 6d; best caul fat, fresh and clean, 14s to 14s 6d; medium to good, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; inferior, 11s to 12s 3d per cwt, ex store.

**Wheat**—The long looked for improvement in values at Mark Lane appear as far off as ever. Transactions in the local market during the past week have been few and unimportant. Prime milling, velvet and Tuscan, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; medium to good, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; inferior, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; broken and thin, 2s 3d to 2s 5d, ex store, sacks weighed in, terms.

**Oats**—The demand during the week has not been very brisk, doubtless owing to the Australian markets being more than fully supplied with heavy shipments lately arriving, chiefly from the Bluff, and consequently offer less inducement for speculation. Prime milling, 2s 0½d; to 2s 1d; best bright short feed, 1s 11½d to 2s; medium to good, 1s 10½d to 1s 11½d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d, ex store, sacks extra, net.

**Barley**—The only demand existing is for prime malting, small parcels of which are occasionally on offer, and are taken up at prices on a par with quotations lately reported. 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**—The demand for ryegrass seed has lately failed off considerably and with a good supply still on hands speculators are not disposed to purchase at prices lately quoted, sellers however, meantime at any rate are unwilling to accept less, and still hold best dressed for 4s to 4s 3d; choice, 4s 6d; undressed nominally 2s 9d to 3s. Cocksfoot, quiet, best dressed selling in retail lots at 4½d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 4s per lb, ex store.

**Potatoes**—The supply to hand during the past week has been less extensive, prices at auction on Monday in consequence showed a slight advance, best Derwents fetching L5 2s 6d to L5 10s; medium, L4 15s to L5 per ton, ex store, sacks weighed in, net.

**Chaff**—The market has been fully supplied all through the past week with medium and inferior. A fair share of really prime has also been to hand, all of which is saleable, best being worth 6s to

70s; extra prime, on rare occasions, in small lots, 72s 6d to 77s 6d; medium, 45s to 55s; inferior, 30s to 42s 6d per ton; ex truck, sacks extra, net.

**Dairy Produce**—There is little or no inquiry for butter in kegs. Nominal, prime, 6d to 7d; medium, 4d to 5d; factory, 10d per lb. Factory cheese firm, large size at 4½d to 4¾d, medium, 4¾d to 5d; loaf, 5d to 5½d; dairy made, 2d to 4d per lb.

**Flax**—A moderate demand is experienced and consignments are being placed at about equal to late quotations, say for best dressed, L16 to L17; medium to good, L14 to L15 10s; inferior, nominally, L10 10s to L12 10s per ton; ex store.

MESSRS DONALD REID AND CO. report as follows:—

**Rabbitskins**—We offered a moderate catalogue at our sale on Monday, when there was the usual attendance of buyers present. The demand was not as brisk as at last week's auction, and prices all round were in favour of buyers.

**Sheepskins**—Our catalogue this week was a very large one, consisting of about equal portions of green and dry skins, and including several very choice lines of halfbreds and merinos. Butchers' green crossbreds, 3s 9d to 5s 7d; do merino, 2s 9d to 3s 4d; do lamb, 9d to 10d; dry crossbreds, 2s to 5s 9d; do merino, 1s 5d to 3s 8d; do pelts and hoggets, 5d to 3s 5d.

**Tallow**—The supply has been rather small this week. Prime rendered, 20s to 21s 6d; medium, 17s to 19d; inferior, 15s to 16s 6d; rough fat, 10s to 14s 6d per cwt.

**Wheat**—Business in this cereal continues dull. Fowls' wheat is in good demand at quotations:—Milling, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; fowl wheat, 2s 3d to 2s 7d.

**Oats**—Arrivals are hardly more than sufficient for local consumption and prices are firm. We quote:—Milling, 2s to 2s 1d; Feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d.

**Barley**—There is a good demand for plump bright malting, while thin and broken samples are difficult to get. We quote:—Malting, 3s 6d to 4s; milling, 3s to 3s 5d; sacks extra.

**Potatoes**—The market is bare and prices are firmer. We quote—Best derwents, L5 2s 6d to L5 10s; medium, L5 to L5 5s.

**Chaff**—Bright heavy oaten is scarce and commands sale at increased prices, while inferior and musty is almost unsaleable. We quote—Prime oaten, L3 7s 6d to L3 15s; medium, L3 to L3 5s; inferior, L1 to L2.

**Grass Seed**—There have been few orders during the week, and the demand for the season has been rather a disappointing one. Best machine dressed ryegrass, 3s 9d to 4s 3d; ordinary and farmers' dressed, 3s to 3s 6d; inferior, from 2s; cocksfoot, best dressed, 4d to 4½d; do, inferior, from 3d.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price—Oats: 1s 10d to 2s 1d (baga extra). Wheat (sacks included): Milling, 2s 9d to 3s 0d, demand fair; fowls', 2s 0d to 2s 7½d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, good supply, demand dull, £1 10s 0d to £2 5s 0d; prime up to £3 15s 0d, good demand; hay, oaten, quality good, demand dull, £2 15s to £3 0s; ryegrass, £2 5s to £2 10s, of good quality. Potatoes, kidneys, £5 0s 0d; derwents, £5 to £5 10s 0d, market bare. Flour: Roller, £7 15s to £8 5s; stone, £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, 6½d per dozen.

### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

The entry to-day was a small one and was composed almost exclusively of light horses. There was a fair demand, and considering the quality of the horses forward a good proportion changed hands. The most inquiry was experienced for useful backs and harness horses, at prices ranging from L12 to L17. Consignments of such horses would meet with a good market. Owing to next Saturday being a race day our usual weekly sale will be held on Monday (the 30th inst) instead. We quote—First-class draughts (extra heavy), L25 to L30; good ordinary do (young), L18 to L22; medium