

Commercial

(For week ending April 13.)

PRODUCE.

London, April 8.—Wheat: Buyers are holding off Australian cargoes; 30s 3d is asked for on passage, and 30s 9d for April and May shipments.

Butter is dull and weak. Danish, 100s; New Zealand, 90s; Victorian, 88s to 90s; New South Wales and Queensland, 84s to 88s.

Cheese is unchanged.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 6d; separator, 8d; butter, factory, pats, 10½d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Cheese, (factory), 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £2 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £2 per ton. Flour, £10 to £11. Oatmeal, £9 to £9 10s. Bran, £3. Pollard, £5. Retail.—Farm butter, 8d; separator, 10d; butter (factory), pats, 1s. Eggs, 1s 6d per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 3s 6d per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 22s; 50lb, 6s 6d. Oatmeal, 50lb, 5s 6d; 25lb, 3s. Pollard, 8s 6d per bag. Bran, 4s. Chaff, 1s 6d.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale, prices only—Oats: Milling, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; feed, 11d to 1s 5d. Wheat: Milling, 3s to 3s 3d; fowls', 2s 4d to 2s 8d. Potatoes: Kidneys, £2; Derwents, £2 10s per ton. Chaff, £2 5s to £3. Straw: Pressed wheat, 32s 6d; oats, 35s; loose, 35s. Flour: Sacks, £9 13s; 100lb, £10; 50lb, £10 5s; 25lb, £10 10s. Oatmeal, £9 10s. Pollard, £4 10s. Bran, £2 10s. Butter: dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: factory, 5½d; dairy, 5d. Eggs, 1s 8d. Onions: Melbourne, £5.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue was a fully representative one, but in all classes of produce medium quality bulked largely. In nearly all lines there was fair competition for good to prime quality, but lower grades had not the same attention. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week the tendency in all classes of oats has been towards lower values, and with considerable quantities coming forward there has been some accumulation of stock in store. Buyers of prime milling lines have been far from keen, and, with a limited outlet for export of feed oats, there has been nothing like steady demand. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; inferior, 10d to 1s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Millers' requirements of prime milling wheat are being supplied almost entirely from the north, most of the southern wheat being more or less damaged. Medium quality is almost neglected. Fowl wheat is offering plentifully, but continues to move off steadily at quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 3s to 3s 3d; medium to good, 2s 6d to 2s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; broken and damaged, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is fairly well supplied with prime Derwents, and rather over-supplied with kidneys and other white sorts. Derwents met a fair market at £2 to £2 7s 6d; choice, to £2 10s. White potatoes are more difficult to quit at 30s to 40s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is readily quitted on arrival, but medium and inferior qualities have no inquiry, and are extremely difficult to deal with. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £2 15s to £3; medium to good, £2 to £2 10s; inferior and light, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows:—

Wheat.—Millers are still going slow, and as most of the southern wheat is damaged they have to buy mostly from the north. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; damaged and inferior, 1s 10d to 2s 2d.

Oats.—Buyers are not prepared to do business at late rates, and in consequence prices are easier. A considerable number of owners, however, decline to accept these reduced figures and are putting their oats in store. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; damaged and inferior, 10d to 1s 2d.

Chaff.—The market is glutted with second-rate chaff, which is almost impossible to sell. Prime samples, al-

though not so plentiful as second-rate, are also easier. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £2 12s 6d to £2 17s 6d medium to good, £2 to £2 10s; inferior, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d.

Potatoes.—Best Derwents, £2 to £2 10s; others, £1 10s to £2.

WOOL.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Sales were held last Monday and there was an average attendance of buyers present. Prices were on the whole a shade easier, but nevertheless quite equal to London equivalent.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday to a representative number of shippers and fell-mongers. Bidding was keen and we had a very good sale.

Hides.—Our fortnightly sale was held last Thursday, when buyers were in good form and kept prices quite up to last sale. We sold ox to 6½d and cows to 5d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report, prices if anything being in favor of buyers.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—

There was a large number of horses forward for this week's sale. The entries included a shipment of 20 Victorian horses, most of them useful young farm horses. Besides the Melbourne consignment, we offered a considerable number of both draught and harness horses. The majority of them, however, were aged, and it was somewhat stiff work effecting sales. Inquiries for horses at the present time are almost entirely confined to a younger class of horses, both in the draught and light sections, than were on offer to-day. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £50 to £58; extra good, prize horses, £60 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £48; aged do, £22 to £33; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £40; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £22 to £30; tram horses, £14 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £7.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle.—The entry consisted of 167 head of ordinary quality. The sale opened slowly, and previous week's values were obtained after the first few lots. Seven bullocks from the Chatham islands fetched £7 to £10. The remainder were small lines, which sold at—for steers, £6 10s to £10 7s 6d; heifers, £5 10s to £8 2s 6d; cows, £5 to £6—equal to 20s to 24s 6d per 100lb for prime beef. Dairy cows brought £7 to £10 10s for good milkers and springers, whilst worn-out and old sorts brought from £2 to £5.

Fat Sheep were in small supply, and consisted mainly of ewes. The few lines of good wethers were keenly competed for both by butchers and exporters. Ewes were dull of sale, and for aged descriptions last week's lowest values were barely maintained. The best line of sheep seen in the yards for a long time was 240 wethers from Darfield, which brought 20s 6d to 21s 9d for lines of wethers brought from 18s to 22s 3d; best ewes, 16s 6d to 18s 6d; medium, 14s 6d to 16s; aged, 12s to 14s.

Fat Lambs.—The entry was little more than sufficient for butchers' requirements, and full rates were realised. Tegs brought from 15s to 16s 8d; prime lambs, 13s 9d to 15s; lighter, from 12s.

Store Sheep and Lambs.—There was an entry of about 10,000, mostly middling to inferior quality and long travelled. There was a good demand for all sorts at an advance on last week's prices. Forward wethers brought from 15s to 16s 8d, fair-conditioned, 12s to 14s 6d; ewes (young), 15s 9d to 18s 1d; full-mouth, 13s to 15s 6d; aged, 12s to 13s; broken-mouthed, 6s 1d; lamb, 10s 10d to 12s 3d.

A list of the winning numbers in the art union in aid of the Pukekohe Convent appears in this issue...

For many years 'K' Tomato Sauce and 'K' Marmalade have been reputed for their purity, and it is pleasing to know that these colonial manufactures still maintain and even excel the high standard of former years.

Messrs. G. and T. Young, Princes street, Dunedin, also at Wellington, Timaru, and Oamaru, call attention to their watches at moderate prices, which will give every satisfaction as regards accuracy and durability. It is preferable to buy one of these watches than to spend money on repairing old and unreliable ones...