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## Commercial

### PRODUCE.

London, March 10.—Wheat—European markets are dull, and owing to heavy shipments there is a downward tendency. American shipments owing to improved crop reports. Cargoes are neglected. Australian afloat are held for 32/9 to 33/-; for shipment, 32/6 to 32/9.

Butter—Firm. Danish, unchanged; steady demand for colonial. Choicest New Zealand, 105/- to 106/-; Australian, 104/- to 105/-; secondaries, 102/-.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter, farm, 5d; separator, 7d; butter, factory, pats, 10½d to 11d. Eggs, 1/- per dozen. Cheese, factory, 6½d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2/- to 2/6. Chaff, £3 per ton. Flour, £10/10/- to £11/10/-. Oatmeal, £8/10/- to £9. Bran, £3/15/-. Pollard, £6. Potatoes, 5/- per cwt. Retail.—Farm butter, 7d; separator, 9d; butter, factory, pats, 1/1. Cheese, 6d to 8d. Eggs, 1/3 per dozen. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Flour: 200lb, 23/-; 50lb, 6/6. Oatmeal: 50lb, 8/-; 25lb, 3/-. Pollard, 10/- per bag. Bran, 4/6. Chaff, 1/9. Potatoes, 14lb for 1/-.

Wellington, March 13.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, 11th inst. :—Mutton: The market is firm for light weights, but there is dull sale for heavy weights. The average price to-day of Canterbury mutton is 4½d per lb for light weights, and 4¼d per lb for heavy weights; for other North Island mutton, 4d per lb; for lights and for heavy weights, 3¾d per lb; for River Plate mutton 3¾d per lb for light weights, and for heavy weights 3½d per lb. There is good demand for all lamb, of which deliveries are now increasing, and the supply meets the demand. The average price to-day for New Zealand lamb, Canterbury brand, is 6d per lb; for New Zealand brands other than Canterbury, 5½d per lb; and River Plate, 4½d per lb. The beef market is very dull, supplies of River Plate beef being heavy. The average price to-day for hind-quarters of New Zealand beef is 3d per lb, and for fore-quarters 2½d per lb, prices being nominal. The butter market is very firm, and there is good demand. The average price of choicest New Zealand butter to-day is 106/- per cwt, for Danish 109/-, and for Argentine 104/- Trade in butter has improved greatly. There is better demand for cheese, for which the market is strong, and all stocks are advancing. The average price of finest New Zealand cheese to-day is 53/- per cwt. The hemp market is dull, and the price of New Zealand hemp, 'good fair Wellington' grade, to-day per ton is £30 on spot, distant, deliveries being similarly quoted. Buyers have been offering for cocksfoot seed more freely. The average price for bright clean New Zealand cocksfoot seed weighing 17lb per bushel on spot is 51/- per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Most of the lines on offer were quitted at prices on a par with late quotations. Potatoes, however, were in over supply, and were only saleable at a reduction. Prices ruled as under :—

Oats.—There is practically no change to report. Prime milling sorts have little attention, and only small sales of this class are passing. Shippers' orders are almost entirely for lines of 'B' grade, and in these moderate business has been done during

the week. Lower qualities are not so readily saleable. Quotations: Prime milling, 1/8 to 1/8½; good to best feed, 1/7 to 1/8; inferior to medium, 1/4 to 1/6 per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The few samples of the northern wheat received have been in the best condition, and realised 3/2 to 3/4 at country stations. Little threshing has yet been done in the south, but the conditions of one or two lots put through last week was quite satisfactory. There is only a moderate quality of old wheat in store, and not much business being done, as the quality is not sufficiently good for millers' requirements. Quotations: Prime milling, 3/6 to 3/8; medium to good, 3/2 to 3/5; best whole fowl wheat, 3/-; broken and damaged do, 2/6 to 2/10 per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market on Monday was heavily supplied, consignments coming forward freely both from north and south. Many of these lots are not in condition for keeping, and to effect a clearance lower values were inevitable, a decline of fully 20/- per ton being recorded. Best Derwents sold at £5/5/- to £5/15/-; best kidneys and other sorts, £5 to £5/12/6 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Consignments continue to arrive fairly freely. For prime oaten sheaf prices are steady at late values, and a considerable quantity of this class has been quitted. Medium and discolored lots are not readily sold. Several consignments of new season's chaff have come forward. That in best condition meets ready sale at £3 to £3/5/- per ton; but several lots, cut too soon, have arrived in heated condition. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £3/10/- to £3/12/6; medium to good, £3 to £3/7/6; inferior, light, and discolored, £2/10/- to £2/17/6 per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Wheaten, 32/6 to 35/-; oaten, 40/- to 45/- per ton.

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

Wheat.—Some northern samples are now coming to hand, but there is very little doing, except for the very best. Quotations:—Prime milling, 3/6 to 3/8; medium do, 3/2 to 3/4; best whole fowl wheat, 2/11 to 3/-; inferior or damaged, 2/6 to 2/10

Oats.—There is not very much doing in this cereal, the new supply not yet being available. Quotations: Prime milling, 1/7½ to 1/8½; good to best feed, 1/7 to 1/8; inferior and medium, 1/3 to 1/6.

Potatoes.—Prices have declined lately, but it is expected that values will rule high this winter. Best Derwents are only worth £5/5/- to £5/15/-; others, £5 to £5/12/6.

Chaff.—Prime samples are saleable at £3/7/6 to £3/12/6, while medium and inferior are hard to dispose of, the former at £3 to £3/5/-, and the latter at £2/10 to £2/15/-.

### WOOL.

Wellington, March 9.—The Industries' and Commerce Department has received a cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, 8th, which says :—'There was a fair competition at the wool sales, there being plenty of Home and foreign buyers present. Compared with closing rates last sale, superior merino is unchanged, whilst medium and inferior merino and fine crossbreds show a fall of ¼d per lb, and medium and coarse crossbreds a fall of 1d. Seventy-five thousand bales of New Zealand wool are available for the present series.'

London, March 10.—The wool sales closed firm at opening rates. There were some withdrawals of merinos.

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

Rabbitskins.—No sale since last report.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday, when the demand was good and prices satisfactory. Owing to the recent drop in London in wool, prices were not so high as they were a month ago, but quite up to those at our last sale. The demand for pelts and lambs was again very strong, and the former sold up to 3/4 and the latter to 3/10.

Hides.—The fortnightly sales were held last Thursday, when the demand was good, and prices were quite up to those lately ruling. Light hides, in fact, were higher, and we sold two or three lots at up to 5d per lb. We can recommend consignments being sent in at present.

Tallow and Fat.—All coming to hand is readily sold at late quotations, but there is no change in the market.