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Commercial

PRODUCE.

Wellington, February 12.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the High Commissioner, London, dated February 10:—A better tone prevails the mutton market this week, but there is no change in prices. The lamb market is weak; for this season's shipment, the average price for New Zealand lamb, Canterbury brand, being 5½d per lb (nominal). There is better demand for beef, the stocks of New Zealand beef on hand being light. Average price: Hindquarters, 3½d per lb; fores, 2½d per lb. The butter market is steady, and the demand getting better, the prospects therefore being rather more encouraging. Average price: Choicest New Zealand butter, to-day, 106s per cwt; Danish, 114s. The cheese market is dull, the present quote being 60s per cwt. The hemp market is quiet also, prices being slightly weaker. Quotes: New Zealand hemp, 'good, fair Wellington' grade, on spot to-day, £33 per ton; January and March shipments, £32 10s per ton. The cocksfoot seed market is steady, but the demand only moderate, though prices are firm. The price for New Zealand cocksfoot seed, weighing 17lb per bushel on spot, is 54s per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a small catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was slack, and many of the lots not reaching valuations or owners' reserves, had to be passed in. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—The past week has been one of the quietest of the season. The export trade is practically at a standstill, and only a limited quantity finds its way into local consumption. Under these circumstances it has been somewhat difficult to deal with consignments coming forward, most of which have to go into store to await an opportunity of being put on the market. We quote: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Only prime quality is in favor with local millers, and a few lines of this class have been quoted at quotations. Medium quality is almost neglected, and is in many cases being offered as fowl wheat, for which there is strong demand, local stocks being low. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley.—None of the new season's crop has yet come forward, although a few samples of Northern-grown grain have reached us. No business can yet be reported, as prices asked are considerably above buyers' idea of value. We have quoted several lines of last season's barley on the basis of late quotations.

Potatoes.—The heavy supplies forward last week could only be worked off at reduced values. This has now been done, and consignments coming forward this week will have a better chance of being placed at more satisfactory value. We quote: Best freshly-dug lots, £6 to £6 10s; others, £4 10s to £5 10s per ton (sacks and cases included).

Chaff.—Cutters have been fairly busy lately, and considerable quantities have come forward during the past week. Only best quality has the attention of buyers, and even this class is only readily saleable at a slight reduction, while for medium and inferior lots there is practically no demand. We quote: Prime

oaten sheaf, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; choice to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Oaten, 40s to 45s; wheaten, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—The market continues very quiet, and quotations are as follow: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel.

Wheat.—Millers are only doing business in prime samples, medium being only saleable as fowl wheat, for which there is a good inquiry. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 1d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Prices are somewhat easier in consequence of supplies being more plentiful. Quotations: Best freshly-dug lots, £6 to £6 10s; others, £4 10s to £5 10s per ton.

Chaff.—The market is well supplied, and prices have eased to the extent of about 2s 6d per ton. The demand is confined pretty well to prime quality, there being little inquiry for medium or inferior. Prime oaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 15s (choice, £3 17s 6d), medium to good, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—The local market is quiet, millers continuing to purchase in small quantities only. Fowl wheat is scarce and in strong demand at quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3½d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Oats.—Little or no business is being done. We quote: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 0½d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is still considerably over-supplied, and for any lines other than prime oaten there is practically no sale. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, from £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; choice, £3 17s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Owing to stocks in town being very much reduced, and only few consignments coming forward, the tone of the market is much firmer. We quote: Prime Oamaru's from £5 15s to £6; shipable lines are worth up to £6 15s per ton.

Eggs.—Fair demand at 1s 3d per dozen.

Pigs.—Baconers, 3½; over-weights, 2d to 2½; Porkers, 3½d per lb.

Butter.—Dairy, 7d; separator, 8½d; milled 8d to 8½d per lb.

Poultry.—Hens, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; roosters, 3s to 4s; ducks, 3s to 4s 6d per pair.

WOOL.

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

Rabbitskins.—No sale since last report.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Monday, when competition was exceedingly keen, and we had a most successful sale. Prices all round showed a rise, and pelts sold up to 3s 8d, and lambskins to 3s 10d. We can confidently recommend consignments being forwarded at present.

Tallow and Fat.—This market shows no change, all coming forward being readily placed at late rates.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Messrs. Donald Reid and Co.

Fat Cattle.—There was a large yarding of 236 forward. Prices at the beginning of the sale were slightly easier, but firmed as the sale progressed. Best bullocks, £9 to £10 15s; medium to good, £6 10s to £8 5s; best cows and heifers, £6 5s to £8 5s; medium to good, £4 to £5 5s.

Sheep.—1501 yarded, the bigger proportion of these being good average weight wethers, with a few pens of ewes. Prices throughout the sale were firmer than those ruling last week, ewes especially receiving a large amount of attention. Best wethers, 18s to 19s 6d; medium to good, 15s to 17s; best ewes, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 14s to 15s.

Lambs.—680 penned. Prices were slightly higher than at last week's sale. Prime lambs, 12s 6d to 15s; medium to good, 11s to 12s.

Pigs.—There was a very small yarding of 87 forward. Porkers and baconers were brisk of sale, and suckers were quoted at satisfactory prices. Suckers, 9s to 14s; slips, 15s to 19s; stores, 20s to 24s; porkers, 26s to 35s; light baconers, 36s to 40s; heavy do, 41s to 45s.

There will be no sale next week.