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# Commercial

## PRODUCE.

The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, June 16:—The mutton market is firm, and there is a better demand. Average price Canterbury light-weights, 3½d, supply falling short of demand; Canterbury heavy-weights, 3½d; North Island, 3½d for the best quality, only 3¼d for second-class quality. River Plate, 3½d for best quality only, and 3¼d for second-class quality. There is a good demand for all. The lamb stocks on hand are heavy, and are widely distributed amongst the agents, who are pushing the sales. The average price for Canterbury lamb is 4½d; for other brands than Canterbury, 4¼d. The beef market is quiet, but firm, and there is no change in prices. The butter arrivals are very light, and the market shows a firm advance. Choicest New Zealand is quoted at 103s, Danish at 112s, and Siberian at 97s per cwt. The cheese market is steady, there being only small supplies on hand. White is quoted at 65s, and colored makes at 63s per cwt.

**Invercargill Prices Current.—Wholesale—Butter** (farm), 8d; separator, 9d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 0½d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Cheese, 6d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 5s per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10. Oatmeal, £12 10s to £13. Bran, £4. Pollard, £5 10s. Potatoes, £9. Retail—Farm butter, 10d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 2d. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 1s 6d per dozen. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lb, 21s; 50lb, 5s 9d; 25lb, 3s. Oatmeal—50lb, 7s 3d; 25lb, 3s 9d. Pollard, 9s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s. Potatoes 11s per cwt.

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

**Oats.**—The market is much the same as at last quotations, present prices being as follows:—Seed lines, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior, 2s 1d to 2s 2½d per bushel.

**Wheat.**—There is practically no alteration to report in this market, quotations being as follows:—Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; prime Tuscan, 3s 7d; medium milling, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

**Potatoes.**—Consignments are now more plentiful, and the following are quotations:—Seed lots, £11 to £11 10s; prime Derwents, £9 15s to £10; medium Derwents, £9 to £9 10s; others, £8 10s to £8 15s per ton.

**Chaff.**—Quotations:—Prime oaten sheaf, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; choice, to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; inferior, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a good attendance of buyers, to whom we submitted a full catalogue of the usual lines in demand locally. There was fair competition for most lots up to valuations, and the bulk of the offering found buyers at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

**Oats.**—Consignments are arriving more steadily, and in most cases the quality is fully up to expectations. The local demand is not difficult to supply, and with

only a limited export demand, stocks have accumulated to some extent. Owners' ideas of value are at present slightly in excess of shippers' limits, and, as neither are readily disposed to give way, the amount of business passing is extremely small. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; medium and inferior, 2s 1d to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—There is no change to report. Millers' requirements are chiefly confined to choice quality, Tuscan being preferred. Second milling quality has little inquiry, but fowl wheat is in fair demand at late values. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; choice Tuscan, to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 2½d to 3s 3d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged 2s 8d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—For a week past the market has been quieter than usual. A few sales of choice seed up-to-dates have been made up to £12 per ton, but for good quality this class has been difficult to quit beyond £11 to £11 10s. Derwents and other table sorts cannot be readily quitted in large lots, but continue to move off in small quantities at—for best, £9 15s to £10; medium, £9 to £9 10s per ton (sacks included).

**Chaff.**—During last week only moderate supplies came forward, and all prime quality found sale on arrival. To-day consignments were heavier and last week's prices barely maintained. Only prime, bright oaten sheaf is in good demand, medium, inferior, and discolored lots being quite out of favor. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; choice, to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; inferior, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

**Turnips.**—These are more plentiful, and in consequence sales are not so easy to effect. Quotations: Best swedes (loose), 19s to 20s; bagged, 25s to 27s (bags extra) per ton.

**Straw.**—Oaten, 45s to 47s 6d; wheaten, 35s to 37s 6d per ton.

## WOOL.

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

**Rabbitskins.**—We offered a large catalogue at Monday's sale, and prices, which are as follows, were again very satisfactory: Summers, to 12d; autumns, to 17½d; winters, to 20½d; blacks, to 23d. Horsehair sold up to 16½d.

**Sheepskins.**—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday, when there was a large attendance of buyers present. Prices were well maintained, and quotations are the same as last week's.

**Hides.**—We submitted a catalogue of 355 at our sale last Thursday, prices being somewhat easier than at last sale. Our top price for ox was 6½d; and for cow 5½d.

**Tallow and Fat.**—No change to report.

## LIVE STOCK

### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

A fair number of horses came forward for last Saturday's sale, principally aged draughts and light harness sorts. The attendance of buyers was exceptionally good for a sale at which no very special consignments were announced. During the week we sold a bay gelding (prize-taker), 7yrs old, at £60, a 3yrs old colt at £46, a medium draught mare (good sort) at £40, and several others at up to £25 10s. We quote:—Superior young draught geldings, at from £50 to £55; extra good prize horses, £56 to £65; superior young draught mares, £60 to £73; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £45; aged do, £17 to £30; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £25 to 35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good, hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £8.

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