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PRODUCE.

Wellington, August 27.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable-gram from the High Commissioner, dated London, August 21:—Frozen meat: The mutton market is very dull. Canterbury brands are quoted at 3½d to 3¾d; North Island brands are selling at 3½d to 3¾d. In the lamb market the demand still continues not quite brisk, owing to the arrivals being heavy. Canterbury brands are quoted at 4½d; other than Canterbury, 4¾d. The beef market is steady at prices cabled last week. The butter market is firm, and prices continue to advance; Danish is quoted at 12s per cwt; small supplies of New Zealand are coming forward and selling at 11s per cwt on a strong market. Cheese: Canadian makes are selling at 6s per cwt. The hemp market is quiet; Glasgow Wellington, on spot, is worth £34 per ton for distant deliveries, £33 10s to £31 is asked for October and December shipments. Manila: Fair current on spot is quoted at £12 per ton. The cocksfoot market is flat. Buyers are holding back, and no business is doing. New Zealand long-berried wheat on spot, ex granary, per 196lb, is quoted at 3s; short-berried, 30s 6d; these prices are nominal.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We had a full catalogue to offer, and as most of the lines submitted were suitable for local requirements a clearance was effected at prices about on a par with late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Reports from both northern and southern markets indicate a meagre export demand. This market is having a similar experience, the past week having been one of the quietest of the season. Sales have been confined for the most part to local requirements, and the supply of seed orders, which are now coming in more freely. Milling and export lines are practically neglected. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 3½d to 2s 4d; good to best feed, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; medium, 2s to 2s 1d; seed lines, 2s 5d to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The tone of the market is quiet, with no appreciable change in value. The few sales passing in milling quality are chiefly small lots in prime to choice condition. Medium milling has little attention. Fowl wheat continues to have fair sale at late values. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; Tuscan, to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is fairly supplied with medium table sorts, which are not in strong demand. Prime Derwents and other household kinds are, however, readily saleable at late rates. Best seed sorts are strongly inquired for, all freshly-picked lines of shapely tubers finding ready sale at quotations. Quotations: Seed lines, £12 to £13; best table sorts, £11 to £12; medium, £9 to £10 10s; inferior, £7 to £8 10s per ton (sacks included). Small Derwents are at present unsaleable.

Chaff.—Moderate supplies of prime bright oatensheaf continue to arrive, and in most cases are readily quitted at £4 to £4 5s. Medium to good is not so readily dealt with at £3 10s to £3 15s, while inferior quality has no attention, and is difficult to quit in small quantities at £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

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

Oats.—The market continues quiet, business passing being very limited. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 3½d to 2s 4d; good to best feed, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; inferior, 2s to 2s 1d; seed lines, 2s 5d to 2s 9d per bushel.

Wheat.—The market shows no change, and the following are present quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; prime Tuscan, to 3s 7d, medium milling, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—The market has been fairly well supplied during the week, but values are much the same as last week's, viz., seed lines, £11 10s to £12 10s; extra choice picked, to £13; prime table sorts, £11 to £12; medium table sorts, £9 to £10 15s; inferior and small, £5 to £9 10s per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Monday's sale, prices being practically the same as those ruling the previous week. Summers made up to 10¾d, autumns to 17d, second winters to 17¾d, winter bucks to 18¾d, winter does to 21½d, fawns to 14d, and blacks to 20½d. Horschair made up to 19½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—At Tuesday's sale we offered a large catalogue, when prices were about the same as last week's. Merinos made up to 8s 8d, crossbred to 8s 10d, halfbreds to 8s 7d, fine crossbred to 8s 2d, and lambskins to 6s 9d per skin.

Hides.—We submitted a catalogue of 399 at our sale on Thursday last, competition all round being very keen, and prices for light and medium weights show a rise of ½d to ¾d per lb, while heavy weights quite held their own. Our top price for ox was 6½d, and for cow 6d per lb.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fairly good entry of horses for our sale last Saturday, and included in the number were a few useful sorts. The attendance from both town and country was all that could be desired, and as there were a few buyers in the yard on the lookout for horses suitable for their requirements a good sale resulted. Amongst the draughts were several fairly decent sorts, and for such competition was keen, and most of them found new owners at late market quotations. Old and stale horses, on the other hand, were not wanted, and they were most difficult to place, consequently, business in this class was limited. First-class young draught mares and geldings suitable for either town or country work are badly wanted in this centre, and we would recommend vendors of such to send them to our weekly sales.

Late Burriside Stock Report

Per favor Donald Reid & Co.

Fat Cattle.—160 head forward, these consisting mostly of medium weight bullocks and light cows and heifers. The yarding was barely large enough for requirements, and prices were about 10s per head firmer. Best bullocks, £10 to £11 15s 6d; medium, £8 to £9 15s; light, £5 10s to £7 5s; medium cows and heifers, £7 to £8 10s; light, £5 to £6 10s.

Sheep.—There was a small yarding of 1580, these being mostly medium to prime wethers. There were very few ewes forward. Prices all round showed an advance of 1s 6d per head over last week's rates. Prime heavy wethers, 26s to 28s; medium to good, 22s 6d to 25s 6d; light, 19s to 21s 6d; ewes, 20s to 22s 9d.

Pigs.—57 yarded. Prices were firm for all sorts. Suckers, 9s to 13s; slips, 14s 6d to 17s; stores, 19s to 21s; porkers, 30s to 39s; light baconers, 43s to 49s; heavy do, 52s to 58s; choppers, up to 64s.

A notice with reference to tenders for inland mail contract appears on page 26.

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