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PRODUCE

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was a good attendance of local buyers, but for nearly all lines of produce competition was not so keen as it has been of late, and to effect sales lower values had to be accepted. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The past week has been a quiet one. Fair quantities of A and B grade have been offering, but as buyers are not readily disposed to operate at late values, and holders are in most cases unwilling to reduce reserves, little business is passing. Seed lines are in fair demand at quotations. We quote: Choice seed lots, 2s 9d to 3s; good do, 2s 7d to 2s 9d; prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; inferior to medium, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—For choice lots suitable for seed there is fair demand, otherwise there is little inquiry. Milling lines are difficult to deal with, as millers are only buying small quantities of prime lots for mixing purposes. Fowl wheat has moderate sale at prices about equal to those of last week. We quote: Seed lines, 4s 8d to 4s 10d; prime milling, 4s 7d to 4s 8d; medium do and whole fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6½d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 4s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been more fully supplied, and with an easier demand for shipment it is impossible to effect sales on the basis of late values. At our sale to-day one prime lot of Derwents realised £4 15s, but for all other classes there was poor competition, and best Up-to-dates could not be quoted over £3 17s 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Consignments are coming forward more freely, and late quotations are barely maintained for choice lines, while for other sorts the reduction in values is more pronounced. There is still fair demand for export, but shippers' attentions are confined chiefly to prime oaten sheaf, so that the outlet for indifferent quality is restricted. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; choice, to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and inferior, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Oaten, 35s to 37s 6d; wheaten, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (pressed).

Turnips.—We quote: Best swedes, 20s per ton loose, ex. truck.

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

Oats.—The market is very quiet, and to push sales means a reduction in prices. There is very little shipping being done owing to lack of orders. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d; good to best feed, 2s 4½d to 2s 5d; inferior to medium, 2s 2d to 2s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is no business passing in wheat, as owners will not reduce their prices and millers still hold firm. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 7d to 4s 8d (nominal); medium to good, 4s 5d to 4s 6d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 4s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Large consignments are coming forward, and the market shows a decline of about 5s per ton on last week's rates for prime potatoes; medium and inferior are hard of sale. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 10s to £4 12s 6d; Up-to-dates, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; small and inferior, £2 15s to £3 (bags in).

Chaff.—The market is a good deal easier, prices showing a drop of from 2s 6d to 5s per ton for prime oaten sheaf, whilst the decline in medium chaff is much greater. Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £3 17s 6d; inferior and light, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks extra).

Pressed Straw.—Oaten, 35s to 37s 6d per ton; wheaten, 30s to 35s per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We submitted a very large catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Favorable reports from London made bidding very brisk, and prices showed a decided advance on last sale's rates. Best winters showed a rise of 1½d per lb, whilst other skins advanced fully 1d per lb. Best winter does brought up to 18½d; mixed, 15½d to 17d; early winters, 14d to 15½d; autumns, 10½d to 13½d; summers, 7½d to 8d; racks, to 8½d; springs, 6½d to 7½d; winter blacks, to 21½d; autumns, to 17d; fawns, to 11½d; horse hair, to 18d.

Sheepskins.—We had only a medium-sized catalogue forward. There were more than the usual number of buyers present, and prices were much on a par with last sale. Best halfbred brought from 5½d to 5¾d; good, 4½d to 5d; best crossbred, from 4½d to 4¾d; good, 3½d to 4d; best merino, 4½d to 5½d; lambskins, 4½d to 5½d; pelts, 2d to 3d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—There is very little change to report in the tallow and fat market. All coming forward is readily sold to local buyers, but prices show no advance. Best rendered tallow brings from 20s to 22s; medium to good, 18s to 19s 6d; best rough fat, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 14s to 16s; inferior, 10s 6d to 12s 6d.

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