

Always the Same!

Notwithstanding the fact that N.Z. made Blankets of Wool and Cotton are being largely sold, the Mosgiel Company are adhering to their well known "A ae oo" policy and refuse to manufacture and supply such goods. "MOSGIEL" Blankets are "always the same," that is, they are made of pure wool, wholly and entirely—and for fleecy cosiness are simply perfection. "Mosgiel" label on every genuine Mosgiel Blanket.

Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce on Monday. There was a good attendance of buyers, but competition was not keen, and in consequence a proportion of the offering had to be passed in. Values ruled as under:

Oats.—The market is still in an almost stagnant condition. Seed orders are now coming to hand, and in this respect fair business is being done. The demand for export is, however, practically at a standstill, as holders are not prepared to accept the reduced prices offered from other markets. Present shipments are chiefly to supply forward contracts, and until these are completed little new business can be looked for. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s 0½d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Local offerings are small, and in the case of prime samples are being taken up by millers at quotations. Medium quality is not wanted, and is being quitted as fowl wheat, for which there is fair local demand. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3½d; medium, 4s 1d to 4s 1½d; whole fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 1d; broken and damaged, 3s 3d to 3s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments are coming forward in sufficient quantity to supply local and export orders. The demand from northern markets is not quite as keen, and in consequence sales are not so readily effected. We quote: Prime Derwents, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; prime Up-to-Dates, £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £2 15s to £3 5s per ton (bags included).

Straw.—We quote: Oaten, 45s to 47s 6d; wheaten, 37s 6d to 40s per ton (pressed).

Turnips.—We quote: Best swedes, 21s to 22s per ton (loose, ex truck).

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a very large catalogue put up in lots to suit intending purchasers. Despite the fact that there was an extra large attendance of buyers, bidding was not over brisk, and a number of our offerings, consisting chiefly of lines of inferior potatoes and chaff, had to be passed in for lack of competition. Values ruled as under:

Oats.—This market is still in an unsatisfactory condition. Sales are being daily reported, each time lower than the last. Buyers are apathetic. Quotations are more or less nominal. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The improvement reported in our last continues, the inquiry being good for all lines offering, either in milling quality or fowl wheat, which is scarce and in request. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3½d; medium milling, 4s 1d to 4s 1½d; best fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 1d; broken and damaged, 3s 3d to 3s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is quiet for all descriptions. Choice lines of tables, principally Up-to-Dates, are saleable at £4 per ton. Derwents have not as good inquiry. Inferior and medium descriptions are almost unsaleable even at reductions on quotation. Seed sorts—British Queens, etc.—if carefully picked, are readily placed. Quotations: Prime Derwents, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; medium Derwents, £3 15s to £4; prime Up-to-Dates, £4; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £2 15s upwards per ton (bags in).

Straw.—Oaten straw, 45s to 47s 6d; wheaten, 37s 6d to 40s per ton (pressed, ex truck).

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

Oats.—There is no business being done except in seed orders, as there is no business passing in the export line. Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 11d to 2s; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little offering, and millers are not keen buyers. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3½d; medium, 4s 1d to 4s 1½d; fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 1d; broken and damaged, 3s 3d to 3s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There are large consignments coming forward, and as the northern demand has slackened off, sales are not so easily made. Prime Derwents, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; prime up-to-dates, £4; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £2 15s to £3 per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—There is a good deal coming forward, and the demand for export has slackened off considerably. Straw chaff is in fair demand. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 7s 6d to £3 15s; light and inferior, £3 to £3 5s; straw chaff, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Oaten, 45s to 47s 6d; wheaten, 37s 6d to 40s per ton.

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Monday, when bidding was brisk up to a certain point. Prices, however, showed a decline of from 1d to 1½d per lb on all classes of skins. Best winter does brought from from 21d to 22½d, a few extra prime to 24½d; good, 18d to 20d; mixed, 17d to 18½d; early winters, 14½ to 15½d; autumns, 13d to 14½d; springs, to 10d; summers, 9d to 10½d; winter blacks, to 24d; autumns, to 17d; fawns, to 15d; a few extra good silver greys, to 25½d; horse hair, 13½d to 18d.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue to-day, when bidding was brisk for all sorts. Best half-bred, 6½d to 7d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; inferior, 4d to 5d; best crossbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 5½d to 5½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5d; lambskins to 6d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in the tallow and fat market, and all coming forward is readily sold.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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The citizens of Christchurch and those of the other chief centres will shortly have the pleasure of listening to a young vocalist, Miss Irene Ainsley, a native of Auckland, who for some years has been studying under some of the most famous teachers in Europe and rapidly rose to artistic eminence. Madame Melba, who has taken a deep interest in her voice and culture, states that in six years Miss Ainsley will be the leading contralto of the world. She was a former pupil of the Sisters of Mercy in Auckland.

In his report on the Marist Brothers' School, Mr. Thomas Ritchie, inspector under the North Canterbury Board of Education, writes:—This school has an enrolment of 173 pupils, of whom 158 were present during the official visit. In one day (which was all the time available for the inspection) it was obviously impossible to deal in detail with the work of individuals, or even of individual classes, but opportunity was taken to test by sections all work of primary importance, and also as far as possible those features included under the heading of additional subjects. The results may be summarised as follow:—Reading and comprehension (together with recitation), satisfactory; spelling, good in Standard V., uneven in Standard III.; writing, very fair to satisfactory; composition, very fair in Standard V., in Standard IV. fair to moderate, and in Standard I. (oral) very commendable; arithmetic, fair to moderate; geography, course A fair, course B satisfactory; drawing, generally satisfactory, very good freehand in Standards III., and II.; singing, satisfactory; physical instruction, good; civics, very fair; science and nature study, programme and treatment fair.

Regarding the Sacred Heart School at Addington, conducted by the Sisters of the Mission, Mr. Ritchie states: 'At this school the existing classification of pupils has been in force only since the beginning of the current year. The inspection just held must therefore be regarded solely as a test of progress, but in comparing the results now with those submitted two years ago it is gratifying to note substantial improvement in