

Mosgiel Rugs are A' Ae 'Oo'

But what does "a' ae 'oo" mean? The story goes that an old Scotch woman, handling a piece of woollen material, turned inquiringly to the salesman and said: "Co" (meaning wool). "Ay, 'oo," was the reply. "A' 'oo'?" (all wool). "Ay, a' 'oo'" said the salesman. "A ae 'oo'?" (all one quality of wool). "Ay, a' ae 'oo,'" was the satisfying response. Every "Mosgiel" product is not only "oo" and a "oo" but A' AE 'OO'. All leading Drapers and Outfitters supply "Mosgiel" Rugs.

Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. To a fair attendance of buyers we submitted a representative catalogue of all lines of produce. With the exception of potatoes, bidding was fairly brisk, and most of the lines on offer were quitted at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week consignments have eased considerably, and as stocks in store are now light, shippers have some difficulty in filling their orders. The demand, however, is not keen, and prices show no change on those ruling a week ago. A grade gartons have most inquiry, but all feed lines have ready sale on arrival. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 10d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; inferior to medium, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is firm at late quotations, with an increased demand for prime velvet and red wheat. Good whole fowl wheat meets ready sale, but damaged and smutty lines are difficult to quit. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 4d to 4s 5d; medium to good, 4s 1d to 4s 3d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 11d to 4s; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 10d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Heavy supplies have come forward during the week, and in the absence of any demand for shipment stocks have accumulated to some extent. New potatoes are also offering more freely, with the result that prices were considerably below those ruling a week ago. We quote: Best freshly-picked up-to-dates, £2 10s to £2 15s; choice, to £3; medium to good, £1 15s to £2 5s; inferior, £1 10s to £2 per ton (sacks included).

Straw.—We quote: Wheat, 30s to 32s 6d; oat, 25s to 27s 6d per ton, pressed.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report as follows:—

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we offered a comprehensive catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Competition was keen for all except potatoes, prices of which showed a decline of over £1 on last week's quotations. We cleared our catalogue at prices ranging as under:—

Oats.—Offerings are light, and stores are being gradually cleared out to fill the few shipping orders from the north. Scarcity of freight offering prevents buyers operating for Home shipment. Prices range on a par with last week's quotations. Prime milling gartons, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; prime milling sparrowbills, 1s 8½d to 1s 9½d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 8½d; inferior and medium, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is practically unchanged since our last report. Prime velvet meets with most inquiry, and other sorts are taken at ruling rates. Prime milling, 4s 4d to 4s 5d; choice velvet, to 4s 6d; medium to good, 4s to 4s 2d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 10d to 4s 1d; inferior and smutted, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Market for old potatoes, on account of large offerings of new, has slumped, and prices show a big decline on late rates. Anything soft and hot in the best of condition is hard to place, and inferior are unsaleable. Prime freshly-picked, £2 15s to £3; medium, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Offerings have been fairly heavy this last week, and consumers hold fair stocks. Any really bright, heavy, and well-cut oat sheaf meets with ready sale, but medium has less inquiry. Best oat sheaf, £2 15s to £3; medium to good, £2 2s 6d to £2 12s 6d; inferior and discolored, £1 15s to £2 per ton (sacks extra).

Straw.—Oat, 27s 6d; wheat, 30s to 32s 6d per ton, pressed.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending December 7 as follows:—

Oats.—There is very little change to report since last week, as there is very little demand, although consignments in stores are fairly light. A grade gartons have most inquiry, whilst sparrowbills and feed oats are also readily placed. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 10d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; inferior to medium, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is practically unchanged, although prices are still firm. There is good demand for whole fowl wheat, but damaged lines are harder to sell. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 4d to 4s 5d; medium to good, 4s 1d to 4s 3d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 11d to 4s; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 10d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The amount coming to hand is fairly large, but the inquiry is only for prime oat sheaf, medium and fair quality being hard of sale. Quotations: Prime, £2 15s to £3; medium to good, £2 5s to £2 12s 6d; inferior and light, £2 to £2 2s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Large consignments have come to hand during the week, and owing to the large number of new potatoes coming in prices have declined from £1 to £1 10s per ton. Medium potatoes are almost unsaleable. Quotations: Best freshly-picked, £2 10s to £2 15s; medium to good, £1 15s to £2 5s; inferior, £1 10s to £2 per ton (sacks in).

Straw.—Quotations: Wheat, 30s to 32s 6d; oat, 25s to 27s 6d per ton (pressed).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—Owing to the wool season approaching, rabbitskin sales will be held fortnightly or as arranged. Our next sale takes place on the 13th inst.

Sheepskins.—We held our sale to-day, when we offered a very large catalogue. Bidding for all good quality skins was brisk at last week's quotations. All inferior quality and torn skins showed a slight decline, bidding for these being very slack. Quotations: Best halfbred, 8½d to 9½d; medium to good, 7½d to 8½d; inferior, 5½d to 6½d; best fine crossbred, 7½d to 8½d; one extra line bringing 9d. Coarse crossbred, 7d to 7½d; medium to good, 6d to 6½d; inferior and dead, 4½d to 5½d; best hogget skins, 7½d to 8½d; extra, to 9d; lambskins, 5½d to 6½d; pelts, 5½d to 6d; best merino, 6½d to 7½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6½d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on Thursday, 2nd inst., when we submitted a catalogue of 414. Competition was very keen, and prices showed a rise of 1d to 3d per lb except for calfskins, which were slightly easier. We offered some very prime stout ox hides, and for one weighing 84lb we received 9d per lb, and 8½d for one 82lb and four 75lb. In cow hides we sold at up to 7½d for heavy weights. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 7½d to 9d; good heavy do, 6½d to 7½d; medium weight do, 6½d to 7½d; light weight do, 6½d to 6¾d; inferior, 3½d to 4½d; best heavy cow hides, 6½d to 7½d; medium, 6½d to 6¾d; light, 6½d to 6¾d; inferior, 4½d to 5d; yearlings, 5d to 5½d; calfskins, 4d to 8½d; horse hides, to 8s each.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no alteration in the quotations for tallow and fat since last week, there being a good demand for all coming forward.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

The entries for Saturday's sale were not numerous, being comprised mostly of spring-carters and light harness sorts. However, included amongst the lot were several rather nice animals, and for such competition was keen. A few good sales were effected, and much more could have been done if there had been more of the same class forward. There is a ready sale at quotations for good draught mares and geldings, fresh, sound, and staunch, and of a class suitable for either city or country work. Town carriers, contractors, and farmers are all on the lookout for good working horses. There are also inquiries for useful saddle and harness horses, and where stock of this description is forthcoming it meets with good competition. We quote:—

Superior young draught geldings, at from £40 to £45;

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—200 yarded, a good yarding. Prices at the commencement of the sale were not quite up to last week, fat cattle bringing £9 to £10 per head.

Sheep.—2075 yarded, a good yarding of fair quality. Best woolly wethers brought from 21s to 22s; ewes about the same, whilst medium and inferior wethers and ewes ranged in prices about the same as last week.

Lambs.—An extra big yarding of 788, and a consequent easing in prices of 1s to 1s 6d per head.

Pigs.—175 penned. Their prices were much the same as the previous week. Suckers brought from 8s 6d to 14s; slips, 14s to 16s; stores, 20s to 25s, while porkers realised anything from 38s to 38s.