

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

WHEAT—Demand rather dull except for prime milling. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; fowl wheat, 1s 9d to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS—Demand steady. Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 0½d; medium, 1s 10½d to 1s 11½d; inferior, 1s 8d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF—Prime quality is in good demand, but other sorts are neglected. Prime oatens sheaf, L3; medium to good, L2 10s to L2 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES—Market very dull. Best, L2 5s to L2 10s per ton (bags in).

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet demand. Feeding, 1s 10d to 2s; milling, 2s 1d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6d; fowls' wheat, 1s 9d to 2s 1d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, L3. Straw: pressed, 26s; loose, 28s. Bran: L2 15s. Pollard: L3 10s. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Butter: best brands factory, 10d to 11d; dairy, 6d to 8d. Oatmeal: L11. Chaff: fair demand; L2 15s to L3. New potatoes: Local, L2 0s best. Market glutted. Eggs, 1s 2d.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, February 21.—At the tallow sales 825 casks were offered and 525 sold. Mutton, Fine, 31s; medium, 29s 6d. Beef, Fine, 30s; medium, 28s 6d.

Melbourne, February 21.—The wool sales have been resumed. Merinos and fine crossbreds declined 5 per cent. compared with prices obtained a month ago. Other sorts remain unchanged.

London, February 23.—The Bradford wool market is lifeless. Prices are not quoted.

London, February 25.—Rabbitskins: Fair demand. Good New Zealand sold at from par to ½d advance; inferior New Zealand declined 1d.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

RABBITSKINS—Very few coming forward and prices unchanged.

SHEEPSKINS—Market firm at late quotations.

HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3¾d; light and inferior, 2d to 3d per lb.

TALLOW—Market steady. Best rendered mutton, 15s 6d to 17s; medium, 13s 6d to 15s; rough fat, 10s 6d to 13s 6d per cwt.

DUNEDIN WOOL SALES.

Messrs Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

We held our fourth sale of the season's series at the Agricultural Hall, Dunedin, on Thursday, the 22nd February, 1900, when we submitted a small catalogue comprising 240 bales of wool, chiefly late shearings and lots passed in at previous sales. The total number of bales submitted at this series by the various brokers being 2106 bales. There was again a very full attendance of buyers considering the small catalogues to be submitted. The average character of the wools offered at this sale was not up to the standard of our earlier sales, being late shorn, sandy and seedy, and the several held-over lots did not present so fresh or attractive an appearance as they did when first opened out. The bidding at the sale was very erratic; in some cases the prices realised were in excess of those at which the same lots were passed in at our last sale, while in other cases the prices realised were below those which could have been obtained at the earlier sales. On the whole, however, there was very cheerful competition up to buyers' limits for all lots, while for all the finer sorts of wools passed at our previous sales and for all newly-opened wools suitable for the use of our local manufacturers there was very spirited competition and satisfactory prices realised. The following were the prices realised:—Greasy merino (medium), 9½d to 10d; do (inferior), 8½d to 9d; greasy half-bred (good), 10d to 11d; do (medium), 8d to 9½d; do (inferior), 7d to 7½d; greasy crossbred (good), 7½d to 8½d; do (medium), 6½d to 7½d; do (inferior), 5½d to 6½d.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were heavy yardings of all classes of stock at Addington, including 1300 fat sheep, 1700 fat lambs, 13,500 store sheep, 471 cattle, and 290 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—The 278 fat cattle were mostly heifers and cows of good quality. There were only a few steers, mostly prime, and bidding was slack, and there was a fall of 1s per 100lb on best beef, but secondary held its own. Ordinary to good steers sold at from L5 2s 6d to L7; prime, L8 to L9; heifers, L4 5s to L7; cows, L3 17s 6d to L6 12s 6d.

STORE CATTLE—Stores of all descriptions sold well. Three-year-old steers fetched up to L4 10s; do heifers, to L3 17s 6d; good dairy cows, L6 to L8.

FAT SHEEP—These were very mixed, including coarse crossbred wethers and ewes from the North Island, and only a few really good freezers. A few prime heavy wethers brought 16s 4d to 18s 4d; freezing weights, 14s 6d to 16s; lighter, down to 13s 6d. Butchers' ewes were in over-supply, and the trade had all their own way, except for good young sorts, which sold at 12s 6d to 14s, and aged and inferior at 9s to 10s. Merino wethers, second quality, brought 8s 6d to 10s.

FAT LAMBS—Most of the fat lambs were only secondary. Best sorts sold well at from 14s to 14s 9d; freezing quality, 11s 6d to 13s 6d; and inferior down to 8s 9d.

STORE SHEEP—All the Canterbury and southern sheep in the store pens sold well, but the coarse wethers and ewes from the north were easier. Forward turnip wethers sold at from 13s 4d to 13s 10d (a Marlborough line of over 2000 at 13s 2d and 13s 3d);

backward and North Island, 10s 10d to 12s 6d; and Chatham Islands, 8s 9d to 10s 3d; local mixed two-tooths, 12s 3d to 14s 11d; good young to sound-mouthed ewes, 13s to 15s; aged, 10s to 12s; and Chatham Islanders, 8s 1d to 9s 1d; merino ewes, 5s 6d.

PIGS—There was a slight improvement in pigs. Heavy baconers realised 30s to 39s 6d, or 3d to 3½d per lb; porkers, 20s to 34s 6d, or 3½d to 4d per lb; stores, 14s to 21s; weaners 11s to 13s 6d; suckers, 6s to 10s 6d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a goodly array of horses for Saturday's sale, chiefly light harness sorts, and most of them were of very ordinary class, whilst a good number were pronouncedly inferior. The few draughts forward were just useful farm horses. There was a very fair attendance of buyers, but as most of them were either in quest of really good heavy draught mares and geldings, or first-class thoroughly broken in light harness horses, the amount of business done was on a much smaller scale than at the sales of the two preceding weeks. A consignment of 30 mixed hacks and light harness horses, a rather common lot, from North Canterbury, was the principal entry, but as there were several up-country rabbit export agents in the market, fully half of the draft was sold at very moderate values. The unsold portion of this consignment will be disposed of at next Saturday's sale. In light harness horses a few of the principal sales were the following, viz.: Three useful harness geldings, four years old, by General Tracey, at L18, L17, and L14 respectively; a very smart pony cob gelding, four years, by Nimrod, at L14; a good milk cart horse at L23, and a very shufty nuggety spring van gelding at L34; a number of horses suitable for the rabbit export trade at L8 to L14. We strongly recommend consignments of first-class young buggy horses for next Saturday's sale, as we have customers in want of thoroughly broken in animals of this class. First-class heavy draught geldings for town work are also wanted, as are useful farm horses for harvest work. Our only sales in the draught class this week were two, viz.: One gelding at L40, and another at L36, both good, useful horses and young. We quote as follows:—Superior young draught geldings, L40 to L45; extra good prize horses, L46 to L50; medium draught mares and geldings, L30 to L38; aged do, L20 to L27; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L50 to L60; strong spring van horses, L22 to L28; milk cart and butchers' order cart horses, L15 to L20; tram horses, L8 to L12; light hacks, L6 to L10; extra good do, L15 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.

THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ended Monday, 26th inst. (says the *Otago Daily Times*), returns were reported from the following 28 dredges, the total yield being 893oz 17dwt, or an average of 31oz per dredge:—

Electric (Cromwell), 103 hours, 110oz; Junction Electric No 2 (Cromwell), 76oz; Magnetic (Cromwell), 5 days 3 hours, 75oz; Earnsclough No 2 (Alexandra), 61oz 18dwt 12gr; Hartley and Kiley (Cromwell), 44oz 7dwt; Enterprise (Alexandra), 41oz 16dwt; Empire (Waipori), 37oz; Matau (Clyde), 36oz; Lawrence (near Lawrence), 33oz 7dwt 10gr; Vincent (Clyde) 7½ days, 33oz; Clyde (Alexandra), 30oz; Woolshed (Glenore), 29oz 3dwt; Waimumu (near Gore), 138 hours, 29oz; Golden Gate (Island Block), 26oz 13dwt; Tuapeka (Tuapeka Flat), 23oz 13dwt; Success (Waipori), 131 hours, 23oz 1dwt 12gr; Jutland Flat (Waipori), 128 hours, 22oz 17dwt; Golden Treasure (Miller's Flat), 6½ days, 22oz; Golden Point (Alexandra) 21oz 16dwt; Chicago (Alexandra), 130 hours, 17oz 1dwt 12gr; Golden Terrace (Lower Shotover), 16oz 18dwt 5gr; Charlton Creek (near Gore), 131 hours, 15oz 19dwt 11gr; Alpine (Riley's Beach, Cromwell), 15oz; Evans Flat (Tuapeka), 14oz 10dwt; Dunedin (Roxburgh), 127 hours, 14oz 9dwt 10gr; Inch Valley (near Palmerston), 70 hours, 11oz 6dwt; Chatto Creek (Manuherikia), 100 hours, 4oz 16dwt; Morning Star (Manuherikia), 94 hours, 4oz 10dwt. Total, 893oz 17dwt.

The Elderslie settlement, containing 11,497 acres, and situated 11 miles from Oamaru, will be open for application for lease in perpetuity on March 20 at the District Land Office, Dunedin, and the office of Mr Henry McIntosh, Tyne street, Oamaru, where maps and pamphlets can be obtained. The settlement is divided into 25 farms of areas ranging from 96 acres to 822 acres, at rentals from 3s 9d to 8s 10d per acre per annum. The land is served by good roads and railway, and is medium to first-class, capable of growing good average crops of root and grain.—*.*

Mr. R. S. Black, rabbit exporter, Dunedin, is now prepared to receive rabbits at the cattle yards, Mataura, and Ocean Beach, Bluff. Mr. Black is also prepared to make special arrangements with large land owners to clear their ground of rabbits.—*.*

Our readers who are resident in Dunedin, and visitors from the country, would be consulting their own interests by inspecting the grand autumn display of goods at Messrs. Herbert, Haynes and Co.'s establishment. The goods comprise new autumn drapery in all the newest styles, colourings, and textures, and novelties in dress materials, millinery, mantles, trimmings, laces and gloves. The display of ladies and children's underclothing is exceptionally fine, especially as the goods are all of the latest and most approved styles.—*.*

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