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## Commercial.

(For week ending October 16.)

### PRODUCE.

London, October 9.—An Australian wheat cargo sold at 31s 3d.

London, October 12.—The wheat markets are tending downwards and cargoes are slow of sale. Australian affloat is quoted at 32s; September shipments, 32s 3d; steam parcels, 32s.

Butter—The market is brisk and colonial is selling well at 106s to 108s; Danish, 112s to 114s.

London, October 14.—All classes of New Zealand mutton and lamb have risen ½d on last week's quotations. River Plate, heavy and light, are both 3½d. New Zealand beef is unchanged.

Wellington, October 15.—The Agent-General cables to the Department of Agriculture as follows:—Butter, 109s, good demand, cheese, 54s, market very firm.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

**OATS**—There was a good attendance of buyers, but competition was slack, prices showing a decline of about a ½d per bushel. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7½d; medium, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d per bushel (sacks extra).

**WHEAT**—The local demand is confined chiefly to prime milling quality, for which there is fair sale at quotations. Medium quality is not in request, but fowl wheat meets with ready sale. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; broken and damaged, 1s 9d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

**POTATOES**—The market has been poorly supplied and prices for prime quality have firmed considerably. We quote: Good to prime Derwents, L2 to L2 10s; others, 7s to 7s 6d per ton (bags in).

**CHAFF**—Prime oaten sheaf is in moderate supply and meets with fair demand at quotations. Medium and inferior quality is in over supply and difficult to place at reduced values. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium to good L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Mr. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only:—

Oats: Fair to good feed 1s 6d to 1s 7d; milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9d. Wheat: milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; fowls', 1s 9d to 2s 1d. Potatoes: Northern, 4s to 5s; Southern, 4s to 4s. Chaff: Inferior, 3s to 4s; good to prime, 5s to 5s. Straw: pressed 2s, loose, 2s. Turnips, to 1s, few in market. Flour: Sacks, L6; 50lbs, L6 10s; 25lbs, L6 15s, quiet. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10½d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5½d. Eggs, 8d. Onions, Melbourne, 16s.

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

**WHEAT**—No change to report. Prime milling velvet and Tuscan, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 1s 11d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks in).

**OATS**—The demand during the week has been dull, and prices have eased ½d per bushel. Milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; good to best feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7½d; medium, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d per bushel (sacks extra).

**CHAFF**—Prime chaff is in good demand, but medium quality is dull of sale. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 to L2 5s per ton (bags extra).

**POTATOES**—Market barely supplied, and prices show a considerable rise. Best Derwents, 4s to 5s; medium, 4s to 4s per ton (bags in).

### WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, October 9.—The fifth series of colonial wool sales has been opened. There was brisk competition. Merinos showed a decline of 10 to 15 per cent. compared with closing sales of the last series.

London, October 10.—At the wool sales bidding was very spirited at yesterday's prices.

Messrs. Balme, Jacob, and Buxton's joint catalogue comprised 11 571 bales, two-thirds of which was from New Zealand. There was a full attendance, good competition, and the catalogues were practically cleared.

Compared with the July closing rates low crossbreds were unchanged, while medium to faulty declined 10 per cent. Faulty merinos declined 15 per cent., and best 10 per cent.

London, October 11.—At the wool sales the clips branded 'Ryegrass, Pakka,' realised 6½d per lb., 'Clare,' 6½d, 'Brancepeth' (W. H. Beetham, Wellington), 6½d, 'Strathkellar,' 7½d, 'Moa Flat,' 7½d; 'Hive Downs,' 7½d.

London, October 12.—At the wool sales there was spirited competition for all classes and the market displayed a better tone.

The Bradford wool market is tending upward. Common sixties, 1s 10d, super, 19d. At the sales all classes of wool are very firm. Continental competition has improved.

The National Mortgage and Agency Company of New Zealand (Limited) have received the following cablegram from their London office:—Wool sales opened at an average decline of 15 per cent. on merino (all descriptions) and crossbred (finest descriptions). The future of the market is uncertain. Sales opened on par with last sales in crossbred coarse descriptions. Foreign buyers are purchasing very little.

London, October 11.—At the rabbitskin sales there were 1418 bales offered and 1362 sold. Prices were irregular, but showed an advance of ½d to 1d.

London, October 13.—At the wool sales, 17 850 bales have been catalogued to date, and 44 754 sold. All classes are in brisk demand, and prices are very firm. Continental buyers are eagerly competing with the British for merinos at highest prices. The Westland clip sold at 16½d. There was a good tone, but prices were unchanged.

Adelaide, October 16.—At the opening wool sales English and Continental buyers were well represented, but the market is unsettled, and little business was done pending the opening auctions.

At Melbourne and Sydney about half the offerings were sold, merinos and fine crossbred showing a decline of 45 per cent. on last year's opening rates.

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

**BABBITSKINS**—Market firm. Winter greys, 16d to 16½d; selected, 15d; medium, 14d to 15½d; autumn, 9d to 11½d; summers, 6d to 8½d; smalls, 3d to 4d; blocks to 22½d per lb.

**SHEEPSKINS**—Market unchanged. Dry merinos, 5d to 5½d; halfbreeds, 5d to 5½d; crossbreeds, 4d to 4½d per lb; butchers' green skins, 3s 6d to 4s 10d each.

**HIDES**—In fair demand. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; extra heavy, 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3½d; inferior, 2d to 3d; cow hides, 3½d to 3½d per lb.

**TALLOW**—Market unchanged. Best rendered mutton, 16s to 17s 6d; medium, 14s to 15s 6d; rough fat, 12s to 13s 6d per cwt.

### LIVE STOCK.

#### ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

On account of Labor Day there were only small yardings at Addington to-day, consisting of 2780 fat sheep, 100 fat lambs, 1500 store sheep, 291 cattle, and 320 pigs.

**FAT CATTLE**—The 111 head yarded were mostly good sorts, and the short supply caused a slight improvement in prices. Good to