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Commercial.

(For week ending October 23.)

PRODUCE.

London, October 19.—Wheat: Heavy supplies are depressing the market. Cargoes are neglected. Australian September-October-January shipments are quoted at 31s 6d; parcels of October-November shipment, 31s.

Butter: Owing to short supplies the market is firm. Choicest colonial is in brisk demand at 110s to 112s; secondary is neglected at 96s to 104s. Danish about 120s.

London, October 21.—Frozen meat—Mutton: Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, 4½d; Dunedin and Southland, 4d; North Island, 3½d. Lamb: Unchanged. New Zealand beef (180lb to 220lb, fair average quality): Ox fores, 3½d; ox hinds, 4½d. River Plate crossbred or merino wethers, light, 3½d.

The Agent-General has cabled to the Department of Agriculture as follows:—'Butter, 112s; the market is firm. Cheese, 55s; market firm. Hemp (holders firm): Good fair Wellington, L19; fair current Manila, L30 (spot).'

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

Oats.—During the past week business has been almost at a standstill, and any sales passing have been at reduced prices. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 7d to 1s 7½d; good to best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; medium, 1s 5d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The demand for milling quality is not quite so keen. Prime quality, however, is saleable at late values. Fowl wheat is in fair demand at last week's rates. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7½d; 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 of late. Those forward to-day met with strong competition, and were quitted at advanced prices. We quote: Best Derwents, L3 to L3 12s 6d; others, L2 10 to L2 15s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is in moderate supply, and meets with fair sale at quotations. Medium and inferior quality is in over-supply, and out of favor with buyers. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 to L2 5s per ton (sacks 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, L3 10s; Southern, L3 5s. Chaff: Inferior, 30s to 40s; good to prime, 50s to 55s. Straw: pressed 25s; loose, 28s. Turnips, to 15s, few in market. Flour: Sacks, L6 10s; 50lbs, L7; 25lbs, L7, quiet. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to 10½d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5½d. Eggs, 8d. Onions: Melbourne, 18s.

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

WHEAT.—No change in values to report. Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 1s 11d to 2s 1d per bushels (sacks extra).

OATS.—Market very quiet and very little business passing. Milling, 1s 7½d; good to best feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; medium, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF.—Market steady. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES.—Best Derwents, L3 to L3 12s 6d per ton (bags in).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 6d, factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 6d per doz;

cheese, farm, 3½d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled) farm, 6d; hams, 8d; potatoes, L2 10s per ton; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; fowl wheat, 2s; chaff, L2 10s; flour, L6 10s to L7 5s; oatmeal, L9 10s to L10; pollard, L4; bran, L3 10s, including bags. Retail—Fresh butter, 8d, factory, bulk, 1s; pats, 1s 0½d; eggs, 8d per doz; cheese, 6d; bacon, rolled, 8d, sliced 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 3s 6d per cwt; flour, 200lbs, 14s; 50lb, 4s; oatmeal, 50lb, 6s; 25lb, 3s; pollard, 6s 6d per bag; bran, 4s per bag; chaff, L3 per ton; fowls' feed, 2s 9d per bushel.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, October 16.—The wool sales included the following clips:—Yanga Titi, which realised 7½d, Henku, 7d.

An inferior selection was offered at the wool sales to-day. Good parcels were very firm.

London, October 17.—At the wool auctions there was a brisk sale. Good wools were in strong demand. The Ngatapa clip fetched 6½d.

Melbourne, October 17.—At the wool sales the catalogue was small. Competition by all sections of buyers was keen, and all offered was even. Good merinos were about 40 per cent., inferior merinos and fine crossbreds 40 to 45 per cent. below last year's opening rates.

London, October 18.—At the wool sales a poor selection was offered. Inferior qualities were irregular, and good firm.

Melbourne, October 18.—The wool sales were continued. Bidding was again brisk. Prices were about on a par with yesterday.

London, October 19.—The wool sold included the Elderslie clip, which realised 7d, and the Tamuna 6½d.

At the wool sales there was good competition for good wools, but faulties were neglected. Americans are buying crossbreds.

The home trade is becoming nervous at finding itself unable to absorb the whole of the wool offering. Foreigners are giving poor support, hence faulties are neglected, and are often 5 per cent. below opening rates.

London, October 21.—At the wool sales there is a dragging sale and numerous withdrawals. For greasy and scoured merinos prices have been barely maintained. The quantity catalogued to date is 123,241 bales, and 113,666 bales have been sold. The Longburn clip realised 6½d.

Sydney, October 22.—The wool sales opened to-day. Foreign buyers were well represented. Prices show a decline of forty (? fully) five per cent. compared with the prices ruling at the corresponding sales last year. Greasy realised 8½d, scoured 1s 3½d.

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

RABBITSKINS.—Market firm. Winter greys, 16d to 16½d; selected, 17d; medium, 14d to 15½d; early, 12d to 13½d; autumn, 9d to 11½d; summers, 6d to 8d; blacks, 22½d per lb.

SHEEPSKINS.—Owing to London cables reporting a further decline in wool the market is slightly easier.

HIDES.—Market unchanged. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; extra 4½p; medium, 3½d to 3¾d; cow hides, 3½d to 3¾d per lb.

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

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at Addington were:—2200 fat sheep, 100 fat lambs, 5000 store sheep, 241 cattle, 314 pigs.

FAT CATTLE.—150, mostly good to prime sorts, yarded. There was a keen demand, and prices were fully upheld. Good to prime beef, 22s 6d to 25s per 100lb; other, 19s to 22s; prime steers, L9 to L11 15s; others, L6 12s 6d to L8 10s; prime heifers, L9 7s 6d to L11 2s 6d; others, L6 12s 6d to L8 10s; best cows, L8 to L9 17s 6d; others, L5 to L7 10s.

DAIRY CATTLE.—A mixed entry; a good sale for young cows at L5 to L7; others, L2 15s to L4 10s.