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## Commercial.

(For week ending January 9.)

### PRODUCE.

London, January 5.—Butter: Firm. Good business in Colonial at 108s to 110s; a few boxes sold at 112s. Danish, 128s, with strong demand, but short supply.

Wheat: There is a sharp rise in the market, and American is hardening. American red winter is quoted at 83½c; cargoes are firm but quiet. Victorian and New South Wales January and February shipments are quoted at 30s 6d; parcels, 29s to 29s 3d.

London, January 6. Frozen Mutton: Cross-bred wethers, maiden ewes—Canterbury, 4 13-16d; Dunedin and Southland, 4 11-16d; North Island, 4½d. New Zealand beef, 180 to 220lb, fair average quality: Ox fores unchanged, hinds 4d, River Plate is unchanged.

The Agricultural Department has received the following cable from the Agent-General, dated 4th inst.:—Average price of choicest butter is 1s 10d (market firm); finest cheese, 5½s (market steady).

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Fair to good feed 1s 4d to 1s 6d; milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d. Wheat: milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; fowls', 1s 9d to 2s 1d. Potatoes: New, local, L8 to L10; injured, L8. Old dun chaff: Inferior, 30s to 40s; good to prime, 47s 6d to 50s. Straw: pressed 27s; loose, 28s. 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, L7 10s.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—WHEAT—In fair demand. Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 5d; fowl wheat, 1s 11d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS—There has been a steady demand during the week, and prices remain firm. Milling, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF—Market steady. Prime oaten sheaf, £2 10s to £2 12s 6d; medium, £2 to £2 7s 6d (bags extra).

POTATOES—Market barely supplied. Best kidneys, £9 10s to £10 10s per ton (bags in).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—OATS—There was a steady demand from exporters for all good feed lines at prices on a par with late values. We quote:—Good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—We offered medium to good fowl wheat, which sold at 1s 9d to 2s per bushel. The demand for milling quality is quiet, and few sales are passing. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6½d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 1d; broken and damaged, 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—We had none on sale to-day. The market is poorly supplied, and prices have firmed slightly, best kidneys being saleable at L9 to L10 10s per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—We offered a quantity of medium quality, for which there was poor competition. Prime oaten sheaf is scarce, and commands ready sale at L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d; inferior, L1 10s to L1 15s per ton (sacks extra).

### SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 6d, factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 8d per doz;

cheese, farm, 3½d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled) farm, 6d; hams 8d; potatoes, L4 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, 10d per doz; cheese, 6d; bacon, rolled, 8d, sliced 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 5s 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.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—RABBITSKINS—Very few offering, but prices have advanced slightly.

SHEEPSKINS—Market unchanged. HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 3¾d; cow hides, 3d to 4d per lb.

TALLOW—No change to report. Best rendered, 16s to 17s 6d; medium, 13s 6d to 15s 6d; rough fat, 11s to 12s 6d per cwt.

London, January 5.—Wool—About 4000 bales have been sold since November sales at hardening rates. The demand is steadily improving. There are good prospects for the opening sales on the 15th. The second series will open on the 12th March, and will be limited to 200,000 bales. The third series, on the 13th April, will be limited to a quarter of a million bales.

Bradford wool is very firm. Common sixties, 18½d; super, 19½d.

### LIVE STOCK.

#### ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at Addington comprised 1200 fat sheep, 4300 fat lambs, 3083 store sheep, 337 cattle, and 390 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—160 head yarded, nearly all being cows and heifers. Only a few steers came to hand. Best beef held its own, but inferior sorts were dull of sale. Good to prime beef realised from 22s to 24s 6d; other sorts, 18s to 21s; steers sold at from L7 5s to L9 15s; best heifers, L7 10s to L9; best cows, L7 to L8 15s; others, L4 15s to L6 10s. There were very few stores or dairy cattle, and a dull sale resulted.

FAT SHEEP—These were mostly wethers, including some good lines, but also many unfinished sorts. Freezers sold well at from 18s to 21s 6d; lighter, down to 17s; best ewes, 17s to 20s; others, 13s 6d to 15s; merino wethers, 13s 1d to 14s 3d.

FAT LAMBS—Some very good lines were to hand as well as a few extra good pens. There was a keen demand, and over 3000 were taken for freezing. Best freezers brought from 16s to 17s 9d; others, 14s 9d to 15s 6d; and unfinished sold down to 13s 6d.

STORE SHEEP—These comprised some large lines of wethers and ewes, and there was a good demand for all classes. A thousand wethers brought 16s 2d; smaller lines, 15s 1d to 15s 4d; mixed wethers and ewes, 15s 5d; ewes, 13s 1d to 16s 1d, according to age and condition; ewes and lambs (all counted), 12s 1d to 13s 4d; and lambs, 13s 4d.

PIGS—There was a good supply of fats, and a fair sale took place. Baconers realised from 32s to 49s, or an average of 3½d per lb; porkers, 21s to 32s, equal to 3½d to 4d per lb. The stores were very rough sorts, and created little or no demand. Suckers and weaners brought from 4s to 9s; and others, 9s to 16s.

#### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co. report as follows:—The Sydney consignment of spring-van and spring-cart horses was not quite up to the standard of the two preceding shipments, but being serviceable animals a number of them changed hands at from L18 to L37. A consignment of useful harness horses from the North, suitable for bakers and butchers' carts, changed