

# Commercial

(For week ending December 4.)

## PRODUCE.

London, November 28.—The wheat markets are quiet. Cargoes are steady. Victorian and South Australian (September-October shipment), 29s 3d; New South Wales (prompt), 29s; Victorian parcels (November shipment), 28s 3d.

Butter is very slow. Colonial is neglected at 110s to 112s; Danish (weak), 118s to 120s. The Wakanui's butter arrived in excellent condition.

London, December 1.—Frozen meat—Canterbury mutton, 3½d; Dunedin and Southland 3½d; North Island, 2½d; Canterbury lambs, 4s-16; fair average, unchanged; beef, unchanged. These prices are the official quotations furnished by the Frozen Meat Trade Association. The basis of quotations is the sale of not less than 100 carcasses of mutton or lamb, or 25 quarters of beef. All quotations for mutton are for fair average quality. The quotations for New Zealand lamb do not include sales of small lambs or heavies of inferior quality.

Two South Australian wheat cargoes of 10,000 quarters in a Victorian sailer for December and January sold at 29s 3d.

Wellington, December 1.—The Agent-General's cablegram, dated London, November 30, says:—The mutton market is very dull. Shipments now arriving are very heavy, and stocks are accumulating. River Plate is in large supply, and being strongly pushed for sale, a great number of stale carcasses being placed on the market. Canterbury mutton, 3½d; Dunedin and Southland, 3½d; North Island, 2½d; River Plate, 2½d; Australian, 2½d, and dull of sale. For all lambs, Canterbury, 4½d; other brands, 4½d; market speculative. Beef is weak. The stocks of New Zealand on hand are light. New Zealand hinds, 3½d; fores, 2½d. Butter, steady. The Karamea butter arrived in good condition, and is quoted at 108s to 112s. Cheese is steady; Canadian, 46s.

Christchurch, November 28.—The Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company have received the following cable message from London:—Frozen meat market: A further fall in North Island mutton. Canterbury mutton, 3½d; North Island, 3d; first quality lamb, 4½d; second, 4d.

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

OATS—Shippers' operations are now only on a small scale, but these, with the local demand, absorb nearly all good lines offering. Inferior quality is more difficult to place. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 4½d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s 1d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—Prime milling quality is in good demand, but there is practically none offering. Medium quality also meets with better inquiry. Fowl wheat is scarce and commands ready sale. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 9½d to 2s 10½d; medium, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 6d to 2s 7½d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—The supply of good sound, old Derwents is almost exhausted, and any such—free from growth—are in demand at advanced rates. We quote: Prime, L3 10s to L4; medium to good, L2 10s to L3 5s; inferior, L1 to L1 10s per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf has not been offering so freely, and really good quality shows an advance of about 5s per ton. Other sorts are not in request. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, L3 10s to L3 15; medium to good, L2 15s to L3 5s; inferior, L2 to L2 10s per ton (bags extra).

## SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh; 7d; factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 7d per doz.; cheese, 1d; bacon, farm, 7d; do. (rolled) farm, 6d; hams, 9d; potatoes, 1s 4 per ton; fowl wheat, 2s 6d; barley 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, L3 10s; flour, L7 5s to L8 5s; oatmeal, L12 10s to L13; bran, L3 5s; pollard, L4 5s. Retail—Fresh butter, 9d; butter, factory, pats, 1s; bulk, 1s; eggs, 9d per doz.; cheese, 6d to 7d; bacon (rolled), 8d; hams, 10d. potatoes, 3s per cwt; flour, 200lbs, 15s 6d; 50lbs, 4s 6d; oatmeal, 50lb, 7s; 25lb, 3s 9d; pollard, 7s per bag; bran, 4s 6d; chaff, 2s; fowls' feed, 3s per bushel.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 3½d to 2s 5d; milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; fowls', 1s 10d to 2s 7d. Potatoes: Market: Southern, L3 5s; Oamaru, L4 (considerably improved). Chaff: Demand for prime up to L3 7s 6d; inferior, L2 15s; medium, L2. Straw: pressed 30s, market plentiful; loose, 32s 6d. Flour: Sacks, 200lbs, L7 5s; 50lbs, L8; 25lbs, L8 5s. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L13. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 9d. Onions: Melbourne, New, L9.

## WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, November 25.—Tallow—At the weekly sales 533 casks were offered, and 169 sold. Prices for all sorts advanced 3d.

London, November 26.—The wool sales opened with a brisk competition. Prices show from par to 5 per cent decline.

London, November 27.—At the wool sales, Messrs. Balme and Co., Buxton and Ronald, and Jacomb and Son offered 10,785 bales. It was a wretched selection. There was a large attendance and excellent competition. Prices for good merinos were on a par with those at the closing sales in the October series. Faulty declined 5

per cent., and medium low crossbreds 5 to 7½d per cent. No fine was offered.

London, November 28.—At the wool sales yesterday there was a better selection. Prices were very firm, for merinos especially, the finest being equal to the average obtained at last sales. Continental buyers were very keen competitors. Crossbreds were five per cent. lower than the closing sales of October, excepting in lots suitable for the American markets. The Patoka clip sold at 5½d; Torlesse, 15½d.

The Bradford wool market is firmer. Common sixties, 12½d; super, 19½d.

At the London sales prices are unchanged. Best sorts are in strong demand. Americans are buying the best crossbreds.

London, November 29.—All wool is very firm, excepting faulty and short scoured.

London, December 1.—The wool clips Tahra and Dalethorpe realised 6d and 8½d respectively.

## LIVE STOCK.

### ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

At Addington market to-day there was a good attendance.

FAT CATTLE—177 yarded; mostly fair steers, with a few extra good heifers. The market was dull, and last week's prices were barely upheld. Good to prime beef fetched 23s to 26s; other, 18s to 22s per 100lb. Steers fetched L7 10s to L9 15s and L11 7s 6d; heifers, L5 10s to L7 10s; cows, L5 to L8 2s 6d.

FAT SHEEP—About 2500 penned, mostly shorn. The quality was not so good as last week, but there was an improvement in prices. Woolly wethers fetched 16s to 16s 4d; hoggets, 12s to 12s 10d; best wethers (shorn), 15s to 17s 3d, others (shorn), 12s to 14s 6d; best ewes (shorn), 12s 4d to 14s 1d; others, 9s to 11s 6d; hoggets, 10s to 11s 6d; merino wethers, 9s to 11s 6d and ewes, 6s 1d to 7s.

FAT LAMBS—729 penned. There was a weaker demand, and only 200 were taken for export at 11s 6d to 13s 9d. The balance went to butchers at 9s to 13s.

STORE SHEEP—2500 penned. A poor demand, owing to the continued dry weather. The only line of wethers shorn made 9s 4d; ewes (in wool) with lambs, 8s 6d, all counted; shorn, 6s to 7s 6d for good, and 3s 1d to 4s 8d for others; shorn hoggets, 7s 6d to 9s 4d.

PIGS—About 450 yarded, including a good supply of stores. Fats were easier. Baconers, 35s to 54s, or equal to 3½d per lb; porkers, 21s to 30s, equal to 3½d to 3¾d per lb. Stores sold well owing to outside competition. Large sorts, 16s to 24s; smaller, 12s to 15s; suckers and weaners, 6s to 9s.

### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

We held our weekly sale on Saturday, when there was an unusually good entry of horses, including several exhibited at the Otago A. and P. Society's Show. Between 40 and 50 horses were offered altogether, and about half of them changed hands. In draught horses the feature of the sale was two pairs of splendid show geldings—one pair from Mr. John Small, Tinwald, a noted breeder. These fine horses were both five years old, and we sold them for £120 the pair. The second pair came from Mr. John Ewan Drummond, and for these we obtained £96 10s. Several other useful draughts also changed hands at from £34 to £45. Of spring-van and spring-cart horses a fair number were offered, and for these there was splendid competition, some half-dozen or more changing hands at from £27 to £33. There is a good demand for upstanding young broken-in saddle and harness horses, and when horses of the right stamp are forthcoming they meet with a ready sale in this market. We quote:—Superior young draught geldings, L44 to L52; extra good prize horses, L55 to L60; medium draught mares and geldings, L35 to L42; aged do, L22 to L33; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L35; well-matched carriage pairs, L70 to L90; strong spring-van horses, L28 to L35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L18 to L25; tram horses, L12 to L17; light hacks L8 to L14; extra good hacks, L18 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L5 to L7.

## Late Burnside Stock Report.

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE—134 yarded, prices ruling firm at last week's rates. Best bullocks, L9 15s to L10 17s 6d; extra heavy, up to L13 2s 6d; medium, L7 15s to L9 5s; best cows and heifers, L7 to L8 2s 6d; medium, L5 10s to L6 15s.

SHEEP—173 penned, prices ruling 1s a head lower. Best wethers, 17s 6d to 19s; medium, 15s 6d to 16s 9d; best ewes, 14s to 15s 9d; show wethers up to 16s 3d.

LAMBS—207 forward, prices ruling fully 2s 6d higher. Best lambs, 13s to 14s 6d; medium, 11s to 12s 9d; others, 8s 6d to 10s 6d.

PIGS—162 forward, all classes meeting with a fair demand. Suckers, 7s to 10s; slips, 12s 6d to 15s; stores, 17 to 22s; Porkers, 27s to 34s; baconers, 36s to 48s; heavy pigs, 55s.

Messrs. O'Meara and Co., auctioneers, Gore, will hold an important sale of private and hotel freehold properties at their mart on December 23. The sale will be without reserve, as it is for the purpose of closing trust accounts in the estate of the late Mr. Thomas Mulvey. Among the properties to be submitted will be the well-known hostelry, the Provincial Hotel, East Gore. The lease of this property expires on the 31st inst., so that the purchaser will be able to take possession immediately. Very easy terms for payment can be arranged.