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**Commercial**

For the week ending December 18.

**PRODUCE.**

London, December 11.—Eleven thousand five hundred quarters of Victorian wheat (iron sailer, January and February shipment) sold at 30s 3d.

Napier, December 12.—Messrs. Nelson Bros. (Limited) received the following cable from the Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company (Limited), London, to-day:—Stocks of frozen meat of all kinds are very heavy. The demand is stagnant and there is a further fall in the values of mutton. To-day's quotations are: Best Canterbury mutton, 3½d per lb; best Napier, Wellington, and North Island mutton, 2½d per lb; lamb, first quality, 4½d per lb; lamb, second quality, 4¼d per lb.

London, December 12.—The wheat markets are slightly easier owing to the decline of the American. Cargoes are quiet. Victorian (afloat) and South Australian and New South Wales (December-January shipment) are all quoted at 30s 6d.

Butter is dull. Colonial, 104s to 106s; occasional lots, 108s. Danish is steady; unchanged.

Wellington, December 13.—The largest shipment of dairy produce yet sent from the Colony goes by the Tongariro to-day—namely 48,187 packages of butter, equal to 970 tons; and 2586 packages of cheese, equal to 108 tons. The Dairy Commissioner testifies that the average quality of the butter is better than that of any previous large shipment. Taranaki is the largest contributor; Wellington next.

London, December 15.—Frozen meat.—Mutton: Crossbred wethers, maiden ewes, Canterbury, 3½d; Dunedin and Southland, 3d; North Island, 2 13-16d. Lamb: Prime Canterbury, 4½d; fair average (including Dunedin, Southland, Wellington, and secondary Canterbury), 4¼d. River Plate crossbred or merino wethers, heavy and light both, 2 11-16d. New Zealand beef, 180lb to 220lb, fair average quality, ox fores, 2 11-16d hinds, 3¼d.

Wellington, December 16.—The Agent-General's cablegram, dated London, December 14, reports:—A dull sale for all qualities of mutton; stocks on hand heavy. Average price on spot for Canterbury mutton, 3½d; Dunedin, Southland, and W.M.E. Company, 3d; other North Island, 2½d; River Plate, 2¼d. A better demand for lamb. The market is speculative. Canterbury brand, 4½d; other brands, 4¼d; Australian, 4¼d. Beef is quiet. New Zealand hinds, 3¼d; fores, 2¼d. A good demand for butter at 104s to 107s. Some holders are forcing sales. Argentine, 110s. Cheese is firm at 48s.

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

Oats.—Prime milling quality continue to meet with fair demand. Good feed lines, for which there has been little inquiry of late, are also in rather better demand. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 3½d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 2½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling wheat of all sorts is in short supply, and finds ready buyers at improved rates. Medium quality is also in good demand. Fowl wheat is exceptionally scarce, and commands top prices of the season. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 11d to 3s; medium, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 8d to 2s 9½d; broken, etc., 2s 4d to 2s 7d per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes.—Moderate supplies of old Derwents are coming forward. All in good, sound condition find buyers at—for best Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is offering sparingly, and is readily taken at late quotations. Medium sorts have not the same attention. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 15s to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 to £3 12s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Mr. F. Meenan, King Street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 3½d to 2s 4d; milling, 2s 5d to 2s 8d. Wheat: milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; fowls', 1s 10d to 2s 8d. Potatoes: Market: Southern, £3 5s; Oamaru, £3 15s (considerably improved). Chaff: Demand for prime up to £4; inferior, £3 5s; medium, £3 15s. Straw: Pressed, 30s, market plentiful; loose, 32s 6d. Flour: Sacks, 200lb, £7 5s; 50lb, £8; 25lb, £8 5s. Oatmeal: 25lb, £13. Butter: Dairy 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 9d. Onions: Melbourne, new, £5 10s.

**WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.**

London, December 10.—At the wool sales prices were firm, with a general hardening tendency.

The Ohoka clip sold at 13½d.

London, December 11.—At the tallow sales 825 casks were offered and 425 sold. Mutton—Fine, 34s; medium, 30s 6d. Beef—Fine, 34s 6d; medium, 31s.

Christchurch, December 12.—About 11,600 bales were catalogued for today's wool sales. The bulk was again of an inferior character. There was a good attendance of New Zealand buyers. Prices ruled as follows:—Greasy merino, medium to good, 6½d to 8½d; do, inferior, 4d to 6d; half-bred, superior, 6d to 7½d; do, medium, 4½d to 6d; do, inferior, 2d to 4½d. Crossbred, superior, 3d to 5d, do, medium, 2½d to 4d, do, inferior, 2d to 3d; longwool, 2½d to 3½d, pieces and bellies, good, 3d to 6d; do, inferior, 1d to 3d; locks, ½d to 2½d.

London, December 12.—At the wool sales prices are unchanged. Good sorts are very firm. The Avon Down clip sold at 7½d; Takapau, 4½d; and Takaputone, 6½d.

London, December 13.—There is strong competition; prices unchanged.

Sydney, December 13.—Exceptionally large catalogues are forward for the Sydney and Melbourne wool sales. Competition is animated, and prices are well maintained.

The Kiaton and Tamuma clips realised 5½d

The Bradford wool market is hardening. Common sixties, 19d; super, 20d.

London, December 15.—The wool sales have closed. Merinos, owing to strong Continental demand, regained the decline which had marked the opening of the sales. October rates were generally current at the closing. New Zealand scoureds were 1d lower, and crossbreds ½d to ¾d below October rates. Competition was keen, excepting for slips, which were slow of sale. The Ropeba clip sold at 7½d. During the series 197,500 bales were catalogued, 100,000 sold for the Home markets, 87,000 for the Continent, 3000 for the American, and 43,000 bales were held over.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.**

Messrs. Wright, Stevenson, and Co. report as follows:—There was an unusually large entry of horses for Saturday's sale, between 60 and 70 of one class and another (chiefly light and a good many rather on the weedy side) passing under the hammer. Of draught horses not many came forward, the principal entry being a team of eight aged horses from Tuaepeka. The best of the geldings in this consignment—a fine upstanding seven-year-old bay horse—brought £46 10s, the prices for the others ranging from £20 to £37. A consignment of useful harness horses from South Canterbury changed hands at from £16 to £25. The present position of the market is this:—A few extra good draught geldings, five to seven years old are wanted for town work, and could be sold at from £45 to £50. Ordinary draughts for wagon teams and country work are not in such demand, and values for these are in favor of purchasers. Spring-drays and spring-cart horses (young, sound, well broken-in, of good action and staunch) are very scarce, and suitable sorts coming into the yards are keenly competed for. Quotations: Superior young draught geldings, £45 to £50; extra good prize horses, £52 to £56; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £38; aged do, £20 to £27; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £90; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £36; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £27; tram horses, £12 to £17; light hacks, £9 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £7.

**ADDINGTON MARKET.**

There were fair yardings at Addington market.

Fat Cattle.—Owing to the heavy and unexpected supply prices showed a further fall of about 1s per 100lb. Steers, £6 5s to £10; heifers, £5 5s to £8 7s 6d; cows, £5 to £8 10s; extra good, £9. Prices ranged from 16s 6d to 24s per 100lb.

Store Cattle.—A good entry. Yearlings fetched 17s to 21s; 15-months old cattle, £2 4s to £2 10s; two-year-old steers, £4 5s to £4 15s; two-year-old heifers, £3 7s 6d; dry cows, from 30s to £4 5s; dairy cows, £3 10s to £9 5s.

Fat Sheep.—A fairly large entry, much larger apparently than the requirements of the trade, and in consequence the market was much easier in tone. The quality of the sheep, however, was better than at last week's sale, and there were many good lines of both merino and crossbred wethers. The sale opened with a decline on last week's rates for butchers' ewes, but improved towards the end. Freezing wethers, 13s 10d to 16s; heavyweights, to 17s; best crossbred ewes, 12s to 14s 5d; others, 7s to 11s 6d; merino ewes (best), 10s to 12s 6d; others, 5s 6d to 9s 6d; inferior merino ewes, 3s to 4s 9d.

Fat Lambs.—1500 entered. Butchers exhibited a keen demand and freezers were also active. Butchers' lambs realised 11s to 15s; freezers, 13s to 14s.

Store Sheep.—Only 1480 penned, and in consequence of improved feed prospects the demand was good. Two and four-tooth ewes and wethers fetched 10s 7d to 11s 10d; two-tooth ewes, 8s 11d; ewes and lambs, to 9s.

Pigs.—An average entry. There was a good demand. Baconers ran from 34s to 50s, or 3½d to 3¼d per lb; porkers, 22s to 33s, or 3¼d to 3½d per lb; stores, 15s to 22s for large, and 8s 6d to 12s 6d for small; weaners, 6s to 8s.