

Branson's Hotel,

Corner of KING & ST. ANDREW STS.

MR CHARLES BRANSON, who for many years was at the Grand, has now assumed the management of the above Hotel, which is centrally situated at the corner of Great King Street and St. Andrew Street. At considerable cost, the whole building has undergone reconstruction. It has been greatly enlarged, furnished, and appointed, regardless of expense, making it the most comfortable Hotel in town. It comprises 18 bedrooms, bathroom, large dining, drawing, smoking, billiard, and commercial rooms. Fire escape and iron balcony completely surrounding the Hotel, giving the most ample security against fire. **Tariff—4/6 per day, 25/- per week. Permanent Boarders by arrangement.**

Commercial

(For week ending August 27.)

PRODUCE.

London, August 29.—The wheat markets are quiet. The bad weather is hardening the Continental market. Cargoes are firm. No Australian is offering.

London, August 31.—Frozen Meat—Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, 3½d; Dunedin and Southland, 3½d; North Island, 3 11-16d. Lamb: Prime Canterbury, 4½d; fair average (including Dunedin Southland, Wellington, and secondary Canterbury), 4 11-16d; River Plate, unchanged. New Zealand beef (180lb to 220lb), fair average quality: ox fores, 4d, ox hinds, 4½d.—The above prices for meat are official quotations furnished by the Frozen Meat Trade Association. The basis of quotations is sales of not less than 100 carcasses of mutton or lamb, or 25 quarters of beef. All quotations for mutton are for fair average quality. Quotations for New Zealand lamb do not include sales of small lambs or heavies of inferior quality.

Wellington, September 1.—The Agent-General cables under date London, August 30.—Mutton.—Market weak; no alteration since last week. Lamb.—Quiet; further drop in prices seems imminent, owing to supplies of home-grown. Heavy lowering of prices for New Zealand Canterbury lambs, 4½d; other brands, 4½d. Beef: Steady. New Zealand hinds, 4½d; fores, 4d. Hemp, steady. Good fair Wellington, spot, £33; September-November shipment, £31. Choicest butter.—Prospects for next season are encouraging. A considerable quantity is now arriving, and is being placed in the cold stores.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Milling, 2s 7d to 2s 9d; feeding, 2s 2d to 2s 6d. Wheat (good demand): Milling, 4s to 4s 3d; fowls', 3s 3d. Potatoes, £3 15s to £4. Chaff: Inferior to medium, £3 to £3 10s; prime, £4 10s. Straw: Pressed, £2; loose, £2. Flour: 200lb sacks, £11 10s; 50lb, £12 5s; 25lb, £12 10s. Oatmeal: 25lb, £14 5s. Butter Dairy, 9d to 1s; factory, 1s 3d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 6½d. Eggs, 9d. Onions: Christchurch, £5 10s.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

There is practically no change to record in the oat market. Sales are restricted to small parcels for Australia. Present prices equal 2s 3d on trucks (sacks extra, up country) or 2s 8½d f.o.b.

Invercargill prices current—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 9d; butter (factory), bulk, 1s 3d; pats 1s 3d cash, 1s 3½d booked; eggs, 7d per dozen; cheese (factory), 5½d; bacon

farm, 6d; do, rolled, farm, 7d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £3 10s per ton, bags weighed in; barley, 2s to 2s 6d chaff, £4; flour, £11 10s to £12 10s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14; bran, £6; pollard, £6. Retail.—Fresh butter, 11d, 1s; butter (factory), pats, 1s 5d; bulk, 1s 5d. Eggs, 9d per doz. Cheese, 7d. Bacon (rolled), 9d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, £4 10s per ton; 5s cwt. Flour, 200lb, 2s; 50lb, 2s 3d. Oatmeal, 50lb, 8s; 25lb, 4s. Pollard, 10s per bag. bran, 7s; chaff, 2s 3d.

Messrs Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a full catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. There was fair competition for most of the lines on offer, and late values were well maintained throughout.

Oats.—The demand for shipment is confined for the most part to oats of sound quality, bright lines being preferred. Medium and discolored lots do not receive the same attention, and are not so readily quoted. Prime milling and seed lines are in fair demand. We quote: Seed lines, 2s 9d to 2s 11d; prime milling, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6½d; inferior and medium, 2s to 2s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling quality continues to meet with most demand from millers, and the tone of the market for all classes of wheat is slightly improved. Medium quality has had rather more demand, and fowl wheat is somewhat scarce, and was well inquired for on Monday. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 4d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 10d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Fair sales have been made during the week, and local stocks are much reduced. Buyers have been also operating freely in the northern districts, and this has tended to keep the market very firm. We quote: Prime Derwents, £3 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d, medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; other sorts, £2 10s to £3 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—There is still a fair supply of medium quality offering, but the market is barely supplied with prime oaten sheaf. For this class there is a good demand, and all coming forward is sure of ready sale at satisfactory prices. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 5s to £4 10s; choice, to £4 15s; medium to good, £3 5s to £4; inferior and straw chaff, £2 to £2 15s.

Turnips.—Best swedes sold at 17s to 18s per ton, loose, ex truck.

WOOL.

London, August 27.—At the tallow auctions 1100 casks were offered and 525 sold. Mutton: Fine, 35s; medium, 31s. Beef: Fine, 34s 9d; medium, 32s.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fair entry of horses for Saturday's sale. In draughts the offerings were limited to a few useful, fairly fresh, but aged horses. There were lots of buyers even for this class, and lots of them changed hands at very good prices. Of strong harness horses there was a good display, consignments including nine really serviceable horses from Messrs. Tonkin and Co's rabbit collecting depots up country. This consignment elicited keen competition, and was sold as follows:—Bay mare, £33; gray gelding, £23; gray gelding, £22 10s; bay mare, £20 10s; roan gelding, £17 10s; chestnut gelding, £11 10s; black gelding, £11 10s; black gelding,

£11; Three useful upstanding harness horses from Clydevale were sold at £20, £19, and £17 respectively. Other sales were effected at equally satisfactory rates. The demand for good harness horses is brisk. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £45 to £50; extra good, prize horses, £52 to £56; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £42; aged do, £20 to £28; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £60 to £80; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order cart horses, £20 to £27; tram horses, £14 to £20; light hacks, £8 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £3 to £7.

STOCK SALES

Sydney, August 28.—At the Home-bush stock sales all descriptions of sheep were in the best request, and prices showed a decided rise. New Zealand fetched 25s to 36s.

Sydney, September 1.—The stock sales included about 3000 New Zealand crossbreds. Prices ranged from 24s to 35s. A pen of 15 Coates' extra prime brought 50s. The balance of Coates' consignment realised 34s to 42s 6d. New Zealand bullocks ranged up to £28; cows, £18 10s, averaging £18.

An Auckland telegram says that the Talune, which sailed for Sydney on Monday afternoon, took 1206 sheep and 116 cattle.

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