

Commercial

(For week ending October 1.)

PRODUCE.

London, September 26.—The wheat market is dull; American is steady. Harvesting in Europe is nearly completed. The bulk of the English Samples are damp. Dry wheat is very firm. The Continental crops are much damaged.

Contracts have been made for New Zealand butter at 106s (c.i.f.); delivery till May.

At the kauri gum sales 2030 cases were offered, and 1150 sold. Prices are very firm. Quarter, scraped, 120s.

London, September 28.—Frozen Meat.—Mutton: Canterbury—light, 3 15-16d; medium, 3 15-16d; heavy, 3 13-16d; Dunedin and Southland, 3 13-16d; North Island, 3 11-16d. Lamb: Canterbury—light 5d, heavy 4½d; Dunedin and Southland, 4½d; North Island, 4½d. Beef: New Zealand, 180lb to 200lb, fair average quality—ox fores 4 1-16d, ox hinds 5d. River Plate sheep—heavy 3½d, light 3½d; beef—ox fores 3 15-16d, ox hinds, 4 7-16d.

Wellington, September 29.—The Agent-general's cablegram, dated London, September 26, is as follows:—'No alteration in mutton or lamb since last week. Beef firm. New Zealand hinds 5d, fores, 4½d. Butter, firm; Danish, 118s; Canadian, 102s; Siberian, 95s. There is a good demand for cheese; Canadian, 50s. There is a better demand for hemp; 'good fair Wellington,' spot, £33 10s; October-December shipments, £32. Cocksfoot, firm, but buyers not keen; New Zealand, 17lb standard, 5½s. There is keen competition for all good wools.'

Wellington, September 29.—Considerable quantities of produce continue to be sent from the colony to Australia. The Waibora on Sunday took nearly 200 boxes of butter, 3000 sacks of potatoes, 2100 sacks of oats, several hundred sacks of wheat and barley, 50 cases of cheese, 56 carcasses of pork, and cases of poultry.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill, prices current.—Wholesale—Butter (farm) 91 to 10d; butter (factory) bulk, 1s 1d; pats, 1s 1d cash, 1 1½d booked; eggs, 8d per doz; cheese (factory) 5½d; bacon, farm, 6d; do. rolled, 7½d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £3 10s per ton, bags weighed in; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, £1; flour £11 10s to £12 10s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14; bran, £6; Pollard, £6 Retail—Fresh butter, 11d to 1s; Butter (factory) pats 1s 3d; bulk, 1s 2d; eggs 10d per doz; cheese, 7d; bacon, 10d; hams, 10½; potatoes, £1 10s per ton, 5s cwt; flour 200lbs 25s; 50lbs 7s 3d; Oatmeal, 50lbs, 8s; 25lbs, 4s; pollard 10s per bag; bran, 7s; chaff, 2s 3d.

[The above prices were for fair average quality on Friday.]

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, to £5. Chaff: Inferior to medium, £3 to £3 10s; prime, £5. Straw: Pressed, £2, loose, £2. Flour: 200lb sacks, £11 10s; 50lb, £12 5s; 25lb, £12 10s. Oatmeal: 25lb, £13 15s. Butter: Dairy, 9d to 1s; factory, 1s 1d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 6½d. Eggs, 9d. Onions. Melbourne, £12.

Messrs, Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue was a fairly comprehensive one, nearly all lines on offer at present being represented. There was fair competition throughout, and the bulk of the lines on offer was quitted at prices fully equal to late quotations.

Oats.—During the past week there has been good inquiry for lines suitable for shipment, and in these classes a fair business has been done. Shippers' requirements

have been confined chiefly to good sound oats, bright enough to pass for B grade. In medium sorts there has also been fair business done. Milling and seed lines have not received the same attention. We quote: Prime milling and seed lines, 2s 8d to 2s 11d; good to best feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 7d; inferior to medium, 2s to 2s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—A small volume of business has been passing, sales being almost entirely confined to prime milling lots and good lines of fowl wheat, medium sorts for the most part being neglected. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 10d to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 9d; good whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 8d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra.)

Barley.—The market remains quiet, and late quotations are nominally unchanged.

Potatoes.—The market has been moderately supplied, and stocks in store being considerably reduced, prices have remained firm, with a tendency towards an improvement in value. We quote: Prime Derwent, £5 to £4 5s; medium to good £4 5s to £4 15s; inferior and other sorts, £3 10s to £4 per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Supplies have been on a very small scale, and at present the market is almost bare. All on offer at auction met with good competition, and was cleared at a slight advance on late rates. We quote: Prime oatens sheaf, £5 to £5 5s; medium to good, £4 to £4 15s; inferior and straw chaff, £2 10s to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

WOOL.

London, September 23.—At the wool sales prices were fully maintained. Competition is animated. The Hiku clip realised 5½d per lb.

London, September 24.—The wool sales continue brisk. Prices are unchanged.

London, September 25.—At the wool sales merinos brought the highest prices of the series. For crossbreds there is increasing competition. The sales close on October 2. The Woodlands clip sold at 4½d, and Brancepeth (W. H. Beetham, Wellington) at 6½d.

London, September 26.—At the wool sales prices were rather irregular, but crossbreds remained firm. There were many withdrawals of scoured merinos.

The Bradford wool market is firmer. Common sixties and supers have advanced ½d; forties are unchanged. The wool sales are closing on the 2nd. The Waipoi clip realised 5½d; Kawarau, 9½d; Brancepeth, 6½d.

London, September 28.—At the wool sales there have been catalogued to date, 128,845 bales; sold, 118,237. The Mokoia clip brought 4½d, the Gear, 5½d, the Mooraki 8½d. For the Antwerp sales, to be held on the 3rd and 4th of October, 525 bales have been catalogued.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fair entry this week, the supply consisting of about a dozen young, unbroken, light harness horses in very low condition from Hawea; a consignment of half a dozen strong harness horses from Mr F. J. Sullivan, rabbit exporter; a few more useful harness horses from the country, and about a dozen draught mares and geldings, belonging mostly to the town dealers. The public were disappointed with the Hawea horses, as they were younger and lighter than it was anticipated they would be, and, being in low condition, only a portion of them changed hands. Those disposed of, however, sold well. Mr Sullivan's consignment elicited keen competition, one pair of small, nubby cobs fetching £19 the pair, and the other horse sold equally well. On account of Mr William Crane, Waiholo, we sold a good upstanding six-year-old harness horse at £23, and for other vendors several useful horses at from £11 to £22. Good draught mares and geldings continue scarce. To-day we sold a five-year-old gelding at £18, and a few aged horses at from £27 to £34. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £15 to £52; extra good, prime horses, £53 to £56; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £44; aged do, £24 to £33; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to

£35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £90; strong spring-van horses, £28 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £22 to £27; tram-horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £16; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses £4 to £8.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle.—150 yarded, including a few prime heavy weights and a lot of lighter sorts. There was keen competition. Prime beef, 30s to 35s per 100lb; others, 24s to 29s per 100lb. Heavy bullocks, £14 to £16; good steers, £9 to £13 5s; lighter, £5 17s 6d to £8 10s; prime heifers, £9 to £11 7s 6d; others £5 15s to £8 10s; prime heavy cows, £10 2s 6d to £12 10s; others, £5 to £9.

Store Cattle.—About 300 yarded, mostly good, young sorts. The market was easier. Calves, 27s to 28s; yearlings, £1 16s to £1 18s; 15 and 18 months, £2 5s to £3 6s; two year old steers, £4 2s; heifers, £3 12s 6d to £3 16s 6d; three-year-old steers, £5 15s to £6 12s 6d; heifers, £4 17s 6d; dry cows, £1 10s to £4 5s; dairy cows, £4 to £9.

Fat sheep—3500 were offered, including a few lines of extra prime crossbreds, but the bulk were unfinished. There was a large supply of prime merino wethers. Competition was mostly in the hands of the local trade, export buyers not being much in evidence. Prices for all good sorts, especially ewes, were firmer. Extra heavy wethers, 22s to 23s 6d, and up to 27s; freezers, 16s to 20s; unfinished, 13s to 16s; heavy ewes, 21s 3d to 22s 9d; prime, 17s 6d to 20s; others, 13s 6d to 16s; prime merino wethers 18s to 21s 6d; good, 14s 8d to 15s 9d; others, 13s to 14s.

Fat Lambs.—80 were brought forward, and sold at from 11s to 16s.

Store Sheep.—There was a mixed yarding of 1480. Owners would not accept the prices offered, and nearly all were withdrawn. The only sales were: 103 hoggets at 9s 11d; 85 ewes with 120 per cent of lambs, 8s 9d (all united); 143 merino wethers 4s 6d.

Pigs.—450 penned. The sale was easier, and as stores were mostly inferior sorts, the demand fell off. Baconers, 38s and 53s to 68s for heavy (averaging 4½d per lb); porkers, 22s to 35s; large stores, 16s to 20s; smaller, 7s to 14s.

STOCK SALES.

Sydney, September 29.—At the Redfern stock sales New Zealand sheep were in good demand, and there was an improved market. Shorns sold at 1gs 3d to 23s 9d; in the wool, 28s 6d to 36s. Cattle were below late rates. New Zealand bullocks sold at £11 to £24 5s; steers, £7 10s; cows, £17 to £20.

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