

Commercial

(For week ending September 30.)

PRODUCE.

London, September 27.—Frozen Meat.—Mutton: Canterbury, unchanged; Dunedin and Southland, 4 1-16d; North Island, 4d. Lamb: Canterbury, light, 4 13-16d; heavy, 4 3d; Dunedin and Southland, 4 11-16d; North Island, 4 3d. New Zealand beef, 180lb to 220lb, fair average quality: Ox fores, 2 11-16d; ox hinds, 4 1-16d. River Plate sheep and beef, unchanged.

Wellington, September 28.—The Industries and Commerce Department has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, September 26: 'Mutton market dull, but holders firm at quotations cabled last week. The lamb market, owing to the poor demand, is a shade weaker. The beef market is unfavorably affected by the forced clearances of River Plate chilled beef, but prices nominally are unchanged. The butter market is firm, with an improved demand, the average price for choicest New Zealand to-day being 98s to 100s per cwt; Danish, 123. The cheese market is firm but the demand only moderate. The average price for choicest Canadian is 55s per cwt.'

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 8d. butter (factory), bulk, 10 3d to 11 3d, pats, 11 3d to 11 3d cash. Eggs, 9d per dozen. Cheese (factory), 6 1/2d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £4 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 per ton. Flour, £10 10s to £11. Oatmeal, £8 10s to £9. Bran, £3 10s. Pollard, £4. Retail.—Fresh Butter, 10d; butter (factory), pats, 1s 1 1/2d. Eggs, 11d per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 5s 6d per cwt. Flour: 200lb, 23s; 50lb, 6s 6d. Oatmeal: 50lb, 5s 6d; 25lb, 2s 9d. Pollard, 7s per bag. Bran, 4s 6d. Chaff, 1s 9d.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Seed, 1s 10d to 2s 3d; milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9 1/2d; feed, 1s 3d to 1s 7d. Wheat: Milling, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; fowls' wheat, 3s to 3s 6d. Potatoes: Derwents, £3 15s to £4 5s; seed kidneys, £3 10s to £4 10s. Chaff, £2 10s to £3 10s. Straw: Pressed wheat, 27s 6d; oaten, 30s; loose, 35s. Flour: Sacks, £10; 50lb, £10 15s; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal, £9. Pollard, £4. Bran, £3. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 6 1/2d; dairy, 6d. Eggs, 11d. Onions: Melbourne, £5.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—We held our weekly auction of grain and produce to-day, and submitted a full catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Competition was not keen, and on this account many of the lots on offer had to be passed in. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week moderate business has been done at prices a shade below late quotations. Most of the oats on offer are of medium quality, and this class is almost neglected by shippers. The few coming to hand are for B grade. Local stocks of these are proportionately small, but even for this class late values are barely maintained. Inferior sorts are only saleable at a reduction in value. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; good to best feed, 1s 5 1/2d to 1s 6 1/2d; inferior and medium, 1s to 1s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Local stocks of well-conditioned wheat are not large, and move off steadily to supply millers' requirements. Medium quality, if sound, also finds an outlet in the same direction. Fowl wheat commands ready sale at late values. We quote: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; good to best whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is fairly well supplied with good northern Derwents. Prime sorts are saleable at about late values, but indifferent quality has not the same attention. We quote: Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; inferior, £3 to £3 5s; best seed sorts, £4 to £6 per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Heavy supplies of good quality have come forward, and in consequence values are a shade easier. The market is still well stocked with medium quality, which has no attention from buyers. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 5s; medium to good, £2 7s 6d to £2 15s; inferior and light, £1 10s to £2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—Only a few consignments are coming forward, and are readily quitted at 16s to 17s per ton (loose ex truck).

Straw.—We quote:—Best oaten straw, 30s; wheat, 27s 6d per ton (pressed).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris and Co. report as follows:

Wheat.—The market is dull at present very few lines being sold except fowl wheat, which is in good demand. Best milling 4s 1d to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 10d to 4s; fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 3d.

Oats.—There is some inquiry for prime bright lines, suitable for shipment, but for other sorts the market is dull. Best milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8 1/2d; medium to good, 1s 7d to 1s 7 1/2d; best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; medium and inferior, 1s 2d to 1s 5d.

Chaff.—The market is on a par with last week's quotations. Extra best oaten chaff, £3 7s 6d; good do, £3 2s 6d to £3 5s; inferior and medium, £2 17s 6d to £3.

Straw.—Best oaten straw scarce, demand good. Wheaten in full supply, and not so good results. Best oaten, 27s 6d to 30s; wheaten, 22s 6d to 25s 6d.

Turnips.—Demand good, supplies short. Best swedes, 17s (loose).

Potatoes.—There is no change since last report, and the price they are now quoted at is likely to last for some time. Prime Derwents, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d.

WOOL.

London, September 23.—At the wool auctions the market was animated. Prices are unchanged.

The hardening tendency of wool is due to large top-makers' purchases to complete old orders. Crossbreds are relatively the dearest wools on the market, rendering the position of merinos sounder.

The St. Clair clip realised 9 1/2d; Gear, 8 1/2d.

London, September 25.—At the Bradford wool market merinos are irregular. Low crossbreds are dearer. Common sixties, 24d; supers, 24 1/2d; super forty-sixes, 14d; common, 12 1/2d.

The London sales are animated and exceedingly firm.

London, September 27.—Wool: At yesterday's sale a miscellaneous catalogue was offered. There was a good sale. Prices are unchanged. To date 129,278 bales have been catalogued, and 122,909 sold. The Waipahi clip realised 9 1/2d; Matamata, 9 1/2d; Fairfield, 10 1/2d; Cawood, 11 1/2d.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris and Co. report as follows:

Rabbitskins.—We held our weekly sale yesterday, and a full attendance of buyers were present, all sorts being about 1/2d above last week's quotations: Best winters brought 16d to 16 1/2d; medium to good, 15 1/2d to 15 3/4d; best springs, 7 1/2d to 8d; summers, 6 1/2d to 7 1/2d; late autumns, 11d to 12 1/2d.

Sheepskins.—At our weekly sale to-day we offered a fair-sized catalogue, and the usual number of buyers being present all skins sold in favor of vendors: Merino, 6 1/2d to 7d per lb; halfbred, 5 1/2d to 6d; crossbred, 5 1/2d to 6 1/2d.

Hides.—No sale since last report, but we expect a favorable sale.

Tallow.—There are very few lines in the market at present, and all forward are meeting with good competition. Best tallow, 21s to 24s; good, 16s to 20s; caul fat, 16s 6d; rough fat, 15s to 16s.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

For this week's sale the principal entry was a team of nine draught geldings, waggon and harness, the property of the Gibbston Coal Company. The horses comprising it were just out of hard work, consequently a bit rough and low in condition, and, with one exception, they were all over six years old; but they were all heavy and of good class and staunch, and consequently commanded good prices, as follows:—£62, £55, £53, £51, £46 10s, £45 10s, £44 10s, £42, and £40. The waggon and harness brought full value. A number of other heavy draught geldings, most of them aged, were sold at from £33 to £49. A few good harness horses came forward for this week's sale, and sales were effected as follows:—1 first-class five-year-old buggy horse, at £30; one good cab horse, six years, at £26; another same class at £27, and a third at £22. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £54 to £65; extra good prize horses, £66 to £80; medium draught mares and geldings, £40 to £50; aged do, £25 to £38; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £40; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £38; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; tram horses, £16 to £30; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £4 to £8.