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PRODUCE

Wellington, December 11.—The High Commissioner cabled the following market report from London on December 10 (the quotations, unless otherwise specified, are the average market prices on spot):—

Mutton.—Market quiet, and stocks of New Zealand on hand light. The market has been unfavorably affected by the stocks of Argentine mutton on hand, which are heavy and widely distributed amongst agents, who are pushing sales. Canterbury mutton is quoted at 4½d; North Island, 3½d; River Plate, 3d.

Lamb.—Market firm. There is every reason to expect a decline, as large shipments are arriving. Australian, 5½d. Beef.—Market weak and inactive. New Zealand hinds, 3½d; fores, 2½d.

Butter.—Market becoming more depressed on account of arrivals, which are increasing rapidly. The shipments of butter and cheese ex Tongariro arrived in good condition. Choicest New Zealand, 100s; Danish, 117s; Siberian, 103s; Australian, 104s; and Argentine, 106s.

Cheese.—Market firm, especially for colored, the supply of which falls short of the demand. New Zealand colored, 57s; white, 56s.

Hemp.—The market is very depressed and there is little demand. New Zealand, good fair, on spot, £22; fair grade, £20 10s; fair current Manila, £19 10s; forward shipment, about the same. The output from Manila for the week was 20,000 bales.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted a full catalogue of grain and produce, which met only moderate competition from the buyers present. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week there has been a slight slackening in the demand, and the prices ruling last week are not obtainable to-day, except for small quantities. Shippers who were keen buyers of lines at country stations show no disposition to operate at late prices, and are not disposed to make offers for lines to come forward. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 2½d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Business in Tuscan wheat has been somewhat quiet, and the same may be said of all classes in medium quality. Prime velvet and velvet ear have some inquiry at prices on a level with late values. Fowl wheat is comparatively scarce and in fair demand. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 3s 10d to 4s; velvet ear, 3s 8d to 3s 8½d; Tuscan, etc., 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium milling, 3s 6d to 3s 6½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium, 2s 10d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—No consignments of old potatoes have been coming forward, and the season for these is practically over. A few lots of new potatoes on offer have been selling at £10 to £12 per ton, according to quality and condition.

Chaff.—The market is only moderately supplied. There is a good local demand for prime oaten sheaf, which is readily saleable on arrival, but lower grades have not the same attention, and are somewhat difficult to quit. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £5 10s to £5 12s 6d; medium to good, £4 15s to £5 5s per ton (sacks extra).

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report as follows:—

We held our usual weekly auction sale of grain at our stores on Monday. There was a very small attendance of buyers, but there was not much on offer, and we sold mostly everything as follows:—

Oats.—There is very little change. The market is bare of supplies, but the demand is entirely local, and consignments are being worked off in small lots. Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; good to best feed, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s 1d per bushel (bags extra).

Wheat.—The demand still continues good. All prime milling lines meet a ready sale, but very little is offering. Fowl feed is scarce, and is very quickly sold. Prime velvet, 3s 10d to 4s; prime velvet ear and Tuscan, 3s 7d to 3s

8d; medium velvet ear and Tuscan, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; whole fowl feed, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (bags extra).

Potatoes.—Old potatoes have now ceased coming forward, and there were none of this description offered at to-day's sale. The only demand is for new sorts, which are worth from 12s to 16s per cwt, according to quality.

Chaff.—The market is almost bare of supplies. Prime quality meets a ready sale at quotations, but medium quality is more difficult to dispose of. Prime oaten sheaf, £5 7s 6d to £5 12s 6d; medium to good, £4 17s 6d to £5 5s; inferior and light, £3 10s to £4 10s per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending December 13 as follows:—

Oats.—The demand has eased off somewhat during the past week, and last week's prices are not maintained. Owing to the further rains northward speculators are not disposed to buy. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 2½d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little business passing, as millers are not disposed to buy. Prime velvet and velvet ear are most inquired for. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 3s 10d to 4s; velvet ear, 3s 8d to 3s 8½d; Tuscan, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium milling, 3s 6d to 3s 6½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium, 2s 10d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—There is not much coming forward, and there is a good local demand for prime oaten sheaf. Inferior quality has not the same inquiry. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £5 10s to £5 12s 6d; medium to good, £4 10s to £5 5s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There are no old potatoes coming forward now, new lines bringing from £10 to £12 10s per ton, according to quality.

WOOL

Mr. M. T. Keunelly, 217 Crawford street, Dunedin, reports as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Winter does, 26d to 30d per lb; winter bucks, 16d to 18d; incoming autumn, 14d to 17d; racks, 8d to 10d. Horsehair, 16d to 19d; catskins, 4d to 6d each.

Sheepskins.—Halfbred, 6½d to 9d per lb; fino crossbred, 6d to 8d; coarse do, 5d to 7d; pelts, 3d to 5d.

Hides.—Sound ox, 6d to 8d; do cow, 5d to 6½d; damaged ox and cow, 3d to 4½d; calfskins and yearlings (sound), 6½d to 9d.

Tallow.—Best in casks, to 26s per cwt; do, 24s; mixed, 18s to 20s; rough fat, 16s to 20s.

Prompt returns. No commission.

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

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale is fixed for the 19th inst. Sheepskins.—Our next sheepskin sale will be held on Tuesday, 20th inst.

Hides.—Our next hide sale will take place on Thursday, 15th inst.

Tallow and Fat.—There is very little change to report in the tallow and fat market, although prices are inclined to ease somewhat in sympathy with the London market. Best rendered tallow (in casks) is worth from 26s to 28s 6d; in tins, 22s 6d to 26s; medium to good, 19s to 22s; best rough fat, 20s to 22s 6d; medium to good, 18s to 20s; inferior, 14s to 17s 6d.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES SEXTON.

It is with regret (writes an Auckland correspondent) that I report the death of Mr. James Sexton, a colonist of many years' standing, and a sterling Irish Catholic, who always upheld in his quiet, unostentatious way the sacred principles of Faith and Fatherland. He was a native of Scarriiff, County Clare. At an early age he emigrated to Australia, where he followed the fortunes of the goldfields, and in 1870 he came across to the Otago fields, whence he found his way to the West Coast, where he resided for a quarter of a century. Eight years ago he came to Auckland, living privately ever since and making numerous friends. Some months ago he became unwell, and on November 11 he passed away, fortified by the rites of the Church. Father Edge was unremitting in his attentions to him until the last. He was visited also during his illness, which he bore uncomplainingly, by several of the local priests and the Sisters of Mercy. The remains were taken to the Church of the Sacred Heart, where the funeral obsequies were performed. After a Requiem Mass by Rev. Father Edge, assisted by Rev. Father Doyle, the interment took place at Waikumete Cemetery. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss. His brother, Mr. Michael Sexton, predeceased him twelve years ago at Greymouth.—R.I.P.