

fore quieter. Inquiries are chiefly for A grade Gartons and sparrowbills, other grades having little attention. Prime milling, 3s 0½d to 3s 1d; good to best feed, 2s 11d to 3s; inferior to medium, 2s 9d to 2s 10½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Fowl wheat is in fair demand, good whole fowl wheat preferred. Prime milling velvet, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, etc., 3s 9½d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 8½d to 3s 9d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Only best lots of old potatoes have any demand. These sold to-day at 22s to 24s.

Chaff.—A limited export demand exists, but most of the late consignments have been taken locally. Prime oaten sheaf is the only class wanted. This sells at £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; choice black oats, to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4 2s 6d; light, etc., £3 5s to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—Prime winter does, 17d to 18d; second does, to 16½d; prime bucks, to 16d; incoming and early winter, 14d to 15d; autumn, 12d to 13d; racks, 7½d to 9d. Horsehair, 16d to 19d; catskins, 4d to 6d each.

Sheepskins.—Halfbred, 6d to 8d per lb; fine crossbred, 5½ to 7d; coarse do., 5d to 6½d; 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. Horsehides, 8s to 14s each.

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

Prompt returns. No commission.

Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended December 12:—

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at yesterday's sale to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was very keen, and all good winter does and bucks sold at slightly increased prices. Seconds

and off-season skins were also more inquired for. Prime winter does, 20d to 22½d; bucks, 16d to 17½d; second winter does, 14d to 16½d; second winter bucks, 12½d to 15d; autumns, 12d to 14½d; racks, 8½d to 9½d; light racks, 7½d to 8½d; outgoing, 11d to 14d; incomings, 13½d to 15d; hawk-torn, 6d to 9½d; winter blacks, 18d to 20d; seconds, 14d to 16d; fawns, 14d to 15½d; horse hair, 18½d to 19d.

Sheepskins.—We offered an exceptionally large catalogue of very good skins at our sale to-day, when there was a small attendance of buyers. Bidding was not brisk, but prices were slightly higher than at the preceding sale. Quotations: Prime half-bred, 7d to 7½d; medium to good, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 4½d to 5½d; best fine crossbred, 6½d to 6¾d; coarse crossbred, 5½d to 6½d; inferior, 3d to 4½d; hoggets, 5½d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; best merino, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5d; pelts, 1½d to 3½d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale at our stores on the 7th inst., when we submitted a large catalogue. There was keen competition, and we cleared the whole catalogue at prices fully up to last sale's rates. In ox hides our top price was 8½d for one weighing 74lbs, and in cow hides 6½d for one weighing 64lbs. Calfskins were in very keen demand, and our top price was 10½d. The following are actual prices paid at our sale: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 7½d to 8½d; stout heavy, 7d to 7½d; medium, 6½d to 7½d; light weight, 6½d to 6½d; staggy and inferior, 4½d to 5½d; best heavy cow hides, 6½d to 6½d; medium weight, 6½d to 6½d; light, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 4½d to 5½d; yearlings, 6½d to 6½d; best calfskins, 9½d to 10½d; good, 8½d to 9½d; inferior, 7½d to 8d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report, the local buyers being very keen to snap up all consignments coming forward.

The Canterbury Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has taken possession of its new premises in Christchurch, which are to be devoted to the purposes of an animal's hospital. It is intended to have the hospital in full operation as soon as possible, and stables and stalls are to be erected almost immediately.

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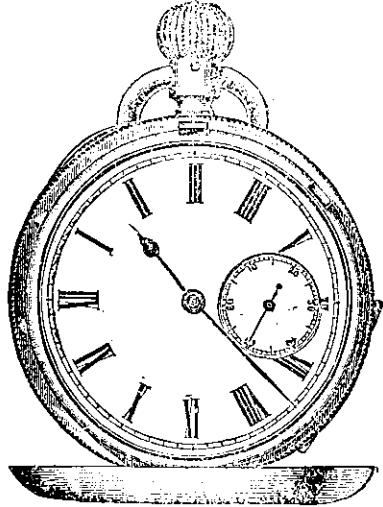
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