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Wellington, October 21.

The High Commissioner reports as follows:—

The mutton market is rather quiet, but holders are not anxious to sell, in anticipation of moderate supplies coming forward. Canterbury, 4½d; North Island, 4½d.

The lamb market is quiet, with a tendency in favor of buyers. Supplies of home-grown lambs are heavy, and there is a consequent lowering of prices for New Zealand. Canterbury, 5½d; other than Canterbury, 5¾d.

The beef market is very dull, and supplies are increasing. New Zealand hinds, 3½d; fores, 2¾d.

The butter market is firm at an advance, and active, with a good demand. The Kaikoura's shipment is unsold, but the butter arrived in good condition, and was offered at 134s (in second hands). Danish fetches 131s, Siberian 112s, Australian 115s and Argentine 125s.

The cheese market is quiet, with a tendency in favor of buyers. Canadian white is quoted at 64s 6d, colored at 65s 6d.

The wool market remains firm.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce on Monday, when values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The market is being supplied chiefly with medium quality, which are unsaleable for export. Shippers are still in the market for good to prime Gartons and sparrowbills. Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1½d; inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The quantity on offer is not large, and does not at present appear to include many choice lots. Millers are buyers of prime lines, but are not operating in lower grades. Fowl wheat is offering more freely, and has fair demand. Prime milling, 3s 9d to 3s 10½d; medium to good, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The season is now drawing to a close, and many consignments require re-picking to render them marketable, and, thanks to a favorable turn in the market, a fair clearance of table potatoes has been effected, although seed lines are almost a drug in the market. Best freshly-picked lots, £8 to £9; medium, £5 to £7 10s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—There is still a fairly heavy stock of medium quality in store, which is difficult to deal with. Prime oaten sheaf is not over-plentiful, and meets good demand at £3 5s to £3 10s; medium to good, £2 10s to £3; light and discolored, £2 to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, October 22, 1912, as follows:—

Oats.—There is a good demand for prime Gartons and sparrowbills. Very few lines are offering. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best, 2s to 2s 1½d; inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Very few lines are offering, but millers are only buyers of prime quality. There is a fair demand for whole fowl wheat, but medium and inferior lines are neglected. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 9d to

3s 10½d; medium to good, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Not much prime oaten sheaf is coming to hand, but there is still great difficulty in dealing with medium and inferior lines. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium to good, £2 10s to £3; light and discolored, £2 to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments are very small and prices have further increased. Most of the lines coming to hand require repicking and are badly graded. Seed lines are hard of sale. Quotations: Freshly-picked lots in new sacks, £8 10s to £9; good, £7 10s to £8; medium, £5 to £7 10s per ton (bags in).

WOOL

Messrs Stronach, Morris and Co. report as follows:

Rabbitskins.—We held our weekly sale yesterday and again offered a very large catalogue. Bidding was extremely brisk, and last week's high prices were exceeded in the case of prime winter does, 69½d being paid for two different lots. Our top price was 69½d for winter does, whilst we sold several lines from 57d to 69d. Our top price for bucks was 29½d. Quotations: Selected winter does, 60d to 69½d; winter does, 50d to 57½d; good, 36d to 46d; outgoing does, 20d to 23½d; selected winter bucks, 25d to 29½d; good bucks, 20d to 23½d; others, 17½d to 19½d; autumn and incoming, 16d to 17½d; springs, 13d to 14½d; racks, to 13d; light racks, to 11½d; hawk torn, to 15½d; spring bucks, to 14½d; spring does, to 9½d; winter blacks, to 41d; second winter, to 23½d; fawns, to 29d; weevilly, to 8½d; shocks, to 6d; best horse hair, to 27½d; good, to 20½d.

Sheepskins.—There was a large attendance of buyers at to-day's sale, and competition was very keen. Our catalogue comprised a large number of full-woolled merino skins, and these met with very spirited competition. Best half-bred, 8½d to 8½d; medium to good, 7½d to 8d; inferior, 6d to 7d; best fine crossbred, 8d to 8½d; best coarse crossbred, 7½d to 8½d; medium to good, 7½d to 7½d; best merino, 7½d to 7½d; medium to good, 6½d to 7d; inferior, 4d to 5½d; dead and inferior halfbred and crossbred, 5½d to 6½d; polts, 3d to 5½d; lambskins, 7½d to 8d; medium to good, 6½d to 7d.

Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, the 24th inst.

The War in The Balkans

Hostilities have commenced in earnest in South-Eastern Europe, and Montenegro, Servia, Bulgaria, and Greece have declared war against Turkey.

The immediate cause of the war is set out in the Manifesto issued by King Ferdinand to the people of Bulgaria, in which he states that war was declared for the human right of the Christians in Turkey. He says the Bulgarians are indebted for their peaceful life to the great Christian liberator. They often remembered the prophetic words of the Czar and liberator: 'The work begun must be completed.' The manifesto adds that in the struggle of Cross against Crescent, and liberty against tyranny, they are assured of the sympathies of all lovers of justice and progress. The Queen, M. Gueshoff (the Prime Minister), the other Cabinet Ministers, and the Servian and Greek Ministers attended an impressive service in the Cathedral. Prayers were offered for the Czar and the Sovereigns of Greece, Servia, and Montenegro. They concluded by asking the God of Justice and Mercy to grant a victory to the united armies of the Christian Balkans.

Late cable messages state that 120,000 Servians have crossed the frontiers, but the cold and rain are rendering operations very difficult.

The *Times*' Constantinople correspondent states that 700,000 Turks will be with the colors at the end of October. Twelve thousand are passing over the European railways daily irrespective of the number of infantry despatched.

The marching route adopted by Bulgaria has given Turkey an unexpected 10 days' breathing space.

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