

Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, October 20.—The High Commissioner cabled on October 18:—

Mutton, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d, market dull. For Canterbury, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; North Island, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Lamb.—Dull of sale. Many carcasses of stale lamb are being placed on the market. There is a poorer demand for light weight. Canterbury twos, 5 9-16d; heavy weight, fours, 5d; other than Canterbury, 5 3-16d.

Beef.—Market favorably affected by higher prices ruling for chilled. New Zealand hinds, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d; fores, 3 $\frac{3}{8}$; chilled hinds, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; fores, 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ d.

Butter.—Market steady, and prices well maintained for best quality. Low grades are abundant. Danish, 133s to 136s; Siberian, 106s to 108s; Australian, 118s to 122s. No change in price for Argentine.

Cheese.—Market quiet, and small business doing. Canadian, 65s to 66s.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

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

Oats.—There is a fair demand for prime Gartons and sparrowbills, but lower grades are not greatly in favor and are being chiefly disposed of in small quantities for local consumption. Prime milling, 2s 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2s 3d; good to best feed 2s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Stocks in local stores are now much reduced, and as only small parcels are offering from country districts there is little business passing. Good whole fowl wheat is in moderate supply and meets a fair demand. Prime milling velvet, 4s 1d to 4s 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; velvet ear, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, etc., 3s 9d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 8d to 3s 9d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been almost bare for some days, but heavier supplies are to hand. We offered an exceptionally well conditioned line from the Wakatipu district, which realised £3 per ton. Good lots are offering at £2 10s to £2 15s. Medium quality and consignments out of condition meet with slow sale at £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Consignments have slackened to some extent and prime oaten sheaf is readily placed at late values. The quantity in local stores, which has been considerable, is now in small compass, and late values are well maintained for any prime lots coming forward. Best oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; choice black oat, to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and discolored, £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, 21st inst., as follows:—

Oats.—There is a fair demand for prime Gartons, but these are only saleable in small quantities. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little offering and prices are practically nominal. There is a fair demand for whole fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s 1d to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, 3s 9d to 3s 10s; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Consignments are not so large and prices are firm. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and discolored, £3 to £3 5s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been bare, but there are now plenty about. Prices rule from £2 10s to £3 per ton, according to quality (sacks in).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We submitted a very large catalogue at our fortnightly sale yesterday. Competition was very brisk and prices taken all round were much the same as at last sale. Inferior lots showed a slight fall in some cases. Quotations: Prime winter does, 32d to 36d; seconds, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 27d; best bucks, 20d to 23d; super bucks, to 26d; second winter bucks, 18d to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; incoming, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; outgoing, 14d to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; autumns, to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; early autumns, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; best broken, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium, 9d to 11d; prime racks, to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; light racks, to 11d; small, to 8d; super winter blacks, 38d to 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; good, 31d to 36d; seconds, 18d to 27d; fawns, 23d to 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d per lb. Catskins, 7d to 14d each. Horsehair, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered an exceptionally large catalogue to-day to a good attendance of buyers. There was a good inquiry and prices were very firm at late rates, prime halfbred showing a slight advance. Quotations: Prime halfbred, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; good, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; inferior, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; best fine crossbred, 8d to 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ d; best coarse crossbred, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium and inferior, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; best pelts, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; medium, 3d to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; best merino, 7d to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; good, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d; inferior, 4d to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

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

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' BAZAAR

The attendance at the Christian Brothers' bazaar during the week was excellent, and splendid business was done by the stallholders and their assistants. The spectacular displays, under the direction of Miss Hamann, are a special feature of the carnival, and all who have witnessed them are agreed that they are the most unique and artistic that have ever been witnessed in Dunedin. The side shows, which are proving to be a source of fun and interest to the younger portion of the visitors, were very well patronised during the week. The Kaikorai Band contributes each evening the incidental music, and, in addition, some of Dunedin's leading vocalists have given items, among those being Mrs. Power, Messrs. Mee, Poppelwell, and F. Woods. On Saturday afternoon there was a large attendance at the matinee. On Friday evening the tug-of-war contests began, and created very great interest. The Telegraph team beat the Christian Brothers, Kaikorai footballers beat the Coal Trade representatives, and Speights beat Cossens and Black's men. On Monday evening Barninghams beat the Black-and-White team, while the Kaitangata team vanquished the men comprising the Non-Commissioned Officers, D. Company, Coastal Defence. On Tuesday evening there was a splendid attendance—an evidence of the increasing popularity of the carnival. Of course the marches, dances, and tableaux are in the main responsible for drawing such large crowds, and are well worth the price of admission, apart altogether from the fact that patrons have a chance in the art union. In the tug-of-war contest the Harbor Board team defeated the Police, and Shiels beat Southern. Those who have received books of tickets for the art union are again urged to send in blocks and remittances without delay.

Country friends are reminded that consignments of produce are necessary to keep the produce stall at the Christian Brothers' Bazaar fully supplied. Eggs and dairy produce will be specially welcomed, and it is hoped that it will not be necessary to close so good a revenue-making adjunct for the want of produce for disposal. The stallholders would esteem it a favor if donors will forward contributions as early as possible.—Advt.