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descriptions was somewhet restricted and some lines had to be sold cheaply.

Root vegetables in short supply.
Both bunched and loose carrots were keenly sought, supplies being insufficient to meet recuirements.

Only small constenments of loose parsnips and swede turnips were forward, wh:le sweet potatoes were practically unprocurable.
(R.D. Meaker).

ALEXANDRIA RAILNAY GOODS YARD AND SUSSIEX STREET SAIES.

## Tasmanian potato consignments increase - <br> Iocal supplies very lisht.

Local supplies of potatoes received at Alexandria Goods Yard were exceptionally light during January when only 730 bags arrived from coastal areas. These comprised new grade Factors and Chats. From Victoria supplies were also reduced when 645 bags of new grade Carmans and Chats were received. The local and Victorian lines were released for general trading.

Tasmanian arrivals at Sussex Street showed a. marked increase, a total of 124,184 bags coming to hand and consisting mostly of Bismarcks with a few Brownell and Snowflakes. Some releases were made for general trading but a fairly large percentage went to essential services. Also received at Sussex Street were 14,103 bags of Carmans and Snowflakes from Victoria. The bulk of these was made available for general trading after a portion had been regraded. From Vestern Australía consignments totalled $10,205 \mathrm{bags}$ of Delawares and portion of these was released for trading. Rates for the month were unchanged as follows :- Wholesalers' prices to retailers, local and interstate were - New and No.1 grade 27.17 .6 and Nos. 2 and 3 grades and Chats $£ 7.5 .0$ per ton. Primary merchants' pates to wholesalers were $£ 1.5 .0$ per ton less than figures guoted.
Limited supplies of swedes.
There were no fresh supplies of swedes on offer at Alexandria. Arrivals at Sussex Street from Tasmania increased to 2,269 bags. These were in demand but the bulk was taken over by the Federal Authorities; a few sales were effected at $£ 12.0,0$ per ton.

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Carrots and parsnips continue to be scarce.
No consignments came to hand from elther local centres or interstate sources durins the month.

Local beetroot in demand.
From local centres airivals at Alexandria amountod to 225 bags from the Maitland district; these sold at £l4.0.0 per ton. Heavy supplies of gueensland pumpkins.

Supplies at Alexendria of Queensland pumpkins showed a marked increase when 104 trucks came to hand as against 71 trucks in December. A fairly large number of faulty lots was included and it was necessary to regrade them. Ready sales were effected in the first half at £18 to £21, wLh a few sales at £22, but later, owing to heavy supplies and other lines of vegetables being available rates were considerably reduced, opening at $£ 10$ and gradually weakening to £l2 per ton. At Sussex Street consignments totalled 709 bags from the North Coast; these realised \&lo early and prices were later reduced to \&l2 per ton.

Darling Harbour ampivals comprised 12 trucks from Queensland, no rates beine disclosed.

Onions exceptionally scarce.
No consignments arrived at Alexandria during the month. The only arrivals at Darling Harbour consisted of 3 trucks of Victorian brown and white pickling; these were not offered for general trading.

Oaten chaff consignments increase.
Recelvals of oaten chaff increased from 26 trucks in the previous month to 62 trucks; of this total 44 trucke were made available for trading and these were eagerly soucht after and mostly rationed to varfous buyers at ceiling rates, \&10.5.0 per ton.
Wheaten chaff not sufficient for requirements.
There was also a slight improvement in the number of trucks of wheaten chaff available, the total being 70 trucks. The bulk of these was on offer and sold readily at maximum rate of $£ 10.5 .0$ per ton.
Lucerne chaff supplies lightest for considerable period.
Supplies of the above were exceptionally light, amounting to only 21 trucks; there was a keen inquiry for all lines on offer All grades sold at $£ 13.10,0$ wth the exception of 1 truck of grassy lines, which brought £13.5.0 per ton.

Lucerno hay consignments again reduced.
From tho Maitland district supplies were again lighter and reduced by 16 trucks when 58 trucks came to hand, a.lso 2 trucks of derrick pressed. In the first half of the month rates were very firm for the bulk of the lines which comprised well made dry lots. These mostly brought £l2.0.0 to £12.10.0 with odd lots at $£ 9.0 .0$; later rates were reduced, new soft green lots selling at $£ 9.0 .0$ to $£ 10.0 .0$, well-made new green £11.0.0, few £12.10.0; also fow dump baled lines at $: 12.10 .0$ per ton. From other centros supplies were again restricted; 412 trucks, were received including 20 trucks of derrick-pressed. Ready sales were effected at firm rates, the bulk being made at $£ 12.10 .0$ with odd lines at $£ 11.10 .0$; derrick pressed lines also rojalised £12.10.0 with two trucks of mixed lines solling at $£ 7.1 .0 .0$ and grassy lots $£ 8.0 .0$ per ton.
Oaten and wheaten hay.
There was a marked falling-off in the quantity of derrick-pressed oaten and wheaten hay on offor, only 49 trucks being received compared with 96 trucks in Decomber. Particulars of arrivals were 2 trucks of rack oaten, 26 trucks derrickpressed oaten and 21 trucks of wheaten. These were not sufficient to meot requirements, all linos of dorrick-pressed solling roadily at coiling rates, $\& 9.0 .0$ per ton.

Hoavy supplies of wheaton straw - ratos firm.
Supplies of straw were the heaviest for a considerablo poriod, amounting to 117 trucks as against 71 trucks in Docombor. Arrivals includod 101 trucks of whoaten, 9 trucks of oaton and 7 trucks of rico straw. Sales in the main wero effectod at £7.10.0 for both oaton and whoaten. At auction 8 trucks of damagod wheaton realised $£ 4.5 .0$ to $£ 5.0 .0$ and $g 00$ d sound lines $£ 6.0 .0$ per ton. A few sales werc made of rice straw at $£ 6.0 .0$ por ton.

## Wheat supplies increase slightly.

Arrivals at Alexandria of wheat consisted of 41 trucks, a large percentage consisting of hard varieties. A fow lots sold at 4/- per bushel but the bulk was taken direct to store. Nine trucks were offored at auction, damaged lines selling at $3 /-$ to $3 / 4$, pick-ups $2 / 9$ to $3 / 5$, line pick-ups $3 / 6$ to $3 / 10_{2}^{2}$ por bushel.

## Small maize consignments.

Receivals of maizo at Alexandria were excoptionally light, totalling only 778 bags. Theso consisted of 448 bags of yellow and 190 bags of white from local contres, and 140 bags of yellow from queonsland. The greator portion was takon to store, no rates being disclosed.


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MEAT
Million lb.


1. Average Annual Production
2. Total desirable

## in relation to NUTRITION


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## VEGETABLES

(POTATOES only)
Million lb.

EGGS Million Doh.
MILK
Million Gals.


Exports
4.18
production
production per.

