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descriptions was somewhat 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 requirements.

Only small consignments of loose parsnips and swede turnips were forward, while sweet potatoes were practically unprocurable.

(R.D. Meaker).

ALEXANDRIA RAILWAY GOODS YARD AND SUSSEX STREET SALES.

Tasmanian potato consignments increase - local supplies very light.

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 Western Australia consignments totalled 10,205 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 £7.17.6 and Nos. 2 and 3 grades and Chats £7.5.0 per ton. Primary merchants' rates to wholesalers were £1.5.0 per ton less than figures quoted.

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.

Carrots and parsnips continue to be scarce.

No consignments came to hand from either local centres or interstate sources during the month.

Local beetroot in demand.

From local centres arrivals at Alexandria amounted to 226 bags from the Maitland district; these sold at £14.0.0 per ton.

Heavy supplies of Queensland pumpkins.

Supplies at Alexandria 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, with a few sales at £22, but later, owing to heavy supplies and other lines of vegetables being available rates were considerably reduced, opening at £19 and gradually weakening to £12 per ton. At Sussex Street consignments totalled 709 bags from the North Coast; these realised £19 early and prices were later reduced to £12 per ton.

Darling Harbour arrivals comprised 12 trucks from Queensland, no rates being 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.

Receivals of oaten chaff increased from 26 trucks in the previous month to 62 trucks; of this total 44 trucks were made available for trading and these were eagerly sought after and mostly rationed to various 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 21g trucks; there was a keen inquiry for all lines on offer All grades sold at £13.10.0 with the exception of 1 truck of grassy lines, which brought £13.5.0 per ton.

Lucerne hay consignments again reduced.

From the Maitland district supplies were again lighter and reduced by 16 trucks when 58 trucks came to hand, also 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 £12.0.0 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 few dump baled lines at £12.10.0 per ton. From other centres supplies were again restricted; $41\frac{1}{2}$ 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 réalised £12.10.0 with two trucks of mixed lines selling at £7.10.0 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 offer, only 49 trucks being received compared with 96 trucks in December. Particulars of arrivals were 2 trucks of rack oaten, 26 trucks derrick-pressed oaten and 21 trucks of wheaten. These were not sufficient to meet requirements, all lines of derrick-pressed selling readily at ceiling rates, £9.0.0 per ton.

Heavy supplies of wheaten straw - rates firm.

Supplies of straw were the heaviest for a considerable period, amounting to 117 trucks as against 71 trucks in December. Arrivals included 101 trucks of wheaten, 9 trucks of oaten and 7 trucks of rice straw. Sales in the main were effected at £7.10.0 for both oaten and wheaten. At auction 8 trucks of damaged wheaten realised £4.5.0 to £5.0.0 and good sound lines £6.0.0 per ton. A few sales were made of rice straw at £6.0.0 per ton.

Wheat supplies increase slightly.

Arrivals at Alexandria of wheat consisted of 41 trucks, a large percentage consisting of hard varieties. A few lots sold at 4/- per bushel but the bulk was taken direct to store. Nine trucks were offered at auction, damaged lines selling at 3/- to 3/4, pick-ups 2/9 to 3/5, line pick-ups 3/6 to 3/102 per bushel.

Small maize consignments.

Receivals of maize at Alexandria were exceptionally light, totalling only 778 bags. These consisted of 448 bags of yellow and 190 bags of white from local centres, and 140 bags of yellow from Queensland. The greater portion was taken to store, no rates being disclosed.

(C.H. Forry).

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