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ALEXANDRIA RAILWAY GOODS YARD
AND SUSSEX STREET SALES.

Potatoes arrive from Interstate sources.

Arrivals from Tasmania in Sussex Street totalled 179,611 bags consisting mostly of Brownells, Bismarcks and Up-to-Dates, and a large percentage was released for general trading. Consignments from Western Australia aggregated 16,865 bags of No. 1 Grade Delawares. About 25 per cent. of these opened up in an unsatisfactory condition owing to wet rot, greening, grub and mechanical injuries and it was necessary to regrade same. Supplies from Victoria consisted of 7,373 bags, mostly Carmans.

At Alexandria Goods Yard, consignments from local centres increased, 7,475 bags arriving. A large percentage, chiefly Factors were received from Guyra; about 3,000 bags were in faulty condition owing to greening, grub, and second growth. Demand was very slow and about 3,000 bags were reconsigned to country stations. In addition, supplies from Victoria amounting to 12,106 bags of No. 1 Grade were also received. About 4,000 bags were reconsigned to other stations and 500 bags were regraded.

At Darling Harbor Landing there were 5 trucks of local Factor Seed and 1 truck of No. 1 Grade Carmans from Victoria.

Rates for the period were as follows:- Wholesalers' prices to retailers, local and Interstate, were - No. 1 Grade £7.17.6, Nos. 2 and 3 Grades and Chats £6.5.0 per ton. Primary merchants' rates to wholesalers are £1.5.0 per ton less than figures quoted.

Swedes again in light supply.

There were no consignments from local centres on offer at Alexandria. Tasmanian arrivals in Sussex Street were again restricted, only 3,337 bags coming to hand. Clearances were made at £10 to £10.5.0 per ton.

Other root vegetables lightly supplied.

- There were 47 bags of carrots from Tasmania available in Sussex Street and these sold at £16 per ton. At Darling Harbor Landing, 3 trucks from Victoria brought £15 to £16 per ton.

Only 88 bags of parsnips arrived from Tasmania and these realised £21 per ton.

The 36 bags of beetroot which came to hand from local centres sold at £21 per ton.

Pumpkins meet slow demand.

Arrivals at Alexandria continued to decline, 71 trucks being available compared with 84½ trucks last month. There were 51 trucks from local centres and the bulk sold at £8.10.0 to £10, although later in the period clearances were effected at £6 to £9 per ton. Twenty trucks were received from Queensland and these met a slow demand. Sales were mostly effected at £8 to £9, with few sales at £10 per ton. Supplies totalling 555 bags from the North Coast were on sale in Sussex Street at £9 to £10 per ton.

Onions more plentiful.

Consignments at Alexandria consisted of 877 bags of Victorian brown table lots which sold at £17.10.0 to £18.10.0. There were also 383 bags of brown pickling onions, of which a quantity realised £16 per ton. Supplies of white table onions totalling 192 bags sold readily at £18 per ton.

Consignments to Sussex Street were fairly heavy, 28,281 bags of Victorian brown table lines being on offer. Owing to continued heavy supplies, sales were fairly slow at about £18 per ton. A small consignment of 110 bags of brown arrived from South Australia and these were disposed of at undisclosed rates. Arrivals at Darling Harbor Landing amounted to 11 trucks of Victorian brown table onions which cleared at approximately £17.10.0 to £18 per ton. Two trucks of brown picklers were received and, although some early sales were made at £16, as low as £8 per ton was accepted subsequently. White table lines were scarce and one truck brought £18 per ton.

Oaten chaff supplies exceptionally light.

Supplies of oaten chaff at Alexandria totalled 37 trucks of which 31 were made available for general trading. These supplies were not nearly sufficient to meet requirements and were rationed to various buyers at the ceiling rate of £10.5.0 per ton.

Lighter supplies of wheaten chaff.

There was a considerable falling off in arrivals of wheaten chaff, supplies aggregating 58 trucks. All lines were eagerly sought after, supplies again being rationed to various buyers at £10.5.0 per ton.

Lucerne chaff consignments again reduced.

Only 14 trucks were available and these met keen enquiry, the bulk selling at the maximum rate of £13.10.0, with the exception of 2 trucks of medium and heated lines which brought £12.10.0 per ton.

Maitland lucerne hay sells readily.

Arrivals of lucerne hay from the Maitland district showed an increase, a total of $81\frac{1}{2}$ trucks being yarded. Demand was keen and clearances were effected, new soft green selling at £8 to £10.10.0, with well-made lines at £11 per ton. Supplies from other centres amounted to 33 trucks and included 15 trucks of derrick-pressed. These also met good enquiry, the bulk of sales being effected at £12.5.0, with a few lots at £10 to £10.10.0 per ton. At auction, 1 truck of heated lots sold at £10.3.4. Sales of derrick-pressed lines were effected at £8 for inferior, £9 for grassy, £9.10.0 for heated, with other grades at £12.5.0 per ton.

Oaten and wheaten hay scarce.

Receivals were not sufficient for requirements. Supplies comprised 7 trucks of oaten, including 1 truck of rack lots and 6 trucks of derrick-pressed, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ trucks of derrick-pressed wheaten. All lots of both oaten and wheaten sold readily at the maximum rate of £9 per ton, with the exception of rack oaten, which was not offered for general trading.

Tasmanian hay and chaff arrivals.

Supplies of Tasmanian forage consisted of 4,959 bags of oaten chaff and 768 bales of compressed fodder, but these were taken over for essential services. A total of 10,970 bales of derrick-pressed hay, comprising cereal and lucerne hay, was received. Sales were made at the rate of £9 per ton ex wharf, with truck lots and small lots at £9.7.6 per ton. Alterations in forage prices have been gazetted and will operate as from 20th March. The new prices are as follows:- Wholesale ceiling rates ex trucks Alexandria; Lucerne Hay £12.5.0, Lucerne chaff £13.10.0 per ton.

Straw supplies fall off.

Following heavy consignments during the past three months there was a marked decline in March when arrivals amounted to only $22\frac{1}{2}$ trucks. Four trucks of oaten were available, prime lines selling at £7 to £7.10.0. The $18\frac{1}{2}$ trucks of wheaten included a number of lines which were other than prime grade and were sold at low rates. Damaged lines realised £3 to £5, stained £4.15.0 to £5.10.0, good sound £5.10.0 to £6.10.0, prime £7 to £7.10.0 per ton.

Wheat again in light supply.

Arrivals at Alexandria were again restricted, 24 trucks coming to hand. The bulk consisted of hard varieties which were not offered for general trading. A few lots of f.a.q. standard sold at 4/- per bushel, while 8 trucks sold at auction brought 2/- to 3/7d per bushel.

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