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ALEXANDRIA RAILWAY GOODS YARD AND SUSSEX STREET SALES.

Consignments of Tasmanian potatoes considerably reduced.

Supplies of Tasmanian potatoes in Sussex Street showed a considerable falling-off, stocks amounting to 95,890 bags compared with 179,614 bags in March. The tubers comprised Brownells, Bismarcks, Up-to-Dates and other varieties. A substantial percentage was taken over for essential services. Consignments from Victoria totalled 24,965 bags of Carmans, while 8,312 bags of Delawares from Western Australia and 3,464 bags from South Australia also arrived. The bulk of these was released for civilian consumption.

Arrivals at Alexandria showed a considerable decline, only 504 bags of Factors being received from local centres. The only arrivals at Darling Harbour landing consisted of 2 trucks of local Factor seed.

Ratos were as follows:- Wholesalers' rates to retailers for local and interstate No.1 Grade £7.17.6 per ten; Nos. 2 and 3 Grades and Chats £5.5.0 per ten. Primary merchants' rates to wholesalers are £1.5.0 per ten less than figures quoted.

Swede supplies increase.

Arrivals at Alexandria totalled 708 bags. Early sales were effected at £10.0.0 with a few at £10.5.0, but later demand was restricted and values were lower at £6.15.0 to £8.0.0 per ton. Tasmanian consignments to Sussex Street amounted to 5,496 bags. Opening sales were made at £10.10.0 to £11.0.0 but later, owing to heavier supplies, rates were reduced to £10.5.0 per ton.

Othor root vogotables in light supply.

Supplies of carrots from local centres at Alexandria consisted of only 58 bags; these were of very small grade and sold at £10.0.0 per ten. There were 360 bags of inferior grade from Victoria and these sold as stock feed at undisclosed rates. Two trucks arrived at Darling Harbour landing and some sales were made at £15.0.0 to £16.0.0 per ten.

Stocks of parsnips comprised 154 bags from local contres. These were of medium grade and brought £6.0.0 to £8.0.0 per ton.

Pumpkin consignments heavior - rates considerably lower.

Arrivals of pumpkins at Alexandria increased by 182 trucks compared with last month's total. There were 592 trucks from local centres, including 3 trucks of loose and 30 trucks from Queensland, including 1 truck of loose. In the first half of the

month local lots brought £9.0.0 and Quoensland £7.10.0 to £8.0.0 with few at £9.0.0. Owing to continued heavy supplies, however, rates were reduced, local solling at £6.0.0 to £8.0.0 and Queensland to as low as £5.0.0 per ten.

Supplies from the North Coast were limited to 148 bags; these arrived at Sussex Street and sold early at £9.0.0 per ton. At Darling Harbour landing, supplies were also small and included 3 trucks which sold at £9.0.0 per ton.

Victorian onions scarcor.

Receivals at Alexandria amounted to 4,771 bags of Victorian brown table lots, which sold at £17.10.0 to £18.0.0 per ton. There were also 197 bags of brown picklers received but no rates were disclosed. Following fairly heavy supplies by sea in March, no fresh consignments were received this menth. At Darling Harbour landing, 12 trucks of Victorian brown table lines cleared at £17.10.0 to £18.0.0 per ton.

Oaton chaff supplies again exceptionally light.

Arrivals of oaton chaff during April wore the lightest of any menth this year. Only 28 trucks came to hand, including 4 trucks which were not available for trading. All lines on offer met keen enquiry and were rationed to various buyers at the maximum rate of £10.5.0 per ten.

Whoaton chaff also scarco.

There was a marked falling-off of supplies of wheaten chaff and stocks were not nearly sufficient to meet requirements. The 43 trucks on offer met with a keen demand at the maximum rate of £10.5.0 per ten.

Lucorno chaff in short supply.

Consignments were again very light, 22 trucks being yarded. Although the bulk was made available for general trading it was not nearly sufficient for requirements and all sales recorded were at the maximum of £13.10.0 per ten.

Lucorno Dust, Pods and Throshings.

Lucorno dust supplies included 73 bags which sold at £14.0.0, while 100 bags of lucorno pods realised £11.5.0 per tentro trucks of lucorno threshings were received but no rates were disclosed.

Lucorno hay exceptionally scarce.

Roceivals of lucorno hay from the Maitland district

showed a marked falling-off, only 14½ trucks being received compared with 8½ trucks in March. All lines met good inquiry and in most cases were rationed to various buyers. Clearances were effected at £9.10.0 to £12.5.0 per ten. The supply from other centres amounted to 13½ trucks, including 7 trucks of derrick-pressed. Stocks were rationed to buyers at the ceiling rate of £12.5.0 per ten.

Interstate forage.

There were 19,321 bags of eaten chaff received from Tasmania but these were only released for military uses and to various coal mines in the State. Also from Tasmania were 5,710 bales of derrick-pressed meadow and eaten hay which were disposed of at £9.0.0 per ton ex wharf, equivalent to truck lots and small lots at £9.7.6 per ton. Tasmanian straw amounted to 978 bales of mixed grades. There were 250 tons of derrick-pressed wheaten hay from Western Australia but these were not offered.

Local oaten and wheaten hay very scarce.

Supplies were again exceptionally light, only 42 trucks of derrick-pressed oaten and 3 trucks of wheaten coming to hand. A few sales of oaten lines were effected at maximum rate, £9.0.0 per ten, but no rates were disclosed for wheaten. Two trucks of derrick-pressed hay were disposed of privately.

Exceptionally light supplies of straw.

Rocoivals (throo trucks) wore the lightest for a considerable period and the maximum rate of £7.10.0 per ten was secured.

Wheat in short supply.

The smallest supply for some years (2 trucks and 110 bags) arrived. These included F.A.Q. lots which sold at 3/8 while pick-ups brought 3/3 per bushel at auction. Consignments from Western Australia totalled 114,539 bags for essential services.

Supplies of maize increase.

Arrivals from local contros at Alexandria were not nearly sufficient to meet requirements. Supplies consisted of 2,759 bags of yellow and 738 bags of white, but the bulk was taken into store. Some sales of yellow were effected at 7/3 per bushel. Receivals in Sussex Street from the North Coast were also restricted; 248 bags of yellow arrived and a few sales were made at 7/3 per bushel.

Oats scarce.

The only onts received at Alexandria was one truck, but a total of 1,368 bags of soud outs arrived from Wostern Australia.

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