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Carrots and parsnips cheaper.

Large consignments of loose carrots and parsnips were forward after mid-May and values of both lines fell sharply.

Lettuce realises high prices.

Lettuce was lightly supplied and high prices ruled for choice heads, up to 24/- per case, and occasionally higher, being paid.

Brussels Sprouts sell well.

Brussels Sprouts from Victoria were fairly plentiful at times but little difficulty was experienced in effecting disposals, choice lots selling to 16/- per box, while occasionally 18/- was realised. Only a small quantity of locally-grown Sprouts was available.

(R.D. Moaker).

ALEXANDRIA RAILWAY GOODS YARD
AND SUSSEX STREET SALES.

Interstate potatoes plentiful.

Consignments to Sussex Street showed a marked increase, 165,304 bags from Tasmania coming to hand compared with 95,890 in April. A large percentage was not offered, being either stored or taken over for essential services. The tubers consisted mostly of Brownells, Bismarcks, Snowflakes and Up-to-Dates.

Arrivals at Alexandria from local centres also increased and consisted of 6,375 bags, mostly Factors, chiefly from the Dorrigo, Guyra and Armidale districts. Supplies from Victoria aggregating 92,458 bags of No.1 Grade constituted the largest total for a considerable period. Varieties such as Carmans, Snowflakes and Katahdins, with few Brownells, Bismarcks and Satisfaction, were included. The tubers arrived in very good condition and, with the exception of about 1,000 bags, the consignments were made available for general trading.

Towards the end of the period, demand started to fall off considerably owing to continued heavy supplies and merchants' stocks on hand increasing, and it was necessary to reconsign a number of consignments for storage.

There were also about 1,600 bags from Queensland available.

At Darling Harbour landing receivals were limited to 3 trucks of local seed and 1 truck of Victorian Carmans and Snowflakes. Rates were as follows:- Wholesalers' rates to retailers for local and Interstate No.1 Grade - £7.17.6 per ton: No. 2 and No.3 Grades and Chats - £5.5.0 per ton. Primary merchants' rates to wholesalers are £1.5.0 per ton less than figures quoted.

Swede consignments reduced.

Arrivals at Alexandria from local centres amounted to 611 bags. Demand was slow and clearances were made at lower rates, medium lots selling at £5.10.0 to £6.0.0, with choice lines at £8.0.0 per ton. Supplies from Tasmania were reduced to 3,110 bags compared with 5,496 bags last month. Clearances were made early at £7.0.0 and later at £8.0.0 to £8.10.0 per ton.

Other root vegetables in short supply.

There were no carrots on offer at Alexandria. At Darling Harbour landing, 5 trucks were received from Victoria and some sales were made at £13.10.0 per ton. The only parsnips arriving consisted of 160 bags of inferior quality from Victoria which sold as stock feed.

Victorian onion supplies fairly heavy.

Receivals at Alexandria from Victoria showed a marked increase, supplies totalling 12,128 bags of brown table lots compared with last month's arrivals of 4,771 bags. There was a fairly good demand, clearances being made at £17.10.0 to £18.0.0 per ton. There was also a consignment of 200 bags of brown pickling onions but these were difficult to dispose of except at low rates.

At Darling Harbour supplies were also heavier and totalled 19 trucks of Victorian brown table which were available at £17.10.0 to £18.0.0 per ton.

A small shipment of Victorian brown onions (2,413 bags) sold in Sussex Street at the same rate.

Pumpkin supplies increase.

Pumpkins continued to be well supplied at Alexandria and at times sales were hard to effect owing to increased supplies of other vegetables. There were 82 trucks on hand, including 65½ trucks from local centres and 15½ trucks from Queensland. Local lots sold early at £6.0.0 to £7.10.0, increasing to £8.10.0 with a few sales at £9.0.0. Mixed lots sold at £6.0.0 to £7.0.0 and loose at £5.0.0 to £7.0.0 with Triambles at £5.10.0 per ton. Queensland lines moved out at £7.10.0 to £8.10.0 with loose lots at £6.10.0 to £7.0.0 per ton.

There were 114 bags received in Sussex Street from the North Coast and these brought £8.0.0 to £8.10.0 per ton. At Darling Harbour 4 trucks of locals were received but these were mostly taken to store, no rates being disclosed.

Oaten chaff continues very scarce.

Supplies of oaten chaff totalled 17 trucks and only 12 trucks were offered. These were rationed to various buyers at the maximum rate of £10.5.0 per ton.

Wheaten chaff more plentiful.

Arrivals of wheaten chaff increased by 34 trucks, a total of 77 trucks coming to hand. A substantial percentage was made available for general trading and was rationed to buyers, all lots realising the maximum rate of £10.5.0 per ton.

Lucerne chaff in short supply.

Consignments of lucerne chaff showed a considerable falling-off, only 13 trucks arriving. These supplies were rationed and the ceiling rate of £13.10.0 per ton was obtained irrespective of quality.

Lucerne hay consignments increase.

Following exceptionally light consignments from the Maitland district last month there was a marked improvement in the quantity available in May. Supplies totalled 77 trucks, mostly new soft green lots. In the early part of the period the bulk of the offerings were well made green lines and these realised £11.0.0 to £11.10.0 with a few at £12.5.0. Later, however, owing to unfavourable weather conditions, most lots were of very soft new green quality and rates were lower at £8.0.0 to £9.10.0 with a few at £10.0.0 to £11.0.0 per ton.

Supplies from other districts increased by 30 trucks and totalled 43 trucks. No difficulty was experienced in disposing of all lines with the exception of heated lots. The bulk brought the maximum rate of £12.5.0 while a few grassy lots realised £11.0.0 and heated £10.0.0 per ton. At auction, 1 truck of derrick-pressed heated brought £4.10.0 per ton.

Increased supplies of oaten and wheaten hay.

Consignments consisted of the following:- 12 trucks of oaten which included 8 trucks of derrick-pressed and 4 trucks of rack; 20 trucks of wheaten derrick pressed. These stocks met good inquiry and both oaten and wheaten realised the maximum rate of £9.0.0 per ton.

Forage from interstate sources.

During the period the following consignments arrived from other States:- 13,731 bags of Tasmanian oaten chaff and 1,290 bales

of compressed fodder which were released for military uses and essential services; 4,526 bales of meadow and cereal derrick pressed hay and 926 bales of mixed straw which were made available for ordinary trading. The bulk of about 9,000 bales of derrick pressed wheaten hay from Western Australia went to military and essential services.

Local straw supplies improve.

Arrivals of local straw included 21 trucks of wheaten and 7 trucks of rice straw. There was keen inquiry for prime lots which were again very scarce, the bulk being stained. A few sales were made at £7.10.0 with stained lots as low as £4.0.0 to £4.10.0 per ton.

Wheat stocks restricted.

The two trucks consigned to Alexandria were taken to store.

Wheat from interstate sources.

Consignments received by sea to 22nd May from South and Western Australia amounted to 1,454,641 bushels with further supplies in transit totalling 627,001 bushels.

Maize consignments increase.

Supplies of maize at Alexandria again increased and aggregated 6,012 bags but stocks were not sufficient to meet the demand. There were 4,171 bags of yellow and 1,841 bags of white from local centres but a fairly large percentage was taken to store. Some sales of yellow were recorded at 7/3 per bushel. Supplies from the North Coast continued to be very light. Only 338 bags were received in Sussex Street and some sales were effected at 7/3 per bushel.

Oats again very scarce.

There were no oats at Alexandria available for general trading. About 9,000 bags of seed oats were received in Sussex Street from Western Australia, including the Guyra, Fulghum, Mulga, Wongon and Burts varieties. These were consigned to various agents and distributed to buyers for sowing.

(C.H. Ferry).