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ALEXANDRIA RAILWAY GOODS YARD
AND SUSSEX STREET SALES.

Exceptionally light supplies of potatoes.

Following record arrivals of potatoes in August, totalling 290,113 bags, there was a marked falling-off in the quantity available in September, only 98,517 bags coming to hand from all sources. This constituted the smallest supply since December of last year. Tasmanian supplies in Sussex Street consisted of 52,118 bags, the tubers comprising mostly Brownells, Bismarcks, Up-to-Dates, Snowflakes and Arranchiefs. Portion of these stocks were made available for civilian trading, the remainder going to essential services.

Arrivals at Alexandria Goods Yard from Victoria also declined considerably, only 40,914 bags of No.1 Grade Carmans and Snowflakes coming to hand. Owing to the heavy supplies in August, most agents had good supplies on hand and demand was very slow in consequence. In the first half of the month, the bulk of the arrivals was either taken and stored or reconsigned to other stations, only about 2000 bags being disposed of for general trading. Later in the month, there were no consignments received from Victoria.

There were 1,426 bags of new season's tubers received from Queensland which included Bismarcks and Up-to-Dates. These were not offered, it being necessary to regrade owing to wet rot and greening. Arrivals at Alexandria from local centres were also restricted and comprised 4,059 bags of Factors, mostly No.1 grade, from the Guyra, Walcha, Dorrigo, and Glen Innes districts. These tubers were made available at ruling rates. Also included in the total were 198 bags of Factor seed.

There were no consignments received at Darling Harbour Landing during the month.

Prices for the month were as follow:- Wholesalers' rates to retailers - Local and Interstate No.1 Grade £7.17.6, undergrades £6.7.6 per ton. Rates for N.S.W.-grown potatoes for delivery to country areas are as quoted, plus freight from loading station. Prices for Interstate potatoes to N.S.W. country areas are as quoted, plus freight from Sydney or loading station, whichever is the lower. Primary merchants' prices to wholesalers are £1.5.0 per ton less than figures quoted.

Tasmanian swedes very scarce.

Arrivals of swedes from local centres at Alexandria increased by about 400 bags when 1,973 bags came to hand. Choice lines were in request, but other grades were difficult to dispose of

except at low rates. Clearances were made of choice lots at £6 to £8, medium at £4 to £5, with a few inferior lots for stock food at £2 per ton. Tasmanian supplies received in Sussex Street declined considerably, only 507 bags coming to hand compared with 2,558 bags in the previous month. Owing to considerable delay in unloading, the consignments opened up in an unsatisfactory condition and it was necessary to sell at the reduced rate of £3 to £4 per ton.

Other root vegetables exceptionally scarce.

The only supplies of carrots consisted of 148 bags which arrived at Alexandria from Victoria. These comprised mixed grades which sold at £9 to £10 per ton with few higher. Supplies of parsnips comprised only 53 bags from Tasmania and no rates were disclosed.

Queensland pumpkins well supplied.

At Alexandria Goods Yard, supplies from Queensland increased to 83 trucks but there were only 17½ trucks from local centres. During the period all lines met with good enquiry but it was necessary to regrade a few Queensland lines owing to breakdown. Queensland lines sold at £9.10.0 to £10 and the bulk of local lots at £10, with a few early sales at £9.10.0 per ton.

Supplies from the North Coast in Sussex Street were limited to 53 bags, for which no rates were disclosed. At Darling Harbour Landing, 3½ trucks from Queensland realised £10 per ton.

New season's onions arrive from Queensland.

There was a considerable falling-off in the quantity of onions which arrived at Alexandria from Victoria; supplies amounted to 4,783 bags of brown table lots compared with 18,122 bags in August. Ready sales were effected at approximately £17.15.0 to £18.10.0 per ton.

New season's brown Globes from Queensland were available a month earlier than last year. A consignment of 5,815 bags came to hand and opening sales were effected at about £17.15.0 to £22. Later the supplies opened up in a rather green state and some sales were made at £15 to £16, although £17 to £18 per ton was obtained subsequently.

At Darling Harbour supplies of brown table onions were reduced to 9 trucks which sold at approximately £17.15.0 to £18.10.0 per ton.

Oaten chaff more plentiful.

There was an increase in the quantity of oaten chaff on offer, the 41½ trucks yarded being the largest supply since

January last. However, these stocks were not nearly sufficient to meet requirements, and all lines were in request at the ceiling rate of £10.5.0 per ton.

Supplies of wheaten chaff reduced.

Lighter supplies amounting to 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ trucks were available for trading. No difficulty was experienced in disposing of all lines on offer, which sold at maximum rates £10.5.0 with the exception of 4 trucks, which brought £9.15.0 at auction with heated lots at £8.1.8 and £8.16.8 per ton.

Lucerno chaff scarce.

Consignments totalled only 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ trucks and primo lines were very scarce. During the period clearances were made as follows: a few inferior lines £8 to £8.10.0; good sound £12.5.0 to £13.5.0, other grades at maximum rate of £13.10.0 per ton.

Lucerno hay from Maitland in heavy supply.

Arrivals of lucerno hay from the Maitland district showed a marked increase, the supply (108 trucks) being the heaviest for some months. There was a good enquiry for most lines despite increased supplies and rates remained firm. A few inferior lines sold at £3 to £3.10.0, new soft green at £4 to £6 and well made new green lines at £7 to £8 per ton, with few special lots higher.

There was a marked falling-off in supplies from other centres which totalled 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ trucks, including 6 trucks of derrick-pressed. Values varied considerably, very few primo lines coming to hand. Sales included inferior lots at £6.15.0, medium at £8.10.0, with few at the maximum of £12.5.0. Spring cuts of inferior grassy sold at £4 and good sound at £9 to £11 with few higher. At auction inferior grassy brought £4 to £5.5.0 and grassy £6 to £7 per ton. Derrick pressed lines sold as follows: inferior grassy £4.5.0 to £5.10.0; good sound £11 to £11.10.0. At auction 3 trucks of medium realised £6 to £6.10.0 and good sound £8.10.0 per ton.

Oaten and wheaten hay scarce.

Supplies of oaten hay consisted of 4 trucks of rack which were in demand, good sound selling at £8.10.0 with prime at the ceiling rate of £9 per ton. Wheaten lots totalled 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ trucks of derrick-pressed. A few sales of good sound were made at £8.10.0 with other grades at the maximum rate of £9 per ton.

Straw consignments restricted.

Arrivals of straw showed no improvement, only 4 trucks of wheaten coming to hand which mostly realised £7.10.0 per ton. There were also 3 trucks of rice straw but no rates were disclosed.

Wheat consignments again very light.

Supplies of wheat at Alexandria were again exceptionally light and totalled 17 trucks. There were no releases for general trading, all lines being taken to various merchants' stores.

Wheat from interstate sources.

The total quantity of wheat received at Sussex Street from other States from February to 5th September amounted to 4,079,049 bushels.

Maizo supplies limited.

Arrivals of maizo at Alexandria from local contros continued to be light. Supplies totalled 5,183 bags which included 4,578 bags of yellow, 110 bags of red and 495 bags of white. A few sales were recorded at 7/3 per bushel but the bulk of the arrivals was taken to store or for milling purposes. Arrivals in Sussex Street from North Coast comprised 596 bags but no rates were disclosed.

Oats more plentiful.

Consignments to Alexandria totalled 17 trucks. These were consigned direct to buyers, no rates being disclosed.

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