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SALES OF FARM PRODUCE AT ALEXANDRIA AND SUSSEX STREET, SYDNEY.

November, 1947.

Supplies of Potatoes from Interstate Sources Decrease.

Receivals from interstate sources amounted to only 83,069 bags including 2,595 of Factors from Queensland centres, compared with total interstate supplies of 147,394 during October. The Tasmanian quota ex Sussex-street was 80,474, approximately 7,000 less than last month. These consisted mainly of Brownells. Heavy supplies of local-grown potatoes mainly from the North Coast commenced to arrive during the month and supplies were well maintained each day. A total of 52,324 new grade and 660 bags of old No. 3 grade Factors and Katahdins were offered compared with only 1,202 bags received from local sources during October. The bulk of all supplies was available for trading, only small quantities being reconsigned to other stations or reserved for essential services. Good demand ruled for all lines, but consignments were not sufficient for local requirements.

Prices fixed for the month ended 30th November, Sydney basis were:—Wholesalers' Prices to Retailers:—Local and Interstate—No. 1 grade and undergrades £10 per ton, plus cartage, which must not exceed 10s. per ton. Rates for New South Wales grown potatoes for delivery to country areas were as quoted, plus freight from loading station; prices for interstate potatoes to New South Wales country areas were as quoted, plus freight from Sydney or loading station, whichever was the lower. Primary merchants' prices to wholesalers were £1 per ton less than the figures quoted.

No consignments of swedes, carrots or parsnips reached Alexandria during the month.

Pumpkin Supplies Decrease Slightly.

Consignments at Alexandria aggregated 101½ trucks, only 4½ trucks less than October's supply. This included only one truck from local sources, the balance being received from Queensland. Rates varied considerably, old season's realising £14 to £18 with a few £12 per ton, and new season's £16 to £20 per ton. Later old season's brought £12 to £14 and new £12 to £15 per ton. It was again necessary to regrade a number of Queensland lines owing to "breakdown."

Receivals of Onions Reduced.

A total of 14,756 bags from Queensland and 415 from local sources were received as compared with a total of 30,241 bags from Queensland and 396 locals during October. Demand was good owing to the small quantities received. Queensland brown

realised £11 to £15 with a few early sales to £16 per ton. A few lines were sold by auction from £9 15s. to £12 5s. per ton. White were sold at £14 to £18 10s. and a few to £20 per ton. Local white realised £10 to £16 while inferior lines brought £8 per ton. Local brown onions were cleared at £10 to £12 and a few at auction for £12 10s. per ton.

Oaten Chaff in Short Supply.

Only 54 trucks came to hand compared with 176 in October. Prices increased and choice quality sold at £11 10s. to £12 per ton. Later both prime and choice realised £12. Some inferior sold at as low as £7. Average prices for good sound were £9 to £10 10s. and prime £10 10s. to £11 5s. per ton.

Consignments of Wheaten Chaff also Limited.

As compared with 62 trucks received during October, only 33½ reached Alexandria this month. Sales were steady and prices varied considerably but compared well with those ruling for the preceding month for good sound and prime lots. Choice lines were scarce. Medium brought £8 to £8 10s., good sound £8 10s. to £9 10s., prime £9 to £10 5s., including new season's lots, and 4 sales by auction were made of good sound new season's at £8 8s. 4d. to £8 13s. 4d. per ton.

Lucerne Chaff More Plentiful.

A total of 51 trucks arrived as compared with 23 last month, but prices equalled those ruling in that period. All lines were readily disposed of and medium lots brought £8 to £10 10s., heated £7 10s. to £12 10s., grassy £10 5s. to £11 10s., and good sound £11 to £13 10s., while prime quality realised £13 to £14 per ton.

Lucerne Hay Consignments Steady and Rates Remain Firm.

Receivals aggregated 147 trucks from Maitland and other centres which was 10 more than the previous period. Demand was good and most lines were readily disposed of. New soft green from the Maitland district realised £4 10s. to £6 with a few at £3 per ton. Well made brought £6 to £7, and some special lots £7 to £8 10s. per ton. Consignments of hay from other centres increased by 10 trucks for the month and prices were easier. Medium brought £5

to £6, heated £5 10s. to £8 5s., good sound £7 to £9, prime £9 to £10 and some choice lines realised £11 10s. per ton. Derrick pressed medium brought £4 10s. to £5 10s., new soft green £5, heated £6, medium £6, good sound £6 to £7, with choice lines £9 per ton. Two sales were made by auction, good sound realising £6 and prime £6 11s. 8d. per ton.

Oaten and Wheaten Hay Receivals Light.

Derrick pressed wheaten consignments amounted to 8 trucks. New season's heated was sold at £6, and good sound at £6 to £6 5s. per ton. Some early sales of prime lots were made at £5 15s. to £6 per ton. Four sales were made by auction, inferior lines realising £3 10s. and medium £5 13s. 4d. to £5 15s. per ton. Oaten derrick-pressed receivals amounted to 10 trucks. Old season's prime realised £10 10s., good sound £6 to £7, and heated lines brought £4 10s. per ton. Auction sales included heated £5 5s., and good sound £6 per ton. One truck of choice rack hay was disposed of at £12 per ton.

Oaten Straw Consignments Remain Steady and Values Firm.

Total receivals aggregated 21 trucks, including 7 from local centres with 14 from Victoria. Prime local lots were disposed of at £7 10s., choice £8, while some inferior lines were auctioned and realised £3 5s. per ton. Prime Victorian sold at £7 10s., and choice £8 per ton.

Wheaten Straw Quality Improves and Sales Well Maintained.

Nine trucks of local and 8 of Victorian straw were offered for sale. Local good sound was sold at £5 10s. to £7, and prime £7 10s. per ton. One truck of inferior brought £3 1s. 8d. per ton by auction. Victorian prime realised £7 5s. to £7 10s. per ton.

Wheat Consignments Remain Light.

Again this month 11 trucks were received at Alexandria and were placed in store.

Maize Values and Consignments Still Decreasing.

Arrivals at Alexandria were reduced to 1,392 bags of local yellow but no white maize was offered for trading. Some sales were made at 6s. 3d. per bushel. Receivals from Queensland amounted to 643 bags of yellow which were sold at 6s. to 6s. 3d. per bushel.

Oats in Increased Supply.

Supplies increased to 16 trucks. Two milling lots were auctioned and realised 4s. 2d. and 4s. 3d. per bushel.

Other Grain in Short Supply.

Two trucks of Kalo seed were disposed of by auction at 5s. 3½d. per bushel, and of four trucks of barley received during the month two were sold by auction at 4s. 10½d. per bushel.

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