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

JUNE, 1947.

Local and Interstate Potato Consignments Maintained.

Supplies from both local and Interstate sources were again fairly plentiful, amounting to 148,411 bags. Stocks, however, were still insufficient for requirements. Receivals at Sussex-street from Tasmania totalled 58,532 bags, compared with 101,350 available during May. These tubers comprised Brownells, Bismarcks, Snowflakes and Up-to-Dates. Arrivals at Alexandria from local centres aggregated 24,371 bags of Nos. 1 and 2 grade Factors and a few seed. There was a marked increase in Victorian supplies, 60,468 bags of No. 1 grade Carmans and Snowflakes coming to hand. Early in the period, 5,040 bags of No. 1 grade Factors were forwarded from Queensland. Demand was good for all lines and clearances were readily affected.

Prices fixed for the month ending 30th June, Sydney basis, were:—Wholesalers' Prices to Retailers, Local and Interstate, No. I Grade and Undergrades, £7 17s. 6d. per ton. Rates for New South Wales 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 per ton less than the figures quoted.

On Monday, 30th June, the wholesale price was increased by £2 2s. 6d. per ton.

Swede Supplies Again Light.

At Alexandria, 406 bags arrived from local centres. Early sales of choice were made at £10 to £12, other grades later bringing from £5 to £8 per ton. Tasmanian receivals at Sussex-street amounted to 3,060 bags. Opening quotations were £10 to £12, but later disposals were effected at £6 per ton.

Other Root Vegetables in Short Supply.

Consignments of carrots were again limited, when 9,597 bags came to hand at Alexandria. The offering consisted mostly of Victorian lots with a few from local centres. Early clearances were made at £7 10s od. to £8 10s. od., while later quotes ranged from £6 to £7 per ton. In addition, 226 bags arrived from Tasmania at Sussex-street and one truck from Victoria was available at Darling Harbour, but no rates were disclosed. Stocks of parsnips were again light.

Victorian Brown Onion Receivals Considerably Reduced.

Arrivals amounted to 10,597 bags of brown table, compared with 25,510 available last month. During the latter part of the period, supplies were exceptionally scarce and consequently were rationed to buyers. Brown table realised approximately £21 per ton. Only one truck was forward at Darling Harbour from Victoria and was sold at the ruling price.

Marked Increase in Pumpkin Consignments.

A considerable improvement was evident in the quantity received at Alexandria, a total of 76 trucks of local being on offer. Only 41 trucks came to hand in May. Although arrivals were substantially increased, a good demand ruled and during the second half of the month rates advanced. Early sales were recorded at £6 to £6 10s. od., while later £6 10s. od. to £8 per ton was obtained.

Oaten Chaff Arrivals Decline.

Receivals were reduced by 36 trucks when only 114 trucks were available for trading. The supply included a few lots from Victoria and South Australia. Inquiry for the bulk of the offerings was good. Good sound brought £9 to £9 10s. od. and prime and choice the ceiling rate of £10 5s. od. At auction, 2 trucks of good sound sold at £9 1s. 8d. and £9 6s. 8d. per ton. Where new bags were used, an extra charge of 15s. per ton was made on the foregoing quotations.

Wheaten Chaff Very Scarce.

Receivals were exceptionally light, only 21 trucks being on offer. The supply was not sufficient for requirements and, consequently most sales were recorded at the maximum rate of £10 5s. od. However, a few good sound lines were disposed of at £9 to £9 10s. od. per ton.

Lucerne Chaff Supplies Reduced.

Only 26 trucks were available for trading and request was good. Realisations for good sound were £11 10s. od. to £12 10s. od. and for prime and choice lots £13 to £13 10s. od. per ton.

Considerable Reduction in Lucerne Hay Receivals.

There was a marked decline in the quantity available for trading, only 64 trucks being on offer, compared with 86 trucks forward in May. A total of 29 trucks was received from the Maitland district. Supplies were very light early, and increased prices were obtained. New soft green brought £5 10s. od. to £6 10s. od. and well-made £6 5s. od. to £7, few £8 per ton. Consignments from other centres amounted to 35 trucks. No difficulty was experienced in making clearances, medium realising £9 to £10, good sound £10 15s. od. to £11 10s. od. and prime and choice £12 5s. od. per ton.

Rack Oaten Hay Well Supplied.

Receivals increased to 20 trucks. Prime and choice lines sold well but other grades moved out slowly. The bulk of the good sound brought £9 10s. od., prime and choice £10 5s. od. to £11 and a few inferior £7 per ton. A small quantity was sold privately at undisclosed rates. No fresh supplies of derrick pressed oaten or wheaten came to hand.

Larger Quantity of Oaten and Wheaten Straw Available.

The supply was the heaviest for three months, a total of 57 trucks being forward. The offering included 31 trucks of local oaten, 16 of Victorian oaten, and 10 of local wheaten. Demand was good for prime, but other grades sold slowly at lower levels. Stained local oaten brought £4 10s. od., medium £5 10s. od., good sound £6, prime £7 to £7 10s. od. Prime Victorian oaten realised £7 to £7 10s. od. Local wheaten stained sold at £6 10s. od., and prime at £7 to £7 10s. od. per ton.

Wheat Receivals Reduced.

Consignments at Alexandria totalled 21 trucks or 7 less than the previous month. These were not offered for general trading.

Increased Quantity of Maize.

Supplies again increased, 6,073 bags being available, compared with 4,325 bags in May. The offering included 3,934 bags of yellow and 852 of white from local centres and 1,287 of yellow from Queensland. Demand was fairly quiet, local yellow lines selling at 7s. to 7s. 6d. per bushel.

Oats Again Lightly Supplied.

Receivals continued to be restricted. Only 11 trucks were received, comprising 7 from local centres, and 4 from Victoria. The bulk of the supply was stored and no prices were disclosed.

Milo Seed.

Receivals at Alexandria totalled 13 trucks, but the bulk was not available for general trading. At auction one truck brought £7 per ton.

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