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Victorian Cabbages Available.

Moderate supplies of cabbages were marketed from New South Wales growing centres, but towards the end of the month fairly large consignments were received from Victoria. Demand was quiet early, values mainly being 4s. to 10s., with special large heads to 12s. per dozen. Request was brighter subsequently, and on most occasions as much as 16s. per dozen was realised for choicest lines.

Victorian Sprouts Plentiful.

Considerable quantities of Brussels Sprouts were received from Victoria, including many consignments by air transport. Demand for good quality lines was satisfactory and sales were made to 16s., with extra choice packs to 18s. per box.

High Prices Paid for Parsnips.

Supplies of bagged parsnips were light. Rates showed a sharp advance during the last week of the month when up to 40s. per cwt. was secured for choice washed lines.

South Australian Celery Well Supplied.

Weekly consignments of celery from South Australia were heavy, ranging from 3,200 to 4,200 crates. Generally good clearances were effected. Choice packs sold up to 24s. per crate, but some low grade lines had to be disposed of at 12s.

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

June, 1946.

Potato Consignments Increase Considerably.

There was a marked increase in the quantity of potatoes which arrived on the Sydney market during the month, supplies being the heaviest since November last.

Tasmanian consignments received in Sussex-street totalled 157,955 bags, chiefly Brownells, Bismarcks and Up-to-Dates.

There were 22,882 bags of No. 1 grade Carmans, Snowflakes and a few Manhattans received from Victoria. It was necessary to regrade approximately 650 bags owing to blight and mechanical injuries.

Queensland consignments were maintained, 13,516 bags of No. 1 grade Factors being on offer. Arrivals from South Australia totalled 2,939 bags of No. 1 grade Delawares, constituting the first consignments for twelve months.

From local centres, 28,350 bags arrived, this being the largest quantity since December last. The bulk consisted of No. 1 grade Factors which opened up in very good condition. Also included in the total were 990 bags of Factor Seed. The bulk of the tubers were received from Crookwell, Tumbarumba, Oberon, Blayney and Millthorpe.

At Darling Harbour, consignments comprised ten trucks of local Factor seed and one truck of No. 1 grade Carmans from Victoria.

Prices fixed for the month ending 31st June, Sydney basis, are:—

Wholesalers' Prices to Retailers: Local and Interstate.—No. 1 grade, £7 17s. 6d. per ton; undergrades, £6 7s. 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 New South Wales country areas are quoted, plus freight from Sydney or loading station, whichever is the lower.

Primary merchants' prices to wholesalers are £1 5s. od. per ton less than the figures quoted.

Increased Supplies of Swedes—Lower Rates Rule.

Following restricted arrivals in May, consignments showed an increase, 8,688 bags being received in Sussex-street from Tasmania. Early in the period there was a good demand, rates being firm at £10 to £11 per ton. Values were reduced later when grades were variable, sales being effected at £6 to £10 per ton.

At Alexandria, supplies from local centres consisted of 516 bags which were disposed of at £8 to £10, while 140 bags of Victorian brought £8 to £9. There were 685 bags of Tasmanian swedes received by rail from Victoria, and these brought £10 per ton.

Other Root Vegetables Lightly Stocked.

Supplies of carrots continued to be restricted. At Alexandria, 635 bags, mostly mixed grades, were received from local centres and these realised £7 to £10, with medium at £5 per ton. A small consignment of 31 bags of washed lines brought £16 per ton.

Arrivals from Victoria comprised 809 bags. Early in the period about 100 bags realised £8 to £10, but later clearances were effected at £14 per ton. At Darling Harbour, six trucks were received from Victoria; early sales were made at £8 to £10 but up to £12 per ton was secured subsequently.

Parsnips were again in exceptionally light supply, only 268 bags arriving from Tasmania in Sussex-street. The bulk of sales was made at £9 to £12 per ton.

Pumpkin Consignments Increase.

Supplies at Alexandria comprised fifty-two trucks from local centres and fifty-five trucks from Queensland. Rates during the period showed a wide range at times when consignments were more than sufficient for requirements and it was necessary to reduce prices to effect clearances. Sales of local lines were recorded early at £9 to £10, but later prices were reduced, disposals mostly being effected at £7 to £7 10s. od. with a few at £5. Values gradually hardened and closing sales were made at £10. Queensland lots brought £9 to £9 10s. od. per ton. At Darling Harbour at the close of June, two and a half trucks from local centres were disposed of at £8 10s. od. to £9 per ton.

Victorian Onions Plentiful.

Supplies of onions at Alexandria were again fairly heavy, 21,474 bags of brown table arriving from Victoria.

There was a good inquiry for all lines which realised approximately £17 10s. od. to £18 per ton. A small consignment of 252 bags of brown pickling onions sold at £10 per ton. At Darling Harbour two trucks of brown table lots from Victoria realised approximately £17 10s. od. to £18 per ton.

Oaten Chaff Dearer.

Despite increased supplies, sales were effected at higher prices. Consignments arriving during June aggregated 155 trucks, this being the largest total since January. However, all lines met good inquiry at firm rates, which were as follows:—Medium, £7 to £8; good sound, £8 to £8 10s. od.; prime, £8 10s. od. to £9 (a few £9 5s. od.); choice, £9 5s. od. to £9 10s. od. Sales by auction included four trucks, inferior selling at £5 5s. od., and good sound at £8 1s. 8d. to £8 10s. od. per ton.

Wheaten Chaff Firm.

Supplies consisted of thirty-six trucks. The bulk of the offerings were in request, all lines being disposed of at higher rates. Sales were recorded as follows:—Medium, £6 to £7 10s. od. (a few early at £8); good sound, £8 5s. od. to £8 15s. od.; prime and choice, £9 to £9 10s. od. per ton.

Lucerne Chaff Very Scarce.

Receivals of lucerne chaff were exceptionally light, only twenty-eight trucks coming to hand, compared with forty-nine trucks in May. Despite the reduced offerings there was little alteration in the market, medium realising £7 to £10; good sound, £9 15s. od. to £11 10s. od.; prime, £11 to £12, with choice at £12 to £12 10s. od. per ton.

Lucerne Hay Scarce.

Following very light supplies in May, arrivals from the Maitland district again showed a marked falling-off, only nineteen and a half trucks being available. The only sales recorded were in respect of new soft, green lots which brought £4 10s. od. to £6 5s. od. per ton.

From other centres, consignments were also exceptionally light, only thirty-seven trucks, including four of derrick pressed, being offered. The bulk met good inquiry at firm prices, and towards the end of the month most of the offerings sold at maximum rates. Clearances were as follows:—Medium, £9 to £9 10s. od.; good sound, £10 to £11 10s. od.; prime, £11 to maximum £12 5s. od.; choice, £12 5s. od. per ton. Sales by auction included grassy lots at £9 1s. 8d. Derrick pressed good sound sold early at £7 10s. od., also heated lines at £8 per ton.

Oaten Hay More Plentiful.

Supplies showed an improvement, twenty-six trucks coming to hand, comprising sixteen trucks of rack and ten trucks of derrick pressed. Rack lots met a satisfactory demand early, but later,

supplies were more than sufficient for requirements and sales were slow. Good sound realised £8 and prime £10 5s. to £10 10s. Derrick pressed lots cleared well, medium selling at £5 10s., good sound at £6 10s., and prime at £6 15s. to £7 10s. Two trucks of mixed oat and wheaten medium quality lots brought £4 and good sound £6 10s. per ton.

Wheaten hay supplies were restricted to four trucks of derrick pressed, prime lines being disposed of at £6 10s. to £6 15s. per ton.

Oaten Straw in Heavy Supply.

There was a marked increase in stocks, sixty-seven trucks being yarded including one truck from Victoria. The bulk of the offerings sold well including medium lots (a few) at £3 10s., good sound at £5 to £5 10s. (few £6), prime at £6 to £6 10s. (few £6 15s.) and choice at £6 10s. per ton.

Wheaten straw supplies were reduced to thirteen trucks. No prime lots were received and sales of medium were at £4 and good sound at £5 to £5 10s. per ton. No rates were disclosed for two trucks of rice straw which arrived.

Wheat Consignments Restricted.

Only seventeen trucks were received at Alexandria. These supplies were not available for general trading, being taken by various agents direct to store. The only sale recorded was in respect of one truck of inferior pick-ups which brought 4s. 6d. per bushel at auction.

Maize Supplies Again Lighter.

Consignments of maize amounted to 5,683 bags, including 2,598 bags of yellow, 180 bags of red and 1,309 bags of white from local centres and 1,596 bags of yellow from Queensland. The bulk of the consignments were taken direct to store and no rates were made available. Arrivals from the North Coast in Sussex-street comprised 205 bags of yellow maize. No rates were disclosed.

Oats Exceptionally Scarce.

Receivals of oats at Alexandria were the smallest to hand since October. Only four trucks were yarded and these were not available for trading.

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