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low as 20s. per dozen for choice large lines on two mornings during the fourth week. During the third week, however, rates reached 38s. per dozen. It is suggested that scarcity of peas considerably influenced prices of both cauliflowers and cabbages.

Choice Large Lettuce Scarce.

Packs of choice large lettuce were scarce throughout the month and whilst during the first week 16s. per case was obtained, values during the second week ranged from 18s. to 20s. and this was increased during the third week from 24s. to 26s.; maximum realisations towards closing were 24s. per case. Lettuce, less attractive in appearance and with smaller heart, changed hands at from 8s. to 12s.

Light Supplies of Local Coloured Tomatoes.

Offerings of local coloured tomatoes were intermittent throughout the period and were keenly sought after at as high as 36s. per half case, but the main source of immediately edible fruit was Queensland repacks, and these realised from 28s. to 38s. according to size and condition. Consignments of tomatoes from Queensland northern districts totalled 37,325 cases, whilst southern supplies amounted to 1,647. These arrivals were approximately 15,000 cases less from northern districts, but southern supplies varied little. Realisations for Queensland tomatoes ranged from 14s. to 24s. early in the month, and 18s. to 28s. towards closing.

Other Main Vegetable Lines.

Carrots 20s. to 40s., inferior lower; Parsnips (N.S.W. and Victorian) 16s. to 34s., early sales to 36s.; Potatoes No. 1 grade 10s. (fixed maximum price); Onions (Vic.) brown 23s. 6d. (fixed maximum price); Swedes (N.S.W.) 8s. to 28s., few 30s.; (Tasmania) 16s. to 30s., few 32s.; Pumpkins 10s. to 28s., few to 30s.; (Queensland) to 34s.; Sweet Potatoes 6s. to 20s., few to 28s. per cwt.; Celery (local) 12s. to 24s., early sales lower, per dozen bunches; (South Australian) 26s. to 36s., few 38s., late sales lower per crate; Brussels Sprouts (N.S.W.) 6s. to 14s., few 16s. per 12 lb.; (Victorian) 7s. to 18s., few 20s. per 12 lb. box.

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

July, 1948.

Lighter Supplies of Potatoes Available.

Total consignments aggregated 105,545 bags consisting of 94,128 of Tasmanian Brownells, Snowflakes and Bismarcks received at Sussex Street, and 8,336 Victorian Carmans and 2,543 bags of seed from local centres which arrived at Alexandria. Victorian consignments were heavier than in June, but no fresh supplies were received from Queensland and local receivals were much reduced.

The bulk of supplies was available for trading but some receivals were reserved for essential services while others were reconsigned to country centres, particularly to the North Coast. The quality was reported to be good and demand was keen.

Prices fixed for the month ending 31st July, Sydney basis, were:—

Wholesalers' Prices to Retailers, Local and Interstate.—No. 1 grade and undergrades £10 per ton, plus cartage, which was not to 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.

Swedes Again Sell Well.

Supplies at Alexandria consisted of 520 bags from Queensland and sales were recorded at £16 to £18 per ton, but subsequent to arrivals from Tasmania rates eased to £14 with a few £16 per ton. At Sussex Street four shipments totalling 4,912 bags were available and were disposed of at £13 to £16 early in the month and later £18 per ton.

Heavier Supplies of Carrots Available.

A total of 2,754 bags was received from Victoria and sales were recorded at £19 to £23 per ton. A good demand prevailed for choice lines and clearances generally were readily effected. From Tasmania, 846 bags arrived at Sussex Street and realised £22 to £25 per ton.

Parsnip Supplies Limited but Sell Slowly.

Receipts consisted of 669 bags from Victoria and 119 bags at Sussex Street. At Alexandria, sales were recorded at £17 to £20, while the consignment at Sussex Street was disposed of at £12 per ton.

Heavier Consignments of Onions.

An aggregate of 22,600 bags of brown table and 580 of pickling was received and disposed of at £20 10s. to £21; occasionally large sizes were sold at £19 per ton. Clearances were not always readily effected and carry-over lots were often available. Local supplies were limited to 250 bags.

Pumpkin Rates Increase Rapidly but Decrease with Heavier Supplies.

Receipts aggregated 77 trucks from local centres and 70 from Queensland. During the first two weeks of the month sales were made at £9 to £16 with 1 truck of loose at £8, but within one week values rose to £28 with a few higher per ton. Although good prices were being obtained in Brisbane, Queensland growers were influenced by the high prices ruling at Alexandria and consequently heavier supplies were received and the market eased from £28 to £17 and £18 at the end of the month with values still showing a downward trend.

Oaten Chaff Consignments Increase.

Supplies totalled 148 trucks of which 50 arrived during the last week of the month. Demand was good for choice lines, but other grades were often difficult to sell. Sales were recorded of medium at £8 10s. to £9 10s., good sound £9 to £10 10s., prime £10 10s. to £11 10s. and choice £11 5s. to £11 15s., and at auction medium £6 to £6 15s. and good sound £8 1s. 8d. to £9 per ton.

Wheaten Chaff Receivals Again Light.

Again only 14 trucks were available, consisting mainly of choice lines. The demand was good, most sales being made at £11 5s. to £11 15s. per ton.

Lucerne Chaff Sells Very Slowly.

Consignments increased to 56 trucks and only choice lines cleared readily. Carry-over supplies of other grades were often available. Inferior brought £6 per ton, medium £7 10s. and at auction £6 10s. to £7, good sound £7 to £10 10s., prime £9 to £12 and choice £11 10s. to £12 10s.

Maitland Lucerne Hay More Plentiful.

Supplies totalled 71 trucks, including 1 of derrick pressed. Towards the end of the month values for new soft green were considerably reduced. Demand, however, was good for choice lines. New soft green was disposed of at £6 to £7 10s. and later £4 to £7 10s., well made £6 10s. to £8 and choice lines £9 10s. per ton. One truck of dry realised £6 10s. per ton. Receivals from other centres increased to 84 trucks including 10 of derrick pressed. Except for choice lines sales were often very difficult to effect as supplies considerably exceeded the demand and the bulk of the receivals consisted of other than prime and choice lines. Values were steady and sales were recorded of medium at £7 to £7 10s., good sound £6 10s. to £8 15s., prime £8 to £11 and choice £11 to £11 10s.; at auction good sound £7 15s., medium derrick pressed £5, good sound £7 to £7 10s., prime £8 5s. to £10 and choice £8 to £10 15s. per ton.

Heavier Supplies of Oaten Hay Available and Clearances Difficult to Effect.

Receivals consisted of 35 trucks including 22 of derrick pressed. Good sound sold at £7, prime £10, choice £11, medium derrick pressed £7 10s. and prime £10 to £11. At the close of the period stained rack oaten was reported as unsaleable. Many receivals of rack were carried over from the day of arrival having failed to clear. In addition 2 trucks of wheaten hay arrived. Prime was disposed of at £7 to £7 10s. per ton.

Good Demand for Straw.

Supplies consisted of 28 trucks including 2 of Victorian and 4 of local wheaten. A good inquiry prevailed and all receivals sold quickly. Prime local oaten brought £8 10s. to £9, Victorian £8 10s., good sound local wheaten £6 10s. to £7 10s. and prime £8 per ton.

Maize More Plentiful.

Receivals amounted to 3,560 bags of local yellow, 1,030 white and 1,430 Queensland yellow. The bulk of receivals was not offered for trading. A few sales were recorded of soft at 8s. and prime 8s. 2d. to 8s. 3d. per bushel.

Heavier Supplies of Oats.

Consignments aggregated 39 trucks. No quotations were obtained for the bulk of receivals but 1 truck was sold by auction at 4s. per bushel. In addition, 2 trucks of milo and 5 of seed were received at Alexandria during the month.

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