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obtained when the market was at its peak, closing quotations ranged mainly from 4s. to 10s. Sellers, however, were agreed that only the continued purchases for transfer to the Melbourne market enabled values to be maintained at fairly high levels.

Cabbages Dearer.

Choice large cabbages were comparatively scarce on most selling days and brought from 12s. to 14s., and occasionally to 18s. per dozen. Stocks of other grades were sufficient for requirements and realised from 3s. to 10s.

Receivals of Cauliflowers Decline.

A marked falling off in the size and quality of the consignments of cauliflowers offered in the producers' market was apparent. Prices advanced sharply early in the month and were maintained thereafter at high levels. Closing quotations ranged from 8s. to 18s. per dozen for medium heads, and from 20s. to 30s. for choice large. Some very small and inferior were available from 2s.

Lettuce Over-Supplied at Closing.

Stocks of lettuce were more than sufficient for requirements on most selling days. Although as much as 10s. per case was obtained on a few occasions, most sales ranged from 2s. 6d. to 7s. according to quality. In the last week of the month, supplies were much heavier and only isolated realisations exceeded 5s.

Other Main Vegetable Lines.

Representative quotations for other main vegetable lines were as follow: Broad Beans, 2s. to 4s., few 5s. to 6s. per bushel; Carrots, 5s. to 12s., special, 14s., few sales to 18s.; Parsnips, 5s. to 12s., special 14s., few higher; Swedes, 4s. to 10s., choice 12s., few 14s.; Potatoes (No. 1 grade), 10s. (fixed maximum price); Onions (Queensland) White, 18s. to 22s., early sales to 25s., brown and white mixed 16s. to 20s., early sales to 24s.; Sweet Potatoes, 6s. to 16s., occasional sales to 22s.; Pumpkins, 6s. to 14s., occasional sales to 22s. per cwt.; Celery (local), 2s. to 8s., late sales to 12s., few higher, per dozen bunches, (South Australian) 12s. to 20, special brands 22s. to 24s., late sales to 30s. per crate.

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

October, 1947.

Further Increase in Interstate Potato Consignments.

A total of 147,394 bags was on offer compared with 142,826 bags in September. The receivals included 87,074 bags from Tasmania at Sussex-street (64,141 bags were forward last month) which consisted mainly of No. 1 Grade Brownells, with a few Bismarcks, Snowflakes and Arranchiefs. Victorian supplies at Alexandria amounted to 59,118 bags of No. 1 Grade Carmans and Snowflakes. Of this quantity approximately 7,000 bags were

reserved for essential services or reconsigned to other stations. Local offerings at Alexandria were exceptionally light, only 1,202 bags of No. 3 Grade Factors and a few seed Factors from the Crookwell district being forward. A good demand ruled for all lines, but arrivals were not sufficient for requirements.

Prices fixed for the month ending 31st November, Sydney basis, were: Wholesalers' prices to Retailers—No. 1 grade and under-grades, £10 per ton, plus cartage, which must not exceed 10s. 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 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.

Swedes in Light Supply.

Supplies were again very light, only 175 bags arriving at Alexandria from local centres. These were of inferior grade and were sold as stock feed. A total of 112 bags was received at Sussex-street from Tasmania, but no prices were disclosed.

Other Root Vegetables Again Scarce.

Only 143 bags of Carrots arrived at Alexandria from local centres, a portion realising £8 per ton; the remainder, however, was of inferior grade and sold for stock feed at low rates. No fresh consignments of Parsnips came to hand from local or interstate sources during the period.

Pumpkin Supplies Increase—Values Lower.

Consignments at Alexandria amounted to 105 trucks representing an increase of nine trucks on September's supply. This quantity included ten trucks from local centres and ninety-five from Queensland. It was necessary to regrade a number of Queensland consignments owing to breakdown. Rates showed considerable variation, early sales of local being recorded at £16 but closing quotations were £10 to £11. Queensland lines realised £15 to £16 early, but prices were subsequently reduced to £9 to £10, while at closing £12 to £13 was obtained. A few new season's brought £12 to £17 per ton.

Heavy Onion Supplies Continue—Values Decline.

A very heavy supply of 23,916 bags was received during September and consignments further increased this month, a total of 30,241 bags arriving from Queensland. This quantity is the largest for a considerable period. Demand was good, but supplies exceeded requirements and values were reduced to effect clearances. At opening Queensland new season's brown realised £20 to £22, but later quotations were from £12 to £16, while 526 bags submitted for sale at auction brought £11 15s. od. White lines sold early at £20 to £22, but closing sales were made at £16 to £18. A total of 396 bags of local white were received and inferior sold at £6 10s. od., medium £9 10s. od., regraded £13, and choice £18 per ton.

Increased Quantities of Oaten Chaff Available.

Receivals showed a marked improvement, 176 trucks being available, representing an increase of fifty-two trucks on last month's supply. This total is the largest for fifteen months. Request was good, especially for prime and choice grades which included a number of shandy lots. Other grades, however, sold slowly. Quotations early in period for good, sound were £9 to £10 5s. od., prime £10 to £11, and choice £11 to £11 10s. od. As supplies increased, however, rates were easier, medium bringing £8 5s. od., good sound £7 15s. od. to £9 15s. od., prime £9 10s. od. to £10 10s. od., and choice £10 5s. od. to £10 15s. od., with a few £11 to £11 5s. od. Seven trucks were sold by auction, inferior realising £6 15s. od., shandy £7, and good sound £8 10s. od. to £9 10s. od. per ton.

Wheaten Chaff Values Decline.

Stocks showed a marked increase, a total of sixty-two trucks coming forward, compared with thirty-eight in September. The supply exceeded requirements, and prices, consequently, were reduced. A few early sales of good sound were recorded at £8 10s. od. to £9, and prime at £10 10s. od. Later in the month, medium sold at £7, good sound £8 to £8 5s. od., prime £8 to £8 10s. od., and choice £9 to £9 10s. od. At auction, medium brought £6 15s. od. to £7 16s. 8d., heated £7 1s. 8d., and damaged £7 10s. od.

Lucerne Chaff in Limited Supply.

Supplies again amounted to twenty-three trucks. Owing to receivals being light, no difficulty was experienced in disposing of all lines and rates continued firm. Heated brought £10 10s. od. to £12, good sound £12 10s. od. to £13 10s. od., and prime £13 10s. od. to £14, few £15 per ton.

Lucerne Meal.

Two trucks of choice were received and sold at £17 per ton.

Lucerne Hay Consignments Heavy—Rates Lower.

Receivals amounted to 137 trucks which represented an increase of thirty-four on September's total of 103 trucks. Sixty-three trucks arrived from the Maitland district and demand was good for the bulk of the offerings. New soft green realised £3 10s. od. to £6 5s. od., well made £6 to £6 10s. od. Rates eased later, new soft green selling at £3 10s. od. to £5 10s. od., few £5 15s. od., and well made at £5 10s. od. to £6 10s. od., with a few special lots £7 5s. od. to £7 10s. od. per ton. Consignments from other centres increased considerably and amounted to seventy-four trucks. This is the largest quantity available since March. During the first few days sales of heated realised £9 to £9 5s. od., good sound £9 to £10 10s. od., prime £10 10s. od. to £11, choice £12 15s. od., while derrick-pressed new soft green brought £5, good sound £7 to £7 10s. od., and prime £9 10s. od. Values were reduced later owing to the increased supplies and also on account of the large proportion of the offerings showing weather damage. Quotations were as follows: Medium spring cut £4 10s. od. to £6 5s. od., good sound £6 10s. od. to £8 10s. od., few prime £9 to

£10, and derrick-pressed prime £6 10s. od. At auction, three trucks were submitted, new soft green bringing £3 10s. od., inferior grassy £4, and prime £6 per ton.

Supplies of Oaten and Wheaten Hay Light.

Only ten trucks of oaten hay were available, the supply including seven of rack and three of derrick-pressed. Six trucks of wheaten were also forward. Good sound rack oaten brought £7, and choice £11 10s. od. Derrick-pressed good sound sold at £9 10s. od., while at auction, one truck of inferior realised £4 10s. od. Prime derrick-pressed wheaten was quoted at £6 10s. od. to £7, while medium made £5 16s. 8d. and £6 per ton at auction. One truck of derrick-pressed meadow hay was auctioned for £7. One truck of medium mixed lucerne and wheaten realised £4 6s. 8d. per ton.

NOTE.—Price control on hay and chaff was lifted by the Prices Commissioner on 20th October.

Oaten Straw Sells Well.

Consignments totalled thirty-five trucks comprising three of local oaten, sixteen of Victorian and sixteen of local wheaten. Request was good for prime and choice lots. Stained oaten brought £4 5s. od. to £5, prime £7 10s. od. to £7 15s. od., and choice £7 15s. od. to £8. Medium wheaten realised £4, and good sound £5 10s. od. to £6 10s. od. Seven trucks were sold by auction, inferior making £2 10s. od., and stained £3 1s. 8d. to £3 10s. od. per ton.

Wheat Consignments Again Light.

Receivals at Alexandria comprised eleven trucks, but these were stored and not offered for trading.

Maize Values Again Reduced.

Arrivals at Alexandria increased to 5,151 bags, compared with 4,121 in September. The supply consisted of 2,242 bags of yellow, 1,296 of white from local centres, 1,553 of yellow and sixty of white from Queensland. Supplies, however, were still light. Request was limited and rates were reduced towards the end of the period. Opening sales of local yellow were recorded at 7s. and 6s. 8d. to 6s. 9d., while choice small yellow brought 5s. 11d. at closing. About 206 bags of weevily red and yellow realised 5s. 5½d. per bushel at auction. Some Queensland yellow was disposed of at 6s. 9d. early, whilst 5s. 9d. per bushel was obtained at closing. One hundred and forty-two bags of yellow were auctioned at 6s. per bushel.

Oats Again Sell Below Ceiling Rates.

A total of twelve trucks arrived at Alexandria during the period. Values showed little alteration. Milling lots realised 4s. per bushel. At auction five trucks were offered, feed bringing 3s. 9½d. to 3s. 11d., and milling 3s. 10d. per bushel.

Sorghum Seed.

Only four trucks came to hand at Alexandria, and only one truck was disposed of at auction for £9 5s. od. per ton.

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