

High prices for choice cauliflowers.

Fairly heavy supplies of cauliflowers came to hand early in the month, and following the heavy rains prices weakened. Subsequently, however, receipts were much lighter and there was a sharp advance in rates, choice, large heads selling to 50/- per dozen on two occasions.

Cabbages realise higher prices.

With the limited quantities of other green vegetables on offer, the market for cabbages was much firmer, especially for choice heads, which sold up to 24/- per dozen. Generally, the quality of offerings was medium to poor, nevertheless good clearances were effected at rates well above average.

Carrots and parsnips in request but swedes sell slowly.

Loose carrots and parsnips met a satisfactory inquiry and choice washed lines sold at the maximum of 25/- and 28/- per cwt., respectively. Demand for swede turnips was restricted and values were easier.

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ALEXANDRIA RAILWAY GOODS YARD  
AND SUSSEX STREET SALES.

Potatoes well supplied.

Tasmanian consignments which arrived in Sussex Street amounted to 145,567 bags and 16,361 crates, as compared with 165,304 bags in the previous month. These stocks comprised No.1 Grade Brownells, Bismarcks, Snowflakes and Up-to-Dates. A good percentage was made available for general trading, portion was stored, and the remainder went to essential services.

Supplies from local centres at Alexandria Goods Yard totalled 9,037 bags, including 295 bags of seed, and mainly comprised Factors, with a few Manhattan and Satisfaction. Reduced supplies, which aggregated 59,308 bags, came to hand from Victoria, consignments including Carmans, Snowflakes and a few Manistoes. The bulk of the supplies were made available for trading, although about 900 bags were reconsigned to other stations. The demand was fairly good considering the heavy supplies that have been coming to hand recently.

At Darling Harbour landing only seed Factors amounting to 6 trucks were received. These were consigned direct to various agents for distribution.

Rates during the period continued unchanged, and were as follows:- Wholesalers' rates to retailers for local and

Interstate No.1 Grade £7.17.6 per ton Nos. 2 and 3 Grades, and Chats £5.5.0 per ton. Primary merchants' rates to wholesalers are £1.5.0 per ton less than figures quoted.

Tasmanian swedes more plentiful.

Supplies at Alexandria increased to 1,652 bags from local centres. Demand was very slow except for choice lots, a number of lines selling for stock feed at low rates. Prices for the better lots ranged from £6.0.0 to £7.0.0 with a few at £8.0.0 per ton.

Arrivals in Sussex Street from Tasmania amounted to 2,918 bags which sold at £8.0.0 to £9.0.0 per ton.

Other root vegetables fairly scarce.

No fresh consignments were received at Alexandria. Arrivals of Tasmanian carrots in Sussex Street totalled 1,554 bags; these opened up in very mixed condition and sales were difficult to effect except at the reduced rate of £8.0.0 to £9.0.0 per ton. One truck was received from Victoria but no rates were disclosed. Supplies of parsnips were limited to 1 truck from Victoria at Darling Harbour, which realised £16.0.0 to £16.10.0 per ton.

A consignment of 165 bags of sweet potatoes from Queensland brought £13.0.0 to £13.10.0 per ton.

Lighter supplies of Victorian onions.

Arrivals of Victorian onions at Alexandria totalled 9,831 bags of brown table lots; no difficulty was experienced in disposing of these at the unchanged rates of £17.10.0 to £18.0.0 per ton.

Arrivals at Darling Harbour landing amounted to 27 trucks of brown table lines which sold at the same rate.

Pumpkins again well supplied.

There were 49 trucks received at Alexandria from local centres and 24 trucks came to hand from Queensland. In the first half of the month the bulk of sales was made at £7.0.0 to £8.0.0 with special lines at £8.10.0 to £9.0.0. Values later increased to £10.0.0 to £10.10.0 but at closing £8.0.0 to £9.0.0 were the best rates obtainable. Queensland pumpkins sold at £6.0.0 to £8.0.0 with a few at £10.0.0 per ton. At Darling Harbour 4 trucks from local centres were offered; portion sold at £8.0.0 to £8.10.0 with special lots at £10.10.0 per ton.

Supplies in Sussex Street from the North Coast were light, 65 bags being received; no rates were disclosed.

Oaten chaff exceptionally scarce.

Lighter consignments of oaten chaff came to hand, supplies comprising only 11 trucks of which 8 trucks were available for trading. These were all in request, and were disposed of readily at the maximum rate of £10.5.0 per ton.

Wheaton chaff sells readily.

Consignments of wheaton chaff (61½ trucks) were not nearly sufficient to meet requirements. All lines were eagerly sought after and were rationed to buyers at the maximum rate of £10.5.0 per ton.

Lucerne chaff in limited supply.

Only 15 trucks arrived and in most cases the maximum rate of £13.10.0 per ton was obtained, the only exception being 1 truck of medium which brought £12.10.0 per ton.

Lucerne dust, threshings and pods.

Consignments of the above consisted of 1 truck of lucerne dust which brought £17.0.0 per ton. There were also 3 trucks of threshings and 1 truck of lucerne pods received but no prices were disclosed for these lines.

Maitland hay very scarce.

There was a sharp decline in the quantity of hay which arrived from the Maitland district, only 10½ trucks coming to hand compared with 77 trucks in the previous period. This was due mostly to rains hampering the marketing of supplies. The only consignments which were received arrived in the first week; a few very soft green lots sold at £5.0.0 to £6.0.0 with other lines at £7.0.0 to £8.0.0 with a few higher.

Sixty-four trucks came to hand from other centres, including 23 trucks of derrick-pressed. A good demand continued to rule, the bulk selling at the maximum rate of £12.5.0 per ton.

One truck of grassy brought £10.0.0 with a few heated lines selling at £9.0.0 to £11.0.0. Two trucks of very inferior heated lots realised £1.10.0 to £4.0.0 per ton.

Oaten and wheaton hay supplies increase considerably.

Receivals showed a marked increase, supplies being the heaviest since January last. A total of 44 trucks came to hand, consisting of 1 truck of rack oaten, 14 trucks of derrick-pressed oaten and 29 trucks of wheaton. At times demand was

rather slow but the bulk of sales was made at the maximum rate of £9.0.0 per ton. In a few instances slightly lower rates were realised.

Forage consignments from Tasmania.

There were 11,932 bags of Tasmanian oaten chaff and 1,965 bales of compressed fodder received but these were requisitioned for military and essential services. There were 6,668 bales of derrick-pressed cereal and meadow hay, and 3,241 bales of mixed straw offered for general trading.

Prime straw very scarce.

Consignments amounting to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  trucks of wheaten and 1 truck of oaten straw were received. The bulk of the wheaten was discoloured and weather stained, prime lots being exceptionally scarce. A number of sales of stained lines were made at £4.0.0 to £4.5.0 with a few other lots realising £7.10.0 per ton. Oaten also sold at £7.10.0 per ton.

Wheat consignments again restricted.

Only 6 trucks and 90 bags arrived at Alexandria and the bulk was taken to store. One truck of f.a.q. sold at 3/8 per bushel.

Wheat receipts from interstate sources.

Consignments received to 20th June amounted to 2,091,393 bushels but 789,752 bushels in transit.

Maize supplies again very light.

Arrivals from local centres at Alexandria were again restricted, supplies totalling 3,361 bags compared with 6,012 bags in May, and comprised 1,864 bags of yellow and 1,497 bags of white. Very few lots were available for trading, the bulk being taken to store or for milling purposes. A few sales of yellow were made at 7/3 per bushel. Supplies from the North Coast in Sussex Street were exceptionally light, only 75 bags of yellow being received; no rates were disclosed.

Oats continue scarce.

The only arrivals of oats consisted of 3 trucks which were consigned direct to buyers.

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