

IV.—STATISTICS OF PHORMIUM TRADE.

TABLE A.—SHOWING the NUMBER and VALUE of BALES PHORMIUM FIBRE and Tow brought to Public Sale in London, from 23rd April, 1870, to 4th April, 1872 ; showing the CLASSIFICATION adopted by the English Brokers, and the QUANTITY and APPROXIMATE VALUE of each class.

	1ST QUALITY. Good to superior.	2ND QUALITY. Fairly cleaned.	3RD QUALITY. Fully three-quarters dressed.	4TH QUALITY. Half to three-quarters dressed.	5TH QUALITY. Common to rough, half-dressed.	Total.	Tow.
23rd April, 1870, to 20th May, 1870	198	189	310	287	66	1,050	...
20th May, " " 17th June, "	836	870	462	732	59	2,959	80
17th June, " " 15th July, "	36	619	400	999	430	2,484	252
15th July, " " 12th Aug., "	817	905	607	1,039	688	4,056	39
12th Aug., " " 9th Sept., "	477	745	1,125	863	131	3,341	28
9th Sept., " " 20th Oct., "	348	1,227	1,462	1,258	1,144	5,439	53
20th Oct., " " 22nd Nov., "	1,031	1,070	2,390	655	493	5,639	455
22nd Nov., " " 22nd Dec., "	539	623	247	275	156	1,840	23
22nd Dec., " " 24th Jan., 1871	302	236	410	56	67	1,071	207
24th Jan., 1871, " 21st Feb., "	37	504	955	251	543	2,290	34
21st Feb., " " 16th March, "	704	1,796	353	257	493	3,603	198
16th March, " " 13th April, "	147	97	96	173	157	670	18
13th April, " " 4th May, "	314	368	670	175	39	1,566	69
4th May, " " 1st June, "	425	927	634	185	36	2,207	31
1st June, " " 29th June, "	305	507	677	199	85	1,773	94
29th June, " " 27th July, "	313	530	210	20	16	1,089	299
27th July, " " 24th Aug., "	41	471	619	143	...	1,274	128
24th Aug., " " 21st Sept., "	117	88	1,021	68	17	1,311	215
21st Sept., " " 14th Oct., "	179	458	1,482	297	36	2,452	581
14th Oct., " " 16th Nov., "	...	299	658	358	...	1,315	221
16th Nov., " " 14th Dec., "	124	497	399	30	...	1,050	190
14th Dec., " " 11th Jan., 1872	...	711	683	77	...	1,471	233
11th Jan., 1872, " 8th Feb., "	30	556	183	122	...	888	21
8th Feb., " " 7th March, "	8	553	264	7	...	832	...
7th March, " " 4th April, "	342	509	206	...	...	1,057	20
Total number of Bales	7,670	15,355	16,520	8,526	4,656	52,727	3,489
Total value, reckoning 6 bales to 1 ton	£43,463	£76,775	£71,587	£35,520	£11,252	£238,597	...
Per centage of total Bales	14.6	29.1	31.3	16.2	8.8	...	...
" " in April and May, 1870	18.8	18.0	29.5	27.3	6.3	...	...
" " " " 1871	20.0	23.5	42.9	11.1	2.5	...	...
" " in March and April, 1872	32.4	48.1	19.5	...	...	...	...

The above Table has been compiled from Messrs. M'Landress, Hepburn & Co.'s "New Zealand Flax Circulars," which are prepared in London and sent out by every mail.

TABLE B.—SHOWING the VARIATIONS in the PRICE of PHORMIUM in the LONDON MARKET during 1870-72.

	1ST QUALITY. Good to superior.	2ND QUALITY. Fairly cleaned.	3RD QUALITY. Fully three-quarters dressed.	4TH QUALITY. Half to three-quarters dressed.	5TH QUALITY. Common to rough, half-dressed.
	£	£	£	£	£
23rd April, 1870, to 20th May, 1870	32	29 10s. to 27	26 to 24	21 10s. to 20	16 to 12 5s.
20th May, " " 17th June, "	29 to 30 10s.	28 to 25	24 to 22	21 to 18	17 to 15
17th June, " " 15th July, "	31	to	23	22 10s. to 18	16 to 12 10s.
15th July, " " 12th Aug., "	31	to 24	23	17 to 15	14 to 12
12th Aug., " " 9th Sept., "	31 10s. to 31 5s.	26 to 23	22 5s. to 18	17 5s. to 14	13 10s. to 11
9th Sept., " " 20th Oct., "	31 10s. to 28	26 to 24	22	to 16	15 to 12 5s.
20th Oct., " " 22nd Nov., "	35 to 30	28 15s. to 25	23 to 19 10s.	18 10s. to 16	14 10s. to 13
22nd Nov., " " 22nd Dec., "	36 10s. to 30	28 10s.	to 22	20 10s. to 18	15 10s. to 14
22nd Dec., " " 24th Jan., 1871	36 15s to 31 5s.	30 10s.	to 22 5s.	...	18 5s. to 16
24th Jan., 1871, " 21st Feb., "	...	24 5s. to 23	22 10s. to 19 15s.	17 15s.	16 10s. to 14
21st Feb., " " 16th March, "	34	28 5s. to 23 15s.	23 10s. to 19 5s.	18 5s. to 16 10s.	16 to 14
16th March, " " 13th April, "	34 to 29	...	23	19 10s. to 16	15 to 13
13th April, " " 4th May, "	33 to 29	27 5s. to 24 15s.	24 to 21	18 5s. to 16	15 to 14
4th May, " " 1st June, "	33 to 28 5s.	26 15s. to 24	23	to 18	14 10s.
1st June, " " 29th June, "	30	27 15s. to 25 15s.	...	...	16 to 15 5s.
29th June, " " 27th July, "	34 5s to 30 10s.	29 5s. to 25 5s.	25 to 18	17 10s.	...
27th July, " " 24th Aug., "	...	32	to 24	21 10s. to 21	...
24th Aug., " " 21st Sept., "	33 10s. to 32	29 10s. to 29	26 to 24	...	...
21st Sept., " " 14th Oct., "	31	29 10s. to 27 15s.	27 to 23 15s.	23 to 19 5s.	...
14th Oct., " " 16th Nov., "	...	30 10s. to 30 5s.	29 10s. to 24 10s.	24 to 22 5s.	...
16th Nov., " " 14th Dec., "	35 5s. to 33	32 5s. to 28 5s.	27 15s. to 24 15s.	24 to 22 10s.	...
14th Dec., " " 11th Jan., 1872	36	34 15s. to 20 5s.	30 to 26	25 15s. to 24	...
11th Jan., 1872, " 8th Feb., "	36	33 5s. to 31 10s.	30 15s. to 27	26	...
8th Feb., " " 7th March, "	38	36	to 28 10s.	27 to 25 5s.	...
7th March, " " 4th April, "	40 to 37 15s.	36 15s. to 35	34 5s. to 31 5s.	...	...
Variation of price during above period	40 to 28	36 15s. to 23	34 5s. to 18	27 to 14	18 5s. to 11
Approximate average price	£34	£30	£26	£20 10s.	£14 10s.