

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

COPY OF CABLEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON, TO THE PRIME MINISTER, DATED 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1917.

FOOD CONTROLLER has fixed maximum wholesale price of meat as follows: Home-killed beef, mutton, lamb, 1s. 1d. per pound; imported beef, mutton, lamb, 11½d. per pound. Retailers allowed to make 2½d. per pound or 20 per cent. profits, whichever is less, on their aggregate sales. It is proposed to raise wholesale price to butchers of New Zealand mutton from 9½d. to 10½d., and lamb from 10½d. to 11½d.; and one reason for this seems to be that it will justify continuance of high prices allowed to be charged for home-killed meat. The regulation still leaves it, in opinion of butchers, to make excessive profits on New Zealand and comparatively less on home-killed, thereby preventing public from benefiting from comparatively low prices wholesale New Zealand. Propose to approach Food Controller calling attention to this phase of question, and suggested that the order should be amended so as to be applicable to home-killed beef and to imported meat separately, and that not more than the 20-per-cent. or 2½d.-per-pound profit, as the case may be, should be made on either. Would submit for your consideration whether this should be done.

MACKENZIE.

[Reply.]

COPY OF CABLEGRAM FROM THE RIGHT HON. THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, DATED 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

YOUR cable of 3rd instant regarding wholesale meat prices: Agree your proposal to approach Food Controller on lines suggested.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS OF FROZEN MEAT PURCHASED ON BEHALF OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIPPED DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY, JUNE, AND JULY, 1917.

Date of Departure.	Steamer.	Wether Mutton.	Ewe Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Boneless Beef.	Mutton Pieces.
1917.		Carcases.	Carcases.	Carcases.	Quarters.		
April 3	Corinthia ..	21,047	4,905	41,385	2,311	..	..
" 5	Waiwera ..	13,750	10,993	19,915	4,251	..	..
" 6	Devon ..	33,462	24,404	28,995	13,902	532 sacks	..
" 7	Arawa ..	20,796	4,678	43,033	3,945	6 "	..
" 21	Leitrim ..	25,383	17,111	19,870	16,711	713 pkgs.	..
" 21	Waimate ..	26,049	1,086	418	7,998	..	..
" 26	Pakeha ..	42,720	1,673	23,618	7,228	..	427 cts.
" 26	Turakina ..	22,638	1,000	16,679	16,999	..	..
		205,845	65,850	193,913	73,345	1,251	427 cts.
May 5	Paparoa ..	23,317	863	7,353	21,530	249 bags	..
" 11	Ionic ..	17,881	7,142	20,136	10,625	127 "	..
" 14	Rimutaka ..	2,806	..	..	28,493	..	2,890 legs.
" 18	Zealandia ..	20,900	1,204	828	18,963	..	..
		64,904	9,209	28,317	79,611	376 bags	2,890 legs.
June 2	Remuera ..	37,116	10,387	26,007	15,761	73 bags	1,320 legs.
" 7	Kaikoura ..	27,227	9,973	48,440	8,951	94 "	65 bags.
" 12	Whakatane ..	21,582	9,189	18,843	14,070	8 pkgs.	..
" 12	Tahiti ..	2,111	..	..	..	..	..
" 26	Kumara ..	13,983	9,040	375	19,556	591 bags	..
		102,019	38,589	93,665	58,338	766	1,385
July 13	Port Lyttelton..	30,207	3,032	27,278	13,766	14 pkgs.	..
" 16	Athenic ..	28,752	4,687	603	15,507	120 bags	25 bags.
		58,959	7,719	27,881	29,273	134	25 bags.
	Grand totals..	431,727	121,367	343,776	240,567	2,527	4,727