

## COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

### SALE NO: 10

*FAIR DEMAND AT LOWER LEVELS.*

### HIGH GROWN TEAS

#### BOP

*Best Westerns were irregular and easier following quality. In the below best category a selection of brighter teas were dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg, others were barely steady. Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliyas were firm to dearer. Uva/Udapussellawas were mostly firm.*

#### BOPE

*Best Westerns declined Rs.20/- per kg and more at times. Teas in the below best category commenced Rs.20/- per kg lower but gained Rs.10/- per kg as the sale progressed. Plainer teas were fully firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas were dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Uvassellawas were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Uvas were firm on last.*

### UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

#### HIGH GROWN

*BP1s - Rs.10-20/- per kg lower. PF1s - Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.*

#### MEDIUM GROWN

*BP1s - Barely steady. PF1s - Rs.10/- per kg lower.*

### OFF GRADES

#### FGS1/FGS

*Best varieties declined Rs.10/- per kg. Below best sorts which commenced Rs.15-20/- per kg easier, were selling around last levels towards the closure of the sale. Poorer sorts gained Rs.10-15/- per kg. Low Grown - Best varieties were Rs.10/- per kg whilst below best and poorer sorts gained Rs.10-15/- per kg. CTC's in general were dearer Rs.20/- per kg.*

### DUSTS

#### DUST-1

*Select best primaries sold at last levels. High Grown Dust1's in the best category where quality was maintained were firm to irregularly lower. Balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. A selection of below best varieties sold at last levels following quality. Balance declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more. Poorer sorts declined further and were mostly unsellable. Best Mediums where*

quality was maintained were firm to irregularly lower. Balance along with the poorer sorts declined Rs.20/- per kg and more. Select best CTC's were firm to irregularly lower. Best and below best declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Poorer sorts declined sharply and were mostly unsellable. Best Low Grows declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Below best followed a similar trend. Poorest on offer were firm.

### **DUST**

Clean secondaries were firm. Below best declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Poorer sorts gained by a similar margin. Better CTC's were irregular and mostly lower. Others and poorer sorts declined sharply and were mostly discounted. Low Grows sold at last levels.

## **LOW GROWN TEAS**

### **FBOP/ FBOP1**

Except for few select best FBOP's sold around last levels, balance together with best declined. Cleaner below best were firm whilst others were irregularly lower following quality. Teas at the bottom were firm on last. FBOP1's in general were firm.

### **BOP**

Few select best maintained. Balance together with best were easier. Clean below best were firm, others were irregular following quality. Teas at the lower end were firm.

### **BOP1**

A few select best together with a limited selection of improved below best maintained. At the lower end few cleaner types maintained, others were lower.

### **OP1**

A few high priced teas maintained, others were irregular and mostly lower. Balance too declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and at times more for the teas that did not maintain leaf style.

### **OP**

High priced OP's were irregular and lower. A limited selection of below best OP's were fully firm, others were barely steady. At the lower end prices were fully firm.

### **OPA**

High priced OPA's were easier whilst a range of clean below best types maintained. Balance were easier. At the lower end however prices were fully firm to dearer.

### **PEKOE**

PEK1's were mostly firm to dearer with the below best types gaining up to Rs.20/- per kg at times. Better PEK's though irregular were firm, others particularly the bolder types were firm to selectively dearer. At the lower end however prices were barely steady.

### **BOPF**

Few select best maintained whilst balance together with best and below best declined. However the teas at the lower end were fully firm.

### **FBOPF/ FBOPF1**

Tippy teas in general declined sharply. However few leafier varieties in the best category maintained. Balance too were lower. Few select best FF1's were firm. Balance together with best were easier. Cleaner below best maintained. Balance irregular following quality. Teas at the bottom sold around last levels.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

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## TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 6 <sup>TH</sup> & 7 <sup>TH</sup> FEB. 2018		SALE NO. 10	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	700/-
Waltrim	Western High	BOPF	780/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF-1	620/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BPS	690/-
Florence	CTC High	BP-1	550/-

- All-time record price.