COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 31ST JULY & 1ST AUGUST 2018

SALE NO: 30

GOOD DEMAND WHICH IMPROVED FURTHER AS THE SALE PROGRESSED

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns were firm and gained Rs.20-30/- per kg and substantially more following special inquiry. Teas in the below best category were firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer. Plainer clean leaf teas were Rs.20/- per kg dearer, others were irregular following quality. Nuwara Eliyas were irregular and mostly easier following quality. Udapussellawas were irregular. Uvas - selection of teas including the seasonal teas were irregularly dearer following special inquiry, others were up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

BOPF

Best Westerns were firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer selectively following special inquiry. Teas in the below best category were irregular and mostly sold around last at the commencement of the sale and appreciated Rs.10-20/- per kg as the sale progressed. At the lower end, clean leaf sorts were Rs.20-30/- per kg dearer and more by the close, others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. Nuwara Eliyas together with the Udapussellawas were irregular following quality. Uvas - seasonal teas met with limited interest whilst the better coloury sorts gained up to Rs.50/- per kg, others were firm and Rs.20-30/- per kg dearer.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Better sorts were up to Rs.50/- per kg dearer, others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s - Better sorts were firm, others were irregular and tended easier. PF1s - Better sorts were Rs.30-40/- per kg dearer. Poorer sorts were firm and dearer to a lesser extent.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best together with below best varieties were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer following quality whilst poorer sorts declined Rs.20/- per kg and more towards the closure of the sale. Low Growns - Best together with below best varieties were firm on last whilst poorer sorts declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. CTC's in general were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries gained sharply. A selection of High Grown Dust1'S in the best and below best gained Rs.30-40/- per kg and more following quality. Balance gained Rs.20/- per kg and more. Others and poorer sorts gainedRs.10-20/- per kg. Better Mediums gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Below best firm to irregularly dearer. Poorest on offer irregular and were mostly discounted. Select best CTC's gained Rs.20-30/- per kg and more. Few best and below best PD's gained by a similar margin following quality. Balance along with the poorer sorts were irregularly lower and mostly discounted. Best Low Growns declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more. Below best declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts followed a similar trend.

DUST

OP

OPA

BOPF

FBOPF/ FBOPF1 Clean secondaries gained Rs.20-30/- per kg. Below best gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts irregularly dearer. Better CTC's gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts were irregularly lower and mostly discounted. Better Low Growns sold at last levels. Others and poorer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg.

LOW GROWN TEAS

	Few select best FBOP's were firm to dearer following special inquiry. Best
FBOP/	were lower. Below best and teas at the bottom declined. FBOP1's in general
FBOP1	were lower.

BOP Select best maintained. Best and below best eased. Teas at bottom declined.

A few select best together with improved below best were firm to irregularly dearer. All others were easier.

A selection of well made teas together with improved below best were firm to irregularly dearer. Balance eased following quality. At the lower end too prices were easier.

Better OP's together with a limited selection of clean below best held firm whilst others were lower. At the lower end too prices were irregular and lower. High priced teas together with clean below best maintained. At the lower end too a limited selection of cleaner teas were firm to marginally dearer. All others

were lower.

Best and below best PEK/PEK1's were fully firm to irregularly dearer. At the lower end a selection of bolder types gained Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst others were irregularly lower.

Few select best on offer maintained. All others were easier.

Few well made leafier varieties with a good show of tip maintained. Best eased Rs.30-40/- per kg whilst below best eased by similar margin. Few cleaner teas at the bottom maintained. Others lower. Few select best FF1's were firm. Best and below best eased. Teas at the bottom too declined.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	1 ST JULY & 1 ST IST 2018	SALE NO. 30	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Florence	CTC High	BP1	490/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF1	610/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1 BPS	480/- 490/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>