

# COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2019

## SALE NO: 04

**LESS DEMAND.**

### HIGH GROWN TEAS

#### BOP

*Best Westerns - few select invoices were dearer following special inquiry whilst the majority declined Rs.20-40/- per kg. In the below best category - here again a few select invoices were dearer following special inquiry whilst the others declined Rs.20/- per kg and more. At the lower end, clean leaf teas were dearer whilst the poor leaf sorts were irregularly easier. Nuwara Eliyas gained Rs.30- 50/- per kg and more following special inquiry. Udapussellawas were Rs.20/- per kg dearer on average. Uva - select invoices were substantially dearer, others were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.*

#### BOPF

*Best Westerns - few select invoices sold at firm to marginally easier rates, others declined Rs.30- 50/- per kg. Teas in the below best category were Rs.20-30/- per kg easier. At the lower end teas were firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliyas - select invoices were up to Rs.40/- per kg dearer, others were barely steady. Udapussellawas - better sorts gained Rs.20/- per kg and more, others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. Uvas were firm and mostly Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.*

### UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

#### HIGH GROWN

*BP1 - Firm. PF1s - Few select invoices were easier whilst the majority were up to Rs.20/- per kg lower.*

#### MEDIUM GROWN

*BP1- Up to Rs.20/- per kg easier. PF1s - Few select brighter liquoring sorts were firm, others were irregular and easier.*

### OFF GRADES

#### FGS1/FGS

*Few select best invoices together with clean below best varieties commenced firm to dearer but declined rs.15-20/- per kg towards the closure. Others firm on last. Poorer sorts gained Rs.10-15/- per kg and more. Low Grows in general firm. CTC's - best varieties declined. Below best sorts were firm whilst poorer sorts declined sharply and were mostly unsalable.*

### DUSTS

**DUST-1**

Select best primaries declined sharply. High Grown Dust1's in the best category declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more. Below best declined further. Poorest on offer declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more. Better mediums declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Others declined further. Select best CTC's declined Rs.30/- per kg and more. Best and below best declined to a lesser extent. Others and poorer sorts declined Rs.20/- per kg and more. Better Low Grows declined R.20/- per kg and more. Below best too declined by a similar margin. Poorer sorts irregular and mostly lower.

**DUST**

Clean secondaries declined sharply. Below best declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. CTC's declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Better Low Grows declined sharply. Others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg.

**LOW GROWN TEAS**

**FBOP/  
FBOP1**

Select best FBOP's were fully firm to selectively dearer. Best tended irregular. Cleaner below best sold around last levels. Balance were irregularly lower. FBOP1's in general firm.

**BOP**

Select best and best BOP's maintained. Cleaner below best too sold around last levels. Balance eased.

**BOP1**

A few select best together with a range of improved below best gained substantially. Others commenced around last levels but were irregular towards the close. At the lower end however prices were fully firm to dearer.

**OP1**

Generally firm to dearer particularly for the well made sorts.

**OP**

Selection of best and below best gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others were fully firm. At the lower end too prices gained on last.

**OPA**

High priced teas though irregular were firm. Others were fully firm to dearer. At the lower end prices commenced around last levels but gained substantially towards the close.

**PEKOE**

Select best PEK/PEK1's gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and at times more. Others were irregular particularly the PEK1's, PEK's were however firm. At the lower end prices were fully firm to dearer.

**BOPF**

In general lower.

**FBOPF/  
FBOPF1**

Very tippy teas declined. Best though irregularly were firm. Below best and teas at the bottom too were lower. Select best and best FF1's together with few cleaner below best maintained. Balance declined.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

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## TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 22 <sup>ND</sup> & 23 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2019		SALE NO. 04	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	650/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	BPS	500/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	490/-

- All-time record price.