COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 3RD & 4TH SEPTEMEBER 2019

SALE NO: 35

SELECT INVOICES OF WESTERNS AND UVAS SOLD WELL FOLLOWING QUALITY AND SPECIAL INQUIRY WHILST THE OTHERS MET WITH LESS DEMAND.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns - select invoices were firm whilst the others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more at times. In the below best category, few brighter sorts gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more whilst the others declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Plainer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more at times following quality. Overall Nuwara Eliyas met with better demand and a few select invoices gained sharply following special inquiry. Udapussellawa clean leaf brighter sorts gained substantially whilst the others were lower. A selection of Uva seasonal teas together with coloury sorts maintained whilst the others were irregular, particularly where quality was not maintained.

BOPF

Best Westerns - select invoices appreciated following special inquiry whilst the others were irregular and easier. Teas in the below best category which commenced firm, declined towards the latter part of the sale. Teas at the lower end too which commenced around last levels, declined sharply towards the close and at times were difficult of sale. A few brighter Nuwara Eliyas were firm to dearer following quality whilst the others declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Udapussellawa clean leaf varieties gained Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst the balance declined by a similar margin. Uva seasonal teas were firm but the coloury sorts declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more at times.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> GROWN BP1 - Dearer Rs.20-30/- per kg and more. PF1s - Declined by a similar margin.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1- Declined Rs.20/- per kg. PF1s - Firm.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

A few select best invoices appreciated following special inquiry whilst others together with below best declined Rs.10-15/- per kg. Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Low Growns - few select best invoices appreciated whilst others in general declined Rs.10-15/- per kg and more. CTC's - best varieties declined Rs.10-15/- per kg whilst below best and poorer sorts were firm on last.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries gained Rs.20/- per kg and more following special inquiry. Balance sold at last levels. High Grown Dust1's in the best and below best categories which commenced Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer, gained further towards the latter part of the sale following quality and special inquiry from the exporters and the local buyers. Others firm to irregularly lower. Poorest on offer declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and mostly discounted. Best Mediums gained sharply following quality. Balance sold at last levels. Others and poorer sorts firm to irregularly lower. Select best CTC's firm to irregularly dearer. Best and below best sold at last levels. Others and poorer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Better Low Growns firm on last week's closing levels. Below bes twere irregular and mostly lower. Poorest on offer declined Rs.20/- per kg and more.

DUST

FBOPF1

Clean secondaries gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more following quality. Below best sold at last levels. Poorest on offer gained sharply following special inquiry. CTC's firm to irregularly dearer. Better Low Growns sold at last levels.

Others irregularly lower.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1	Select best and best FBOP's were dearer. Cleaner bolder varieties maintained. Others tended irregular. Teas at the bottom were irregularly lower. Best and cleaner below best FBOP1's were firm. Others were easier. Select best maintained. Best sold on last levels. Cleaner below best were firm.
<u>BOP</u>	Others were lower.
BOP1	Select best were firm to irregularly dearer. Others were barely steady.
<u>OP1</u>	Select best were fully firm to dearer. Others and clean below best too were mostly firm. Balance declined following quality.
<u>OP</u>	A few well made OP's maintained. All others were mostly easier to last.
<u>OPA</u>	Were mostly irregular and lower Rs.10-15/- per kg and more particularly for the teas at the lower end. Well made PEK/PEK1's gained. Others were firm with the exception of a few
<u>PEKOE</u>	teas in the below best category that were lower following quality. At the lower end too prices were fully firm to dearer.
_	Few select best on offer were dearer following special inquiry. Best maintained.
BOPF	Others were irregularly lower.
ED 0.DE/	Very tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best were firm to dearer.
FBOPF/	Below best tended irregular. Teas at the bottom were lower following quality.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

Others were irregular and lower following quality.

Select best and best FF1's were firm to dearer. Below best were irregular.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	OF 3 RD & 4 TH EMBER 2019	SALE NO. 35	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	OP-1	980/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BPS	380/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>