COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 10TH & 11TH SEPTEMEBER 2019

SALE NO: 36

IMPROVED DEMAND FOR A SELECTION OF BETTER TEAS.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP Best Westerns were irregular following quality. Teas in the below best category declined Rs.20/- per kg and more following quality. At the lower end teas were difficult of sale. Nuwara Eliyas were irregular following quality. Udapussellawas - few select invoices were dearer following special inquiry. Majority were difficult of sale. Uva seasonal teas - prices tend to fluctuate following quality whilst the other coloury sorts were irregular.

BOPF Best Westerns - select invoices gained at times substantially following special inquiry. In the below best category, select better liquoring teas gained Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. At the lower end prices were barely steady. Nuwara Eliyas were barely maintained. Udapussellawas continued to be difficult of sale. Uva seasonal teas sold well though prices fluctuated following quality whilst the other coloury sorts were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> BP1 - Rs.20-40/- per kg lower. PF1s - Gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more for select invoices.

MEDIUM GROWN BP1- Rs.20-30/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS Best varieties declined Rs.20/- per kg, whilst below best together with poorer sorts too were lower Rs.10/-. Low Growns-Best varieties were firm. Below best and poorer sorts declined Rs.10-15/- per kg. CTC's in general were firm on last.

DUSTS

<u>DUST-1</u> Select best primaries firm to irregularly lower. High Grown Dust1's in the best and below best categories firm to irregularly dearer following quality. Balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorest on offer too followed a similar trend. Best Mediums declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Below best sold at

last levels. Poorest on offer too followed a similar trend. Few select best CTC's gained sharply following quality and special inquiry. Balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others and poorer sorts sold at last levels. Better Low Growns gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Below best firm to irregularly lower. Poorer sorts declined Rs.20/- per kg and more.

<u>DUST</u> Clean secondaries sold at last levels. Below best too followed a similar trend. Poorest on offer firm to irregularly lower. Better CTC's gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others were irregularly lower. Better Low Growns sold at last levels. Others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg.

LOW GROWN TEAS

Select best FBOP's were irregularly dearer. Best together with cleaner below best were firm to dearer. Balance firm on last. However, the bolder varieties FBOP/ eased. FBOP1's in general firm. FBOP1 Select best were firm. Best together with cleaner below best were firm to dearer. Balance sold around last levels. BOP Were fully firm to dearer. BOP1 High priced teas were irregular. Others and clean below best were firm. Balance were irregular following quality. OP1 High priced OP's were barely steady. Others and a range of clean below best were firm to irregularly dearer. At the lower end too cleaner types were firm. OP Balance were easier. High priced OPA's were irregular. Others and a selection of clean/improved **OPA** below best were firm to irregularly dearer. Balance were easier, particularly the stalky types at the lower end. Better PEK's though irregular were firm, whilst better PEK1's gained. Balance PEK/PEK1's were firm to dearer barring a selection of below best PEKOE types which were irregular following quality. BOPF in general were lower BOPF Very Tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Best together with cleaner below best were firm. Balance were irregular following quality. Select best and FBOPF/ best FF1's were firm to dearer. Cleaner below best too followed a similar trend. FBOPF1 Balance firm on last.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 10 TH & 11 TH SEPTEMBER 2019		SALE NO. 36	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	450/-
Florence	CTC High	PF-1	480/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>