

## COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

### SALE NO: 09

**LAST WEEK'S MOMENTUM ON THE SEASONAL TEAS WERE NOT MAINTAINED PRIMARILY DUE TO DECLINING QUALITY, WHILST THE OTHERS MET WITH FAIR GENERAL DEMAND.**

### HIGH GROWN TEAS

#### BOP

*Best Westerns - Select high priced teas of last week were mostly easier following quality, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, better sorts were Rs. 20 per kg lower, whilst the others declined further and were often difficult of sale. At the lower end, prices declined Rs. 20 per kg and more. Nuwara Eliyas - Select invoices sold continued to sell well at firm to dearer rates. Others were irregular. Uda Pussellawas continued to weaken following plainer quality. Uvas - Better teas firm and tended dearer, whilst the poorer sorts were substantially easier.*

#### BOPF

*Best Westerns - Select high priced teas were easier following quality, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, better sorts declined Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the others eased up to Rs. 30 per kg. At the lower end, clean leaf teas were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. Others lower by a similar margin. Nuwara Eliyas maintained. Uda Pussellawas were generally easier following poorer quality. Uvas declined Rs. 20 per kg and more following quality.*

### UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

#### HIGH GROWN

*BP1 - Substantially easier and mostly difficult of sale. PF1s - Where sold were barely steady, whilst many invoices were neglected due to a lack of interest.*

#### MEDIUM GROWN

*BP1 - Mostly unsold due to a lack of interest. PF1s - Better sorts firm and tended marginally dearer. Others were irregular.*

### OFF GRADES

#### FGS1/FGS

*Best together with below best varieties declined Rs. 10-15 per kg following quality. Poorer sorts too declined Rs. 10 per kg. Low Grown - Best together with below best varieties firm to dearer. Poorer sorts declined Rs. 10 per kg. CTC's in general were firm on last.*

### DUSTS

#### DUST-1

*Select best primaries firm at last levels. Dust1's in the best and below best*

category which commenced Rs. 30-40 per kg dearer declined by Rs. 10-20 per kg towards the closure. Below best followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts sold at last levels. Better mediums were firm. Others declined further Rs. 10-20 per kg as the sale progressed. A few select best CTC's gained sharply following special inquiry. Best and below best gained Rs. 10-20 per kg following quality. Others and poorer sorts sold at last levels. Few Low Growns sold at last levels following special inquiry. Balance declined Rs. 20-30 per kg.

**DUST**

Clean secondaries declined sharply by Rs. 10-20 per kg. Below best and poorer sorts too declined by a similar margin. CTC's were firm at last. Others and poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Better Low Growns declined Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Others and poorer sorts too declined by a similar margin.

**LOW GROWN TEAS**

**FBOP/  
FBOP1**

Select best and best FBOP's were firm to dearer whilst cleaner below best and teas at the bottom too appreciated. Balance were firm. FBOP1's in general were firm to dearer.

**BOP**

In general were firm.

**BOP1**

A range of better teas gained substantially. Others were fully firm to dearer.

**OP1**

OP1's were dearer all around with a range of select best varieties in particular gaining substantially.

**OP**

Better OP's were fully firm. Others and cleaner varieties in the below best category were fully firm to dearer. Teas at the lower end were fully firm.

**OPA**

A selection of better OPA's maintained while cleaner varieties in the below best category were fully firm to dearer. Bottom end teas were fully firm to dearer.

**PEKOE**

Better PEK/PEK1's together with a range of bolder types were fully firm to dearer. Others which commenced irregular gained as the sale progressed and closed fully firm to dearer.

**BOPF**

Select best and best BOPF were easier however cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the bottom were dearer. Others were irregular following quality.

**FBOPF/  
FBOPF1**

Very tippy teas continued to attract good demand and were dearer. Best and below best together with the cleaner teas at the bottom too appreciated whilst balance were firm on last. Select best and best FF1's appreciated. Below best were irregular following quality. Balance were firm on last.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

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## TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 3 <sup>RD</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020		SALE NO. 09	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	590/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1 BPS	420/- 450/-

- All-time record price.