

# COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

## SALE NO: 11

### **IMPROVED DEMAND FOR THE BETTER TEAS.**

#### HIGH GROWN TEAS

##### **BOP**

*Best Westerns, where quality was maintained, were firm and dearer at times substantially following special inquiry. In the Below Best category, brighter sorts were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer. Others were irregular. Plainer clean leaf sorts were Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. Others were irregular. Nuwara Eliyas continued to sell well. Uda Pussellawas were neglected. Uvas were irregular following quality.*

##### **BOPE**

*Best Westerns - Select high price teas tended easier. Others were irregular. In the Below Best category, brighter sorts were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer. Others were irregular. At the lower end, clean leaf teas were Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. Others were irregular. Nuwara Eliyas - Better teas sold well at dearer rates. Others were difficult of sale. Uda Pussellawas were barely steady. Uvas sold around last, though irregular following quality.*

#### UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

##### **HIGH GROWN**

*Slightly better demand to last. PF1s - Select invoices were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer following special inquiry. Others sold around last.*

##### **MEDIUM GROWN**

*Difficult of sale. PF1s - Firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg lower.*

#### OFF GRADES

##### **FGS1/FGS**

*A selection of better teas maintained, whilst teas at the Below Best category declined Rs. 10-20 per kg. Others firm on last. Low Grown- Best varieties were fully firm to selectively dearer by Rs. 10-20 per kg. Others in general were fully firm. CTC's in general were lower by Rs. 10-20 per kg.*

#### DUSTS

##### **DUST-1**

*Select Best primaries firm to selectively dearer. High Grown Dust1's in the Best category gained Rs. 10-20 per kg. Below Best gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more at times. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Better Mediums were firm on*

*last. Others and poorer sorts were barely steady. Select Best CTC's sold around last levels. Best and Below Best firm to selectively dearer. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Better Low Grown were irregularly easier. Below Best and poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-20 per kg.*

**DUST**

*Cleaner secondaries were firm on last. Below Best and poorer sorts were firm to easier. Better CTC's were selectively dearer. Others firm on last. Better Low Grown were irregularly easier. Below Best and poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-20 per kg.*

**LOW GROWN TEAS**

**FBOP/  
FBOP1**

*Few Select Best FBOP's appreciated. Balance together with Best were firm. Cleaner Below Best sold around last levels, whilst balance were easier following quality. However, teas at the bottom were fully firm. FBOP1's in general firm.*

**BOP**

*Select Best and Best BOP's firm, whilst Below Best were easier following quality. Teas at the bottom maintained.*

**BOP1**

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

**OP1**

*OP1's were fully firm to dearer, particularly for a selection of cleaner Below Best varieties which gained substantially.*

**OP**

*Select Best OP's were fully firm to dearer. Others and cleaner varieties in the Below Best category too followed a similar trend. Teas at the lower end were firm.*

**OPA**

*A few Select Best varieties maintained, whilst others were irregular. Cleaner teas in the Below Best category were firm to dearer. Bottom end teas were fully firm.*

**PEKOE**

*Better PEK/PEK1's together with a range of bolder varieties were fully firm to dearer, whilst teas at the lower end maintained.*

**BOPF**

*Select Best and Best declined, whilst Below Best and teas at the bottom sold around last levels.*

**FBOPE/  
FBOPF1**

*Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best too sold around last levels. Below Best together with the teas at the bottom declined. Select Best and Best FF1's maintained, whilst Below Best categories declined. Teas at the bottom were firm on last.*

*Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.*

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## TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 18 <sup>TH</sup> & 19 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020		SALE NO. 11	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	590/-

- All-time record price.