

# COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

## SALE NO: 04

### FAIR DEMAND AT LOWER LEVELS

### HIGH GROWN TEAS

#### BOP

*Best Westerns gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more following special inquiry on quality, whilst the others were irregularly lower. In the Below Best category the brighter sorts were firm, whilst the others were irregular and tended easier. At the lower end, clean leaf varieties were firm, whilst the others were barely steady. Nuwara Eliyas were neglected. Uda Pussellawas were firm. Better Uvas declined, whilst the others were firm.*

#### BOPF

*Best Westerns - brighter sorts were Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregularly lower. Below Best too declined Rs. 10-20 and more. At the lower end, clean leaf varieties were dearer by Rs. 10 per kg, whilst the others were irregular. Nuwara Eliyas were neglected. Uda Pussellawas were firm. Best Uvas on offer declined sharply, whilst the others were firm.*

### UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

#### HIGH GROWN

*BP1 - Lower by Rs. 10-20 per kg. PFIs - Best declined by Rs. 30-40 per kg and more, whilst the others sold at last levels.*

#### MEDIUM GROWN

*BP1 - Declined Rs. 20-30 per kg. PFIs - Few select invoices gained on special inquiry. Others irregular.*

### OFF GRADES

#### FGS1/FGS

*Best varieties commenced firm but declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg towards the closure of the sale. Below best varieties firm. Poorer sorts were firm to dearer. Low Grown - Best varieties were firm to lower whilst below best together with poorer sorts gained Rs. 10-15/- per.kg. CTC's Best varieties firm whilst others declined.*

### DUSTS

#### DUST-1

*Select best primaries declined sharply. High Grown Dust1's in the best category declined Rs. 20/- per kg and more. A selection of below best varieties*

were firm following quality. Balance declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Poorer sorts irregularly lower. Best Mediums declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Others declined further. A few select best CTC's gained sharply following special inquiry. Balance declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg and more. Best varieties sold at last levels. Below best declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg. Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Better Low Grown's declined sharply. Below best declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts declined further

### **DUST**

Clean secondaries declined Rs. 20/- per kg and more. Below best varieties firm to irregularly lower. Poorer sorts gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. CTC's declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Better Low Grown's declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg. Others declined further.

### **LOW GROWN TEAS**

#### **FBOP/ FBOP1**

Few select best FBOP's maintained. Balance together with best were easier. Cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the bottom sold around last levels. Balance together with the bolder varieties declined. FBOP1's in general were easier.

#### **BOP**

Few select best BOP's were firm. Balance together with best and below best were lower. Teas at the bottom were firm to marginally dearer.

#### **BOP1**

Better BOP1's were fully firm to selectively dearer. Others and cleaner teas in the below best category too followed a similar trend. Bottom end teas were fully firm.

#### **OP1**

Select best varieties were fully firm to selectively dearer. Others and cleaner varieties were fully firm. Poorer varieties gained exceptionally.

#### **OP**

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

#### **OPA**

Better OPA's maintained while teas in the below best category were irregular and mostly lower. Teas at the lower end were fully firm to dearer.

#### **PEKOE**

Select best PEK/PEK1's were firm while teas in the below best category were irregular and mostly lower. Teas at the bottom end were fully firm to dearer.

#### **BOPF**

Select best and best declined. Balance sold around last levels.

#### **FBOPE/ FBOPF1**

Very tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Best too sold around last levels. Few cleaner below best maintained. Others together with teas at the bottom were lower following quality. Few select best FF1's were firm. Balance together with best were easier. Few cleaner below best sold on last levels. Balance declined, however teas at the bottom were fully firm.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

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## TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 28 <sup>TH</sup> & 29 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020		SALE NO. 04	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOPS OP	880/- 760/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	BP-1 BPS	490/- 480/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	490/-
Florence	CTC High	BP-1	480/-

- All-time record price.