Colombo Tea Auction - Sale Of 26th/27th May 2015

SALE NO: 20

TEA MARKET

FAIR DEMAND AT IRREGULAR RATES FOLLOWING QUALITY

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's were irregular and tended easier following quality. In the below best category a few select invoices which maintained previous levels of quality gained Rs. 10/- per kg and more whilst the others together with the plainer sorts were mostly Rs. 5-10/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliya's declined sharply following quality. Uva/Udapussellawa's-a few clean leaf teas gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more whilst the others were irregular and tended easier.

BOPF

Best Western's where quality was maintained sold around last week's levels whilst the others were irregular following quality. Teas in the below best category declined Rs. 10/- per kg and more following quality. Plainer sorts were Rs. 5-10/- per kg lower mostly following quality. Nuwara Eliya BOPF's were irregular following quality. Uva/Udapussellawa's-mostly sold around last week's levels. However a few clean leaf teas were tended dearer.

<u>UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)</u>

HIGH GROWN

BP1s – Firm and tended marginally easier. PF1s – Clean leaf teas-firm. Others were difficult of sale.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s – Clean neat leaf types-tended dearer. Others were irregular and tended easier. PF1s – Clean leaf teas-Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer. Others were irregular following quality.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best liquorings in the High and Medium categories were easier Rs. 5-10/- per kg, whilst cleaner below best varieties were firm. Others lost Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more at times. Low Growns - Best varieties were easier Rs. 10-15/- per kg, whilst below best and poorer sorts too were easier Rs. 5-10/- per kg. CTC- Best varieties were firm on last, whilst below best varieties were irregularly dearer.

DUSTS

DUST1

Select best primaries sold at last levels. A few High Grown D1's in the best and below best categories sold at last levels following quality. Balance along with the poorer sorts declined by Rs. 15-20/- per kg and more. Best Mediums sold at last levels. Poorer sorts declined by Rs. 15-20/- per kg. Best CTC's declined by Rs. 10-15/- per kg. Below best sold at last levels. Poorer sorts were discounted. Best Low Grown's were firm to irregularly lower. Below best declined by Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more. Poorest on offer declined further.

DUST

Clean secondaries were firm to irregularly lower. Below best declined by Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Poorest on offer sold at last levels. Better CTC's were firm. Poorer sorts were discounted. Better Low Grown's declined by Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Poorer sorts declined further.

LOW GROWN TEAS

<u>FBOP/</u>
FBOP1

Select best and best appreciated. Cleaner below best sorts too appreciated. Others together with teas at the bottom tended irregular. Best FBOP1's were dearer. Others tended irregular.

BOP

Select best and best were firm to dearer. Others irregular.

BOP1

A range of better BOP1's together with the cleaner below best were dearer. Others firm.

<u>OP1</u>

Better OP1's together with the cleaner below best were firm. Others were dearer following quality. At the lower end teas were fully firm.

OP

Better OP's were firm to dearer. Others were firm following quality. At the lower end prices were firm.

OPA

Better OPA's were fully firm to dearer. Others too were dearer following quality. At the lower end teas held firm, and declined towards the close.

PEKOE

Better PEK/PEK1's were fully firm to irregularly dearer. Bolder types were firm to dearer. Balance were barely steady.

BOPF A few select best were firm to dearer. All others were easier.

FBOPF/ FBOPF1

Very tippy teas too attracted good demand particularly the leafier tip. Best maintained. Clean leaf teas at the bottom were firm to dearer. Others tended lower. Select best and best FBOPF1's were dearer. Cleaner below best sorts maintained. Others were irregularly lower.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.