Colombo Tea Auction - Sale Of 5th & 6th December 2016

SALE NO: 48

GOOD GENERAL DEMAND

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's were irregular and mostly lower. In the below best category brighter sorts declined by Rs. 20/- per kg whilst the others were firm and lower to a lesser extent. Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliya's were Rs. 10-20/- per kg lower. Udapussellawa's declined Rs. 20/- per kg and more for last week's high priced teas. Uva's were firm and Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer.

BOPF

Best Western's - At the commencement of the sale declined Rs. 20-40/- per kg. However, towards the latter part of the sale, majority of the teas were firm with select invoices recording a Rs. 10-20/- per kg gain. Teas in the below best category which were initially up to Rs. 20-30/- per kg easier were lower to a lesser extent by the close. Plainer sorts were Rs. 10/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliya's were firm. Udapussellawa's were Rs. 10-20/- per kg lower. Select best Uva's were firm whilst the others were irregularly easier.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Firm. PF1s - Sold around last week's levels.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s - Firm around last. PF1s - Select high priced teas of last week declined Rs.20/- per kg. Others were firm and lower to a lesser extent.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties were Rs.5-10/- per kg dearer. Below best varieties gained Rs.10-15/- per kg whilst poorer sorts were firm on last. Low Growns in general dearer Rs.10/- per kg. CTC - Best and below best varieties were dearer Rs.10/- per kg whilst poorer sorts were firm on last.

DUST-1

Select best primaries declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. High Grown Dust1's in the best and below best categories where quality was maintained declined Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst others and poorer sorts declined further. Best Mediums sold at last levels following quality. Others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Select best CTC's declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Best and below best declined to a lesser extent. Poorest on offer too followed a similar trend. Best Low Growns sold at last levels. Below best irregularly dearer. Poorer sorts sold at last levels.

DUST

Clean secondaries sold at last levels. Below best dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorest on offer gained further. CTC's declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Better Low Growns gained Rs.10/- per kg. Others sold at last levels.

LOW GROWN TEAS

	Few select best FBOP's were firm. Balance together with the best declined.
FBOP/	Below best too declined sharply. Few cleaner teas at the bottom were firm.
FBOP1	Others were irregular and mostly lower. FBOP1's in general were lower.
	Few select best BOP's maintained. Balance lower. Few cleaner teas in the
BOP	below best and bottom were firm. Others irregular and mostly lower.
	Select best were irregular and lower. Others particularly the clean/improved
BOP1	below best were fully firm.
	High priced OP1's of last week were irregular and lower. A limited selection of
<u>OP1</u>	clean below best maintained. All others were barely steady.
	High priced OP's declined. Others and clean below best though irregular were
<u>OP</u>	generally firm. At the lower end the stalky types were lower.
	High priced OPA's declined. Others too were irregular and often lower. At the
<u>OPA</u>	lower end cleaner types maintained. Balance were lower.
	Baring a few shotty well made PEK's that maintained all others declined
<u>PEKOE</u>	whilst PEK1's particularly the better sorts were fully firm to dearer. Others
	were however barely steady.
	Best BOPF's were easier. Few clean below best firm. Balance irregular.
BOPF	, and the second
ED ODE/	Very tippy teas maintained. Teas in the best and below best categories tended
FBOPF/	irregular. Few cleaner teas at the bottom were firm. Others were easier. Select
FBOPF1	best and best FBOPF1's were easier. Few clean below best and cleaner teas at

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TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	ALE OF DECEMBER 2016	SALE NO. 48	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOP BOP1	780/- 890/-
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	560/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	PFGS	580/-
Florence	CTC High	PF-1 BP-1 PD	*610/- 510/- 620/-

^{*} All time record price.