COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 2ND & 3RD MAY 2017

<u>SALE NO: 17</u>

FAIR DEMAND AT EASIER RATES

HIGH GROWN TEAS

- **BOP** Best Western's declined Rs. 20/- per kg. In the below best category brighter sorts were Rs. 10- 20/- per kg lower whilst the others eased further. Plainer sorts declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more for the poor leaf teas. Nuwara Eliya's declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg in most instances. Udapussellawa's declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg and more for the poorer sorts. Uva's declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more for the poorer sorts.
- **BOPF** Best Western's declined Rs. 20-40/- per kg. Teas in the below best category which at the commencement of the sale were Rs. 20-30/- per kg lower eased up to Rs. 40/- per kg by the close. Plainer sorts which were Rs. 10-20/- per kg easier at the commencement declined Rs. 30/- per kg and more by the close. Nuwara Eliya's few select invoices were firm and tended dearer following special inquiry whilst the majority declined Rs. 20/- per kg. Uva/Udapussellawa's were Rs. 20/- per kg lower.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> BP1s - Rs.10/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Firm and Rs.10/- per kg lower. **GROWN**

MEDIUM GROWN BP1s - Firm and Rs.10/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Firm and Rs.10/- per kg lower.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS Best varieties were lower Rs.30/- per kg and more. Below best varieties were lower Rs.20/- per kg and more towards the closure. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Low Growns - Commenced firm but declined Rs.10-15/- per kg towards the closure. CTC's - In general were firm on last.

DUSTS

DUST-1 Select best primaries sold at last levels. High Grown Dust1's in the best category declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. A selection of below best varieties maintained last week's closing levels following quality. Balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Best mediums were irregular and mostly lower. Others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Select best CTC's sold at last levels. A selection of best and below best varieties too followed a similar trend. Others and poorer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best Low Growns declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Below best declined further. Poorer sorts were irregular and mostly lower.

<u>DUST</u> Clean secondaries held firm. Below best followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts were firm to irregularly lower. Better CTC's sold at last levels. Others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Low Growns declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/	Select best were firm to dearer. Best and well made teas in the below best maintained. Teas where quality was not maintained were irregularly lower.
<u>FBOP1</u>	Cleaner teas at the bottom were firm. Others tended irregular. Select best and best FBOP1's were firm. Others were irregular following quality. Select best and best were firm to dearer. Cleaner teas in the below best and
BOP	bottom end too were firm. Others tended irregular.
<u>BOP1</u>	High priced BOP1's were irregular. Others and a selection of improved sorts were firm to selectively dearer. At the lower end too prices were fully firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer.
<u>OP1</u>	In general were Rs.10-15/- per kg dearer and more particularly for the better/improved sorts.
<u>OP</u>	Select best OP's were firm. Others gained.
<u>OPA</u>	<i>High priced OPA's though irregular were firm. Balance gained Rs.10-15/- per kg and more.</i>
<u>PEKOE</u>	Select best PEK's together with the bolder types were barely steady. Others were fully firm to dearer with the below best PEK1's in particular at times gaining Rs.10-20/- per kg.
BOPF	Select best and best maintained. Teas at the bottom were firm to dearer.
<u>FBOPF/</u> FBOPF1	Well made Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and well made teas in the below best were firm. Others were irregularly lower following quality. Select best FF1's maintained. Best were firm. Cleaner below best and bottom end maintained. Others tended irregular.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	OF 2 ND & 3 RD AY 2017	SALE NO. 17	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	FBOP	780/-
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	630/-
Adisham	Western High	FGS1	*715/-
Florence	CTC High	BP1	600/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	PF1 BPS PFGS	640/- 610/- 640/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	BPS	610/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>