COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 28TH & 29TH MARCH 2017

SALE NO: 13

FAIR DEMAND.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best and below best Westerns which commenced at Rs. 10/- per kg lower, declined further as the sale progressed. Plainer sorts were Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliya's - maintained. Uva/Udapussellawa's Rs. 10-20/-per kg dearer.

BOPF

Teas in the best and below best categories declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more as the sale progressed. Plainer sorts which commenced Rs. 10/- per kg easier eased further as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's gained Rs. 50/- per kg and more. Uva/Udapussellwa's - clean leaf brighter sorts were firm whilst the others were irregular.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> GROWN

BP1s - Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Firm.

MEDIUM GROWN BP1s - Rs.10- 20/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Declined Rs.10/- per kg and more following quality.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Below best varieties were dearer Rs.10-15/- per kg. Poorer sorts too gained Rs.10/- per kg and more at times. Low Growns - In general were dearer Rs.10/- per kg and more at times. CTC's - A few select best invoices were dearer Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst below best were firm on last. Poorer sorts were dearer Rs.10/- per kg.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. A selection of High Grown Dust 1's gained sharply following special inquiry. Balance sold at last levels. Poor secondary types were irregular and mostly lower. Better Mediums sold at last levels. Others declined Rs. 10/- per kg and more. Select best CTC's declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Best and below best too followed a similar trend to a lesser extent. Poorest on offer were firm to irregularly lower. Better Low Growns gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Below best gained to a lesser extent. Poorest on offer were irregular and mostly lower.

DUST

Clean secondaries declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Below best declined to a lesser extent. Poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Better CTC's sold at last levels. Others declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Low Grown's gained Rs. 10/-per kg and more. Others were irregular and mostly lower.

LOW GROWN TEAS

<u>FBOP/</u> <u>FBOP1</u> <u>BOP</u>	Select best FBOP were firm to dearer. Few well made teas in the best maintained. Others together with the below best were irregular. Teas at the bottom maintained. FBOP1's followed a similar trend. Select best BOP's were dearer. Best and cleaner below best were firm to dearer. Teas at the bottom maintained.
<u>BOP1</u>	Better BOP1's gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others were fully firm to dearer.
	A selection of better OP1's gained by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others too gained but
<u>OP1</u>	to a lesser extent. Better OP's were dearer by Rs.10-15/- per kg. Others were firm. Teas at the
<u>OP</u>	lower end gained by Rs.5-10/- per kg.
ODA	Better OPA's were firm to dearer. Below best sorts were fully firm. At the
<u>OPA</u>	lower end prices gained by Rs.10-15/- per kg and more. Select best PEK/PEK1's were fully firm. Others particularly the bolder types
PEKOE	gained sharply, particularly more towards the close.
2022	Select best and best maintained. Below best and teas at the bottom were
BOPF	irregular.
EDODE/	Few well made tippy teas maintained. Best and below best were lower
FBOPF/	following quality. Select best FBOPF1's were firm to dearer. Best and below
FBOPF1	best maintained. Bottom too sold around last levels.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	F 28 TH & 29 TH RCH 2017	SALE NO. 13	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOPS	740/-
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	670/-
Waltrim	Western High	BOP BOPF	700/- 720/-
Florence	CTC High	PF1	670/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF1 BPS	670/- 630/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>