

## COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

### SALE NO: 20

**FAIR DEMAND AT IRREGULARLY EASIER RATES MOSTLY FOLLOWING QUALITY**

### HIGH GROWN TEAS

#### BOP

*Best Western's – Few select invoices were firm and dearer following special inquiry whilst the majority declined Rs. 20/- per kg. In the below best category clean leaf coloury types were firm whilst the others together with the plainer sorts were Rs. 20/- per kg lower. Nuzwara Eliya's – few select invoices were irregularly dearer following special inquiry whilst the others were firm. Uva/Udapussellawa's declined Rs. 20/- per kg and more following quality.*

#### BOPE

*Best Western's declined Rs. 20/- per kg. Teas in the below best and plainer categories declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg. Nuzwara Eliya's were firm and Rs. 10/- per kg dearer on average. Udapussellawa's were Rs. 30/- per kg lower. Uva's declined Rs. 30-40/- per kg and more following quality.*

### UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

#### HIGH GROWN

*BP1s - Substantially lower by Rs.30-50/- per kg. PF1s - Rs.20-30/- per kg lower.*

#### MEDIUM GROWN

*BP1s - Firm and Rs.20-30/- per kg lower on last week's high priced teas. PF1s - Rs.20-30/- per kg lower.*

### OFF GRADES

#### FGS1/FGS

*Best varieties were firm to Rs.10/- per kg lower. Below best varieties were firm on last. Poorer sorts were lower Rs.10-15/- per kg and more towards the close of the sale. Low Grown - Best varieties were lower Rs.20-25/- per kg and more towards the closure. Below best varieties were firm to Rs.10/- per kg lower. Poorer sorts were lower Rs.10-15/- per kg and more. CTC's - Best and below best varieties were firm on last whilst poorer sorts were lower Rs.15/- per kg and more.*

## DUSTS

### DUST-1

Select best primaries declined sharply. High Grown Dust1's in the best and below best categories where quality was maintained declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Balance along with the poorer sorts declined further. Best mediums sold at last levels. Others declined Rs.20/- per kg and more. Select best CTC's declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Best and below best firm to irregularly lower. Poorer sorts sold at last levels. Best Low Grows declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Below best declined further. Poorer sorts sold at last levels.

### DUST

Clean secondaries were firm. Below best declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Better CTC's declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others declined further. Best Low Grows declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts were firm to irregularly lower.

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### FBOP/ FBOP1

Select best FBOP's were firm to dearer. Few well made teas in the best category maintained. Others were irregular and at times lower. Cleaner below best and bottom were firm. Others where quality was not maintained were lower. Well made FBOP1's maintained. Others were discounted marginally.

### BOP

Select best and best BOP's were firm. Cleaner below best too were firm. Others were lower following quality.

### BOP1

Better BOP1's though irregular were firm. Others were easier Rs.5-10/- per kg and at times more.

### OP1

Select best OP1's were generally firm. Others were barely steady, particularly where quality was not maintained. Balance were generally firm to dearer.

### OP

Better OP's were easier Rs.5-10/- per kg and more. Others were firm.

### OPA

Better OPA's were barely steady. Balance particularly the cleaner teas at the lower end were fully firm to dearer.

### PEKOE

High priced PEK/PEK1's were barely steady. Others particularly a range of bold PEK's together with neat PEK1's maintained. At the lower end too prices were generally firm to dearer.

### BOPF

Select best and best maintained. Cleaner teas at the bottom were firm. Others were discounted following quality.

### FBOPF/ FBOPF1

Well made Tippy teas attracted good demand. Best and cleaner teas in the below best too were firm to dearer. Others were irregular following quality. Select best FBOPF1's were firm. Well made teas in the best and below best maintained together with the cleaner teas at the bottom. Others were irregularly lower mostly following quality.

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## TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

| SALE OF 23 <sup>RD</sup> & 24 <sup>TH</sup><br>MAY 2017 |                | SALE NO. 20 |                |
|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| MARK  | REGION         | GRADE       | PRICE          |
| Kenilworth  | Western Medium | BOP<br>OP1  | 760/-<br>880/- |
| Vellaioya   | Western Medium | BOPF        | 580/-          |
| Strathdon   | CTC Medium     | PF1<br>BP1  | 550/-<br>540/- |
| Carolina  | CTC Medium     | BPS         | 570/-          |
| Florence  | CTC High       | BP1<br>PD   | 550/-<br>720/- |

- All-time record price.