

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICE of BRITISH CORN per Hundred-weight of 112 Imperial Pounds,* as received from the INSPECTORS of CORN RETURNS in the week ended 24th December, 1938, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, and the Corn Sales Act, 1921:—

| British Corn. | Quantities Sold. | Average Price per Cwt. |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | Cwt. | s. d. |
| WHEAT | 372,186 | 4 4 |
| BARLEY | 366,865 | 7 8 |
| OATS | 50,960 | 6 1 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the Corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1934 to 1937:—

| Week ended. | Quantities Sold. | | | Average Price per Cwt. | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| | Wheat. | Barley. | Oats. | Wheat. | Barley. | Oats. |
| | Cwt. | Cwt. | Cwt. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| 22nd December, 1934 ... | 285,956 | 262,769 | 43,249 | 4 10 | 8 5 | 6 8 |
| 21st December, 1935 ... | 329,616 | 310,729 | 31,345 | 5 8 | 8 3 | 5 11 |
| 26th December, 1936 ... | 201,084 | 271,972 | 40,675 | 9 1 | 9 9 | 7 2 |
| 25th December, 1937 ... | 136,145 | 163,744 | 21,950 | 8 5 | 13 5 | 8 2 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for each of the Four previous Weeks:—

| Week ended. | Quantities Sold. | | | Average Price per Cwt. | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| | Wheat. | Barley. | Oats. | Wheat. | Barley. | Oats. |
| | Cwt. | Cwt. | Cwt. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| 26th November, 1938 ... | 365,169 | 485,676 | 65,888 | 4 3 | 7 5 | 5 11 |
| 3rd December, 1938 ... | 379,954 | 512,435 | 71,078 | 4 3 | 7 6 | 6 0 |
| 10th December, 1938 ... | 338,416 | 513,199 | 61,696 | 4 3 | 7 7 | 5 11 |
| 17th December, 1938 ... | 402,458 | 417,629 | 63,324 | 4 3 | 7 8 | 6 0 |

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act 1921, provides that, in the weekly summary of quantities and prices, each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve imperial standard pounds.

NOTE.—The prices in the first statement above are based on returns received from Inspectors during the week ending 24th December, 1938, and represent on the whole the average prices ruling in the week ending 17th December, 1938. The weeks cited in the comparative statements are similarly to be regarded as weeks of Inspectors' returns.

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