



**LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD**  
**TEA MARKET REPORT**

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**SALE NO.10 OF 06<sup>TH</sup> & 07<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018.**

**COMMENTS**

This week's offer quantity of 5.8 Mkgs was almost 0.2Mkgs below the previous weeks weight. Low Grown amounted to 2.6Mkgs whilst to Estate teas totaled 0.9Mkgs.

The demand for Low Grown was once again lower from buyers for Iran which is a key destination for Ceylon teas. Iran is bracing for a stretch of holidays due to commence from 20<sup>th</sup> March onwards when Oil Nationalization day and Noorooz or Persian New Year which are all National Holidays will be celebrated. Business during this period is known to be slack and normal buying interest for this market is expected to rebound only in about a fortnight time. Buyers for other Middle Eastern destinations as well as the CIS countries and Turkey continued to be active although at lower levels.

The teas on offer in the Ex Estate catalogue were in receipt of widespread buying interest with a major liquoring buyer showing more force than in the auctions concluded during the past few weeks. Western quality however, was overall on the decline and prices for the select best teas often followed quality. The "Tea Bag" sector too was more active which saw a reduced number of out lots this week. Buyers for Europe, Japan and Hong Kong lent useful support.

This week's auction comprised of 10,241 lots with a total quantity of 5,819,735 Kgs. The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>LOTS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Low Grown Leafy	3,431	1,529,927
Low Grown Tippy	1,903	1,039,388
High & Medium	974	482,893
Off Grades/BOPIA	2,097	1,143,777
Dust	617	630,207
Premium Flowery	422	83,143
Ex-Estate	<u>797</u>	<u>910,400</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,241</u></b>	<b><u>5,819,735</u></b>

**CROP & WEATHER**

**FOR THE PERIOD 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018 – 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018.**

**Western /Udapussellawa /Uva Regions:** Bright mornings with regular evening showers were reported throughout the week. **Nuwara Eliya:** Bright weather was reported with rainy conditions towards the latter part of the week.

**Low Grown:** Bright mornings with occasional evening showers were reported.

**Crop Intake:** Western, Nuwara Eliya, Udapussellawa and Uva regions maintained whilst Low grown both Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa showed an increase.

**In Lighter Vein**

**Little Johnny's Mom has issues**

*Little Johnny's mother was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked four-year-old Johnny to answer the phone.*

*Little Johnny ran out into the living room and answered the phone. "Mommy, it's the minister," he said to his mother. From the kitchen, Johnny's mom said, "Tell him I'll call him back."*

*Little Johnny spoke into the phone saying, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."*

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**LOW GROWNS - LEAFY**

**BOP1:** A few teas in the best category maintained; balance was irregular and mostly lower by Rs.20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end held firm.

**OP1 :** Select best invoices advanced by Rs.30-40/- and at times more; balance was lower by Rs.20-30/- and at times were difficult of sale. Stalky teas were generally firm.

**OP :** Best teas were irregular; balance was lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end maintained.

**OPA :** Select best teas met with fair demand; balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg; Poorer sorts fully firm to dearer by Rs.10-15/- per kg.

**PEK/PEK1:** Well made shotty invoices met with good demand; balance was dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg. A selection of bolder Pekoe's maintained; balance was irregularly lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end declined by Rs.20-30/- and at times were difficult of sale.

**Quotations (Rs./Kg)**

	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>BOP1</b>	850-960	860-960	670-700	650-700	575-625	575-625
<b>OP1</b>	950-1160	900-1160	640-680	650-700	440-470	440-460
<b>OP</b>	700-790	700-1000	600-620	600-630	500-550	480-540
<b>OPA</b>	680-870	700-880	600-630	600-630	500-570	490-560
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	750-970	760-910	625-650	640-680	550-575	560-600

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP :** Few select best maintained. Balance together with best was easier. Clean below best were firm, others were irregular following quality. Teas at the lower end were firm.

**BOPF/BOPFSP :** Few select best maintained whilst balance together with best and below best declined. However the teas at the lower end were fully firm.

**FBOP/FBOP1 :** Except for few select best FBOP's which sold around last levels, the balance together with best declined. Cleaner below best ruled firm whilst others were irregularly lower following quality. Teas at the bottom were firm on last. FBOP1's in general were firm.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1:** Tippy teas in general declined sharply. However few leafier varieties in the best category maintained. Balance too was lower. A few select best FF1's were firm. Balance together with the best were easier. Cleaner below best maintained. Balance irregular following quality. Teas at the bottom sold around last levels.

**FBOPFSP/EXSP:** A few select best were firm; whilst the below best and bottom declined sharply.

**Quotations (Rs./Kg)**

	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>BOP/BOPSP</b>	740-850	740-920	460-500	460-500	400-440	400-450
<b>BOPF /BOPFSP</b>	720-800	740-860	420-450	420-450	420-440	400-420
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	780-920	800-1000	640-670	620-670	500-600	510-620
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	750-1150	800-1060	520-570	500-570	420-450	420-450
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	1200-2400	1200-2200	700-710	700-720	700-710	700-720

**MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS**

- FBOP** : Neat well made FBOP's were firm on last levels; others and the secondary types were irregularly lower. Teas at the lower end held firm.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well made Tippy FBOPF types were firm on last levels. FBOPF1 types tended irregular. Secondary and the poorer sorts too had less demand.
- PEK/PEK1** : Well made shotty PEKOE1's appreciated fairly sharply. Below best and the lower end PEKOE types tended irregularly lower.

	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>FBOP</b>	770-940	770-920	660-770	680-770	590-660	590-680
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	760-830	770-900	680-760	700-770	625-680	650-700
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	800-890	770-860	720-800	700-770	625-720	650-700

**HIGH GROWNS**

- BOP** : Best Westerns were irregular and easier following quality. In the below best category a selection of brighter teas were dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg, others were barely steady. Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliya's were firm to dearer. Uva/Udapussellawa's were mostly firm.
- BOPF** : Best Westerns declined Rs.20/- per kg and more at times. Teas in the below best category commenced Rs.20/- per kg lower but gained Rs.10/- per kg as the sale progressed. Plainer teas were fully firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliya's were dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Udapussellawa's were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Uva's were firm on last.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>BOP</b>		<b>BOPF</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	650-770	670-950	660-780	680-760
Below Best Westerns	630-640	630-660	640-650	650-670
Plainer Westerns	600-620	610-620	620-630	610-640
Nuwara Eliyas	640-820	650-900	650-740	630-770
Other Uda Pussellawas	600	N/A	560-600	530-560
Best Uva's	640-700	650-780	680-750	650-700
Other Uva's	590-610	600	620	640

**MEDIUM GROWN TEAS**

- BOP:** Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.
- BOPF:** Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>BOP</b>		<b>BOPF</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	630-840	640-840	510-700	550-670

**CTC**

- PF1:** High Grown PF1's were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer whilst Medium Growns were Rs.10/- per kg lower. Low Growns were firm all-round.
- BP1:** High Grown BP1's were Rs.10-20/- per kg lower. Medium Growns were barely steady, whilst Low Growns were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.

**Quotations (Rs./Kg)**

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>PF1</b>		<b>BP1</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	530-630	500-610	N/A	540-550
Medium	500-610	470-680	N/A	500-640
Low	500-880	520-870	N/A	510-700

**OFF GRADES**

Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 lost Rs.10-15/-, poorer types advanced Rs.10-25/-. Best BP's appreciated. Well made BM's lost Rs.10-20/-. Poorer types were firm on last week levels. Best BOP1A's lost Rs.40-50/- whilst poorer types were firm on last week levels.

<b><u>QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)</u></b>	<b><u>HIGH</u></b>		<b><u>MEDIUM</u></b>		<b><u>LOW</u></b>	
	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	440-570	420-570	390-430	390-430	380-430	380-430
Good Fannings (CTC)	320-380	320-360	320-380	320-360	320-380	320-370
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	380-440	370-420	370-420	370-420	370-420	370-420
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	450-470	460-480	450-480	460-480	450-490	460-500
Other BM's	410-440	410-430	410-440	410-430	410-440	410-430
Best BOP1As	440-460	440-460	470-510	475-530	520-570	550-610
Other BOP1As	400-420	390-420	400-420	390-420	400-430	390-420

**DUST**

High Grown select best type DUST1s maintained on last levels whilst the others were Rs.30-40/- lower. CTC/PD and DUST1s declined by Rs.40/- and at times more. Low Grown clean DUST/DUST1s declined by Rs.20-30/-; whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower.

<b><u>QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)</u></b>	<b><u>HIGH</u></b>		<b><u>MEDIUM</u></b>		<b><u>LOW</u></b>	
	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Good Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	620-840	650-840	550-620	580-650	570-640	600-670
Good Primary PD (CTC)	570-600	600-640	550-620	580-650	610-690	640-720
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	450-520	480-550	420-470	450-500	470-520	500-550
Other Primary Dust (CTC)	420-470	450-500	470-530	500-560	390-490	420-520
Secondary Dust	320-360	350-390	320-360	350-390	320-360	350-390
Poorer Dust	270-295	300-325	270-295	300-325	270-245	300-325

**World Crop Statistics (MKGS)**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2017</i>	<i>To-date 2018</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>21.68</b>	<b>24.27</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>21.68</b>	<b>24.27</b>	<b>2.59</b>
KENYA	Jan.	32.99	40.83	7.84	32.99	40.83	7.84

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2016</i>	<i>To-date 2017</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
BANGLADESH	Dec.	5.20	6.07	0.870	79.39	73.74	-5.65
MALAWI	Dec.	5.6	5.7	0.1	43.1	45.6	2.5
NORTH INDIA	Dec.	48.20	53.80	5.6	1054.50	1046.40	-8.10
SOUTH INDIA	Dec.	15.8	16.2	0.4	212.9	232.4	19.50
UGANDA	July	4.02	2.63	-1.4	31.99	23.75	-8.24



**MONTHLY AVERAGE – FEBRUARY, 2018.**

<u>Elevation</u>	<u>Combine</u>	<u>Orthodox</u>	<u>CTC</u>
Uva High	593.39	593.39	-
Western High	664.65	670.77	589.80
Uva Medium	572.16	572.16	-
Western Medium	576.15	579.74	565.03
Low Grown	640.84	645.98	566.70

**COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES**

**SALE NO.09 OF 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

	<b>2018</b>		<b>2017</b>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Month</u> <u>To-date</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>To-date</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>To-date</u>
	Uva High Grown	585.31	597.40	588.88
Western High Grown	650.10	663.88	659.42	630.25
High Grown	637.35	649.22	642.73	613.06
Uva Medium	572.16	564.61	559.31	585.38
Western Medium	565.04	577.62	574.93	556.88
Medium Grown	566.47	574.65	570.92	563.48
Low Grown	638.70	640.34	649.27	618.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>628.25</b>	<b>632.87</b>	<b>637.06</b>	<b>610.63</b>

**DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES**

	<u>Sale of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018</u>		<u>Sale of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018</u>	
	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>
Low Grown Leafy	3,604	1,599,701	3,223	1,395,501
Low Grown Tippy	1,978	1,087,150	1,746	937,891
High & Medium	1,224	602,837	1,050	524,520
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,141	1,162,390	1,890	1,045,482
Dust	611	641,964	594	616,817
Premium Flowery	434	83,134	401	80,002
Ex-Estate	<u>913</u>	<u>1,040,767</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>1,137,971</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,905</u></b>	<b><u>6,217,94</u></b>	<b><u>9,895</u></b>	<b><u>5,737,971</u></b>

Weekly Private Sale Figures (From 26/02/2018-03/03/2018) - 80,647.50 Kgs.  
 Cumulative - 496,264.40 Kgs.

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**CATALOGUES**

**Sale No.12 of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018**

The Main and Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018** at 04.30 p.m. and 03.00 p.m. respectively.

**Sale No.13 of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

The Main Sale catalogue is scheduled to close on **09<sup>th</sup> March, 2018** at 04.30 p.m, and Ex-Estate Sale catalogues is scheduled to close on **08<sup>th</sup> March, 2018** at 03.00 p.m, **but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the numbers of lots are reached.**

**Sale No.14 of 03<sup>rd</sup>/04<sup>th</sup> April, 2018**

The Main Sale catalogue is scheduled to close on **16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018** at 04.30 p.m, and Ex-Estate Sale catalogues is scheduled to close on **15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018** at 03.00 p.m, **but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the numbers of lots are reached.**

**BROKER'S ORDER - SALE NO. 11**

**Auction of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 - Main Sale**

**Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery**

1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Eastern Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
- 4. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
5. John Keells PLC
6. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
8. Bartleet Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

**High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust**

1. Eastern Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
- 3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
4. Bartleet Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
8. John Keells PLC

**Auction of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 - Ex-Estate**

- 1. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
3. Bartleet Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
4. John Keells PLC
5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Eastern Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

**LCBL APPROXIMATE SELLING TIME**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

High & Medium : 08.50 a.m.  
Low Grown Tippy : 11.15 a.m.  
Low Grown Leafy : 11.45 a.m.  
Premium Flowery : 12.15 p.m.  
BOP1A : 03.15 p.m.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

Ex Estate : 08.00 a.m.  
Off Grade : 09.30 a.m.  
Dust : 02.00 p.m.

**OTHER MARKET**

**MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT**

**SALE 10 OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup>- 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

There was less and irregular demand for the 138,280 packages (8.89mkgs) in the market with prices closely following quality. 14.22% remained unsold.

The **Best BP1s** on offer met improved competition appreciating by upto USC29 and more with quality while Brighter categories shed USC2-USC16 with Medium varieties about firm to usc25 easier.

**The Best PF1s** available gained usc6 with Brighter varieties easing by USC2-USC10 while Mediums shed USC2-USC17 but a few improved lines were USC3 dearer. Lower Medium categories met less competition at firm to USC14 below last prices with Plainer descriptions irregular and varied between USC4-USC6 dearer to easier by upto USC18 and some teas were neglected.

**Best PDUSTs** in the market shed upto USC26 with Brighter categories about steady to USC22 easier while Medium varieties met reduced interest and lost USC3-USC16.

In the Secondary Catalogues BPs were easier while PF were steady. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings were firm while similar DUSTs held value. Other Fannings eased while similar DUSTs were firm. BMFs were well absorbed.

Pakistan Packers, lent more support with maintained activity from Yemen, other Middle Eastern Countries and Russia. Kazakhstan and other CIS Nations maintained interest but at lower levels.

	<b>BP1</b>	<b>PF1</b>	<b>PD</b>
<b>Best</b>	295-488	346-422	348-420
<b>Good Medium</b>	285-360	335-354	347-364
<b>Lower Medium</b>	160-235	159-298	215-298
<b>Plainer</b>	145-200	150-254	150-262

**Jakarta auction of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

**Auction No. 10.**

**Orthodox** 11,460 Sacks ( 602,140 Kgs )  
**CTC** 1,520 Sacks ( 82,960 Kgs )  
**Total** 12,980 Sacks ( 685,100 Kgs )

Demand similar last with most of the offerings taken out in view of higher selling limits. However, post auction negotiations continue for the out lots. Russia showed little more interest for black leaf Broken. Lipton bid on brighter PF but were unable to obtain due to Sellers limits. UK/Europe quiet. USA operated. Other traditional buyers kept bidding below market. Pakistan showed interest.

**Java** - BOP all withdrawn with Sellers asking for higher rates. Brighter BOPF remain unsold others 2--3 Cents dearer. PF unsold due to higher limits. PF2 remained steady. Most Dust withdrawn but few that sold realized rates 3--4 Cents higher. Powdery sorts similarly dearer. BT and other Off Grades firm.

**Sum** - BOP gained by 1--2 Cents due to good Russian support. Corresponding BOPF maintained last rates PF increased by 1--2 Cents. Dust substantially dearer. Powdery sorts firm. BT and other Off Grades 3--4 Cents easier.

**CTC**- BP1 few were and unsold. Better PF1 withdrawn at higher Sellers limits others irregularly easier. PD 3--6 Cents Below last. D1 unquotable as none sold. Fannings 2--3 Cents dearer. D2 gained by 5--10 Cents.



**SOUTHINDIAN ROUNDUP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 03<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**KOCHI**

**CTC LEAF** Good demand. Market was fully firm on Best broken . Fannings were selling at dearer levels due export enquiry. Internal and Upcountry buyers were active with fair support from Exporters on plainer types.

**LEAF-ORTHODOX**

**Demand:** Less demand.

**Market:** Market ruled at firm levels for the best whole leaf grades, whilst best Nilgiri broken and fannings declined sharply. However, Medium larger Broken and Fannings tending lower .Plainer sorts less demand and suffering withdrawals.

**Buying Pattern:** CIS/Middle East exporters were less active. Upcountry buyers lent fairly less support on whole leaf grades.

**DUST**

**Demand:** Fair Demand.

**Market:** Selective liquoring popular finer grades and better mediums were selling at fully firm levels and sometimes dearer following quality. However, the bolder grades ruled at easier levels. Plainer sorts were selling at dearer levels with export enquiry.

**Buying Pattern:** Major blender AVT and KSCSC were active on the best mediums with fair support from regional packeters and selective support from HUL. Domestic buyers were fairly active in their purchases. Exporters were active on their purchase.

**COONOR**

**CTC LEAF**

**Demand:** Fairly good.

**Market:** Market tended lower by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- on the Medium Broken. The High-priced better teas have seen a further drop upto Rs. 10/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas had better enquiry which resulted in teas selling at steady to firm levels.

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good Internal operation with very select buying from Major Packeteers and Blenders. On the Export front there has been select participation.

**ORTH LEAF**

**Demand:** Good

**Market:** Generally a lower market as prices dropped between Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and upto Rs. 10/-. However the sale percentage was rather encouraging.

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good Export participation with Madhu Jayanthi, Chaizup and Shah Brothers being active and others buying selective.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand:** Strong

**Market:** Opened little sluggish but firmed up later on as the sale progressed. Better enquiry was forthcoming for Medium RD and SRD, where the priced surged ahead. However the prices have dropped by Rs. 2/- at an average overall.

**Buying Pattern:** Good Internal enquiry was forthcoming with equally Good support from the Major Packeteers. On the Export front A. Tosh and Young teas were seen active with SSK, Bhansali, Girnar and Asian rendering fair support.

**ORTH DUST**

**Demand:** Good.

**Market:** Generally steady to firm market with some of the popular marks Primary grades selling at dearer levels.

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good Internal operation with select buying from the Exporters.

**COIMBATORE**

**CTC LEAF**

**Demand:** Fair demand.

**Market:** Better medium bolder broken were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more. Others fully firm. Mediums were fully firm. Plainer's were irregular.

**ORTH LEAF** Fair general demand. Whole leaf firm to dearer. Broken/BOPF's were dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- with some withdrawals.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand:** Fair general demand.

**Market:** Better liquoring and popular sorts were irregular and lower by Re.1/- with some withdrawals. Mediums lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- sometimes more. Plainers firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more on finer grades.

**ORTH DUST** Good general demand. Fully firm to dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more.