

H. A. C. B. S.  
ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, NO. 73.

JUVENILE CONTINGENT.

A PRELIMINARY MEETING of intending members will be held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, on Monday, 6th July, at 7 p.m.

It is hoped that every eligible Catholic lad will make it his duty to attend.

The officers and members of St. Joseph's Branch, No. 73, are invited to be present.

FRED. J. BUNNY,  
President.

TO THOMAS BIRCH, ESQ., DUNEDIN.

WE, the undersigned, Ratepayers in Leith Ward, respectfully request that you will allow yourself to be nominated at the ensuing election as one of our representatives in the Municipal Council.

Your long experience as a Councillor, and also as Mayor of this City, &c., &c., prompts us to this course of action.

Should you accede to our request, we hereby pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavors to secure your return.

JOHN MARSHALL,  
And eighty others

Water of Leith, Dunedin,  
June 22, 1874.

TO JOHN MARSHALL, ESQ.,  
And the other eighty Gentlemen signing the Requisition.

GENTLEMEN,—I should be wanting in courtesy and gratitude were I not to respond to the very numerous and respectfully signed requisition presented to me, requesting me to allow myself to be placed in Nomination to represent your interests in the City Council, as third member for Leith Ward. It is gratifying to me to know that my past public services have not been entirely forgotten, and, should I be returned, I promise that I shall endeavor by all legitimate means, to forward the interests of Leith Ward and of the City in general.

I remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS BIRCH,

Dunedin, June 29, 1874.

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs DRIVER, STEWART and Co. report as follows, for the week ending June 17th:—

Fat Cattle.—A very full supply came forward at the weekly sale to-day, in all 165 head, the greater part of which were of ordinary to middling quality, very few prime pens offering; 130 head were sold, and about 35 head turned out. For really prime beef the demand was very spirited, and readily brought prices equal to 25s to 26s per 100lb., while medium scarcely realised 20s. We sold 36 head at the yards at above quotations, and have placed 35 head privately for forward delivery.

Fat Sheep.—A large supply of 1,500 were penned, of which about 800 were sold, and the balance sent out, being inferior quality. Prime half-breeds brought 12s to 15s; merinoes, medium quality, 7s to 8s. We sold, at the yards, 700 merinoes and cross-breeds at above quotations, and have placed 1000 for forward delivery. We quote prime cross-bred mutton, for immediate delivery, 3d per lb; do merino, 2½d.

Fat Calves.—Very few were yarded, which we sold at 30s to 45s each.

Store Cattle.—We are unable to report any transactions of importance during the week. A few small lots have changed hands at our quotations, say £4 to £5 for bullocks, and £3 to £3 10s for cows. We have sold about 50 head.

Store Sheep.—There is an active demand for cross-breeds, four-tooth and upwards, at 11s to 12s; two-tooth, 9s to 9s 6d; lambs, 7s to 7s 6d. We have also numerous buyers for young merino sheep, very few of which, however, are offering, and are saleable at 8s to 9s for young ewes in lamb; aged ditto, 5s to 6s 6d; wethers, 6s 6d to 7s 6d. We have sold during the week 2,500 cross-breeds and merino ewes in lamb, at quotations.

Wool.—We extract the following from Messrs Jacomb, Son and Co.'s report on the May-June series of sales:—"Sales opened with most of the districts bare of stocks, and a good attendance of both Home and foreign buyers. The Bradford trade was, however, somewhat sickly in many departments. Prices for all washed Australian wools were 1d to 2d below the average of February and March sales. Coarse and half-bred wool about 3d for washed, and 2d for greasy, below those rates. Greasy merinoes have sold with more spirit, and at better proportionate prices than other descriptions, ranging from 1½d to 1d under last sales; scoured, about 1½d to 2d lower." Telegrams to June 13 are as follow:—"The wool sales conclude on Tuesday." An increasing firmness was shown towards the close of the series. Port Phillip has improved to March prices. Adelaide and New Zealand greasy share in the recovery, but Sydney washed fleece is neglected." Under date 20th June:—"Wool continues firm. Arrivals for next series, 130,000 bales." Next sales commence on 18th August, and it has been arranged that only four sales be held during the year.

Sheepskins.—At our usual weekly sale to-day there was a fair attendance of buyers, and brisk competition; and all the lots offered, chiefly green skins, were sold at prices fully better than those of last

week. Butchers' green skins fetched 2s 6d to 2s 10d for merinoes, and 3s 7d to 3s 9d for cross-breeds. Dry skins, 1s 3d to 4s 6d, according to quality. We also sold several odd lots of wool, say 14 bags and 3 bales, at satisfactory prices.

Hides are in somewhat better request by local tanners, and command fully 4d per lb, for sound wet-salted medium weights. We sold a number to-day at from 17s 6d to 19s 6d.

Tallow.—None offered.

Grain.—The market for all descriptions is without material alteration. Wheat of prime quality is in good request at 4s 8d to 4s 9d; ordinary and inferior qualities are, however, dull of sale at 4s 3d to 4s 6d. Barley: prime malting may still be quoted at 5s 3d; but, as supplies are coming forward freely, low qualities are difficult to quit at 4s 3d to 4s 9d. Oats are still in good demand at from 4s 1d to 4s 3d for good to prime feeding; milling 4s 4d.

BIRTHS.

On the 29th June, at Cumberland street, Mrs D. W. Woods, of a son.

On 30th June, at Moray Place, Dunedin, Mrs Michael Connellan, of a son.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND ADVERTISERS.

Mr WHEELER, Stafford street, and Mr MACEDO, Princes street south, are empowered to receive monies and orders for papers on account of the NEW ZEALAND TABLET.

AGENTS FOR THE TABLET.

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New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1874

A FORGERY.

THE Most Rev. Bishop Moran requests us to say that a Form of Prayer, of which copies are being distributed at present on the West Coast, has not been authorised by him, and that the signature attached to it is a forgery.

THE COMING SESSION.

BEFORE this is published, the Session of the General Assembly for 1874 will have commenced. What have we to expect from its deliberations? Three questions, no doubt, will be discussed, we dare not say, will be finally disposed of. It is not in the nature of Colonial Legislatures to settle anything, though they are always pretending to settle everything, even the land question, which is still, unfortunately, except for capitalists, as great a problem as ever. These three questions are—Education, the Land, and Immigration. As to the last named, we shall say nothing more to-day, than that so far, Immigration, all things considered, has not been grossly mismanaged; and that the Agent-General has not incurred the serious responsibility of establishing Popery in the Colony by his administration of the scheme.

The Land question is still the stalking-horse of Colonial politicians, and is likely to continue such. There will be a debate, perhaps more than one, on the subject; and there will be an unanimous expression of a desire, even a determination, to settle the people on the land. And in view of the approaching general election, hon. members will be warmly demonstrative, and fervently eloquent in denunciation of the shortcomings of the past, and most earnest in resolutions of good behaviour in the future. The pantomime of the canvass and the hustings will be rehearsed several times in the House of Representatives. Times without number hon. members