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Mr. HENRY DRIVER, on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, reports as follows for the week ending November 14, 1876:—

Fat Cattle.—146 head were yarded, chiefly of good quality, and all found buyers at a little below last week's quotations. Bullocks brought £12 to £16 10s; cows, £8 10s to £14. A few pens of prime and heavy-weight bullocks realised as high as £18 to £21 each. We quote best quality beef at 35s per 100lbs. At the yards we sold 30 head, and privately 150 head.

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Fat Lambs.—Only a few forward, which found buyers at from 9s 6d to 14s 6d. We have sold, at the yards and privately, 200.

Store Cattle.—An active demand still continues for well-grown, quiet cattle of all descriptions. On Monday last we sold at Mosgiel, on account of James Wright, Esq., 200 head bullocks and cows, the former up to £8 12s 6d, and latter £6 5s; and on Tuesday, at Palmerston, we sold on account of J. F. Kitching, Esq., 400 head bullocks, up to £9 5s; cows, £6. We have also sold 150 head privately. We quote bullocks at from £6 10s to £9 5s, according to size and quality; and cows at £4 10s to £6 6s.

Store Sheep.—We have no transactions to report.

Wool.—We are still without advices respecting the London sales now in progress. First instalments of the new clip from the early shearing sheds are coming to hand. So far as we have yet been able to judge, the clip of this season will be in fine condition for length and strength of staple.

Sheepskins.—Our usual weekly auction took place this afternoon. Full rates were obtained: butchers' cross-breeds realising up to 5s 1d; dry skins, 4s to 4s 9d; merinos, 3s 10d.

Hides realised last week's rates.

Tallow.—We sold several parcels of tallow. Inferior brought 20s to 25s 6d; medium, 26s to 29s 6d. Brisk demand.

Grain.—The wheat is unchanged; supply, none. Flour prices hardening. Contrary to general expectations no grain had been shipped from San Francisco when the mail left, excepting a small shipment of 4000 bushels by that vessel for Auckland. Oats are a trifle easier, more offering. Shipping demand is good, and would be increased if supplies were steadier. Present rates, feed, 2s to 2s 2d; milling, 2s 3d. Barley—Malting samples are dull of sale. Milling and feed more enquired for at 2s 6d for the latter, and 2s 9d to 3s for good milling. Malting, 4s to 4s 6d.

MR. SKENS reports for the week ending November 15, 1876, as follows:—Affairs in the labor market are sound and healthy; good work is offering, but principally for outdoor work. Farm and station take all the good men they can get. Sheep shearers are settling down at 17s 6d per 100. General business in Dunedin is improving, and the near approach of the holidays makes people stick in to work. Couples are slower than usual for the season. Farmers would be consulting their own interests if they showed more anxiety to build houses for such on their properties. Storemen and clerks are a drag. Wages—Couples, £65, £70, and £80; ploughmen, £52 to £50; shepherds, £60, £65, and £70; day labor—road, rail, and bush, 8s and 9s; house girls, 10s to 15s; hotel girls, 12s, 15s, 20s, and 30s; cooks, barmen, groomers, &c., 25s to 50; boys and girls, 6s to 10s; storemen and clerks, 30s, 50s, and 60s for ordinary.

MR. A. MERCER reports as follows for the week ending November 15, 1876, retail prices only:—Fresh butter, in ½ and 1lb punts, 1s to 1s 3d; fresh butter, in lumps, 1s; powdered and salt butter 1s 2d. The supply of fresh butter is now very plentiful, and the fall in price will make some of the dairy farmers go to cheese making. Salt butter (new season), 1s per lb. Cheese, of the best quality, 1s 2d; side and rolled bacon, 10d to 11d; Colonial hams, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; English hams, 1s 6d to 1s 7d. Eggs, in good demand, at 1s 4d to 1s 6d per doz.

MESSRS. M. AND J. MEENAN, George Street, report the following as the latest quotations:—Flour—Large bags, £15; small do, £15 10s per ton. Oatmeal—£12 per ton. Pearl barley—£22 per ton. Bran—£5 15s per ton, including bags. Pollard—£6 10s per ton. Chaff—£4 per ton. Hay—£4 per ton. Potatoes—£1 to £4 10s per ton. Carrots—£2 10s per ton. Wheat—4s 6d to 6s per bushel, for good milling samples. Barley—2s 3d to 2s 9d per bushel. Oats—2s 1d to 2s 3d per bushel. Cheese—8d to 9½d per lb.

MR. J. VEZEY reports for the week ending November 15, 1876:—Retail: Roast beef, 6d to 8d per lb.; boiling do., 4d to 5d per lb.; stewing do., 4d to 6d per lb.; steak, 6d to 9d per lb.; mutton, 3d to 6d per lb.; veal, 4d to 8d per lb.; pork, 9d to 10d per lb.; lamb, 4s 6d and 5s per quarter.

Dr. Percy Badger writes to the 'Pall Mall Gazette' that 'Abdu'l-Hamid (or Hameed) means "the servant of Him who is pre-eminently worthy of praise"—that is, God. His father's name, 'Abdu'l-Majid (or Majeed) bears a similar signification; Hamid and Majid being two of the Asma'u'l-Husna, or beautiful names, applied by Muslims to the Almighty.

It was Dr. Caller who accompanied Dr. MacCormac, of Belfast, and who was sent by the latter on ambulance duty, who first described the advance of the Turks on Alexinatz. Dr. Caller was advanced to the post of major in the Servian army, and true to his trust he rode many miles to the town of Alexinatz to alarm the Servians of the approaching danger.

The day of the battle of Alexinatz—was the anniversary of the day on which MacMahon's army was finally thrown back and surrounded at Sedan.