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Fat Cattle.—A large supply of 300 head were yarded to-day, which was greatly in excess of trade requirements, consequently prices had to give way. This large number of cattle coming forward is more attributable to the destruction of grass in the Taieri, owing to the late floods, then to an excess of fat cattle fit for the butcher. To day, best pens of bullocks brought £9 10s to £13; do cows, £7 5s to £10—or equal to an average of something less than 27s per 100 bs. At the yards and privately we have disposed of 60 head at above rates.

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Fat Sheep.—About 2500 were penned, most of which were sold at about late quotations, viz, for best cross-breds, 9s to 12s 6d; merinos, up to 10s 6d. These latter, however, were of very prime quality. We quote best mutton at 2½d per lb.

Fat lambs.—200 were penned, and sold at prices equal to about late quotations.

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Store Cattle —We have not heard of any transactions of importance during the week, but there is still a fair demand for good quiet cattle, at up to £8 for bullocks, and to £6 for cows.

Store Sheep.—We have numerous enquiries for young merino sheep of both sexes, with but few offering; while on the other hand large numbers of old sheep are for sale, without any demand. We quote the following as approximate market prices: Merino wethers, two, four, and six-tooth, 5s to 5s 6d; do full-mouthed, 3s to 4s; merino ewes, two, four, and six-tooth, 6s to 7s; do, full-mouthed, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; cross-breds, four-tooth and over, 7s to 8s; two-tooth, 6s to 7s. 6s to 7s.

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Merino Rams.—We have to advise having sold, on account of George L. Sise, Esq., from his Hampden flock of American merino rams, 150 two-tooth rams, at £2 15s each.

Wool.—Since our last week's report no further advices from the London market have reached us. Those interested in the market are anxiously waiting the cablegram with news of the opening of the London February sales on the 20th instant. We shall have some good clips to offer next week after which sale the bulk of the wool good clips to offer next week, after which sale the bulk of the wool for sale in this market will have passed the hammer.

Sheepskins.—We had only a small catalogue on Monday last,

some 500, pelts and shearlings principally, which were in very active demand at 6d to 9d per skin, bare pelts bringing 4d to 1s; shearlings, 1s 7d to 2s. Lambs sold at 1s 6d to 2s 2d; full-woolled cross-breds,

Hides.—We have a good demand, shipping and local. We have

sold 300 green butchers' at 14s 6d to 21s 6a; wet-salted, equal to from 3½d to 4d per lb, the latter price for good-conditioned shipping lots.

Tallow is much inquired for. Fair to good brings 2Ss to 31s.

Grain—The market for wheat is stagnant, waiting supplies, which have been retarded by the unfavorable harvest weather, there being no old grain—Another favorable week will no doubt bring in being no old grain. Another favorable week will no doubt bring in supplies, for which there is a firm market to take considerable quansupplies, for which there is a nrm marker to call titles. Oats: For old corn there is a great demand, but no supply in titles. Oats: For old corn there is a great demand, but no supply in titles. Value, stores. Farmers are too busy to attend to deliveries per rail. Value, 2s 3d to 2s 6d for good to heavy feed. Barley: Uld malting is now inquired for at 4s to 4s 6d; grinding, 2s 9d to 3s.

MR. Skene reports for the week ending February 14, 1877 :-The labor market is slowly recovering from the check received by the floods. Many farmers are so disheartened, that they will not take on additional labor. It will take a good while ere things resume their wonted buoyancy. Town work and trade is also suffering. Blacksmiths and the general iron trade is very dull. There is good demand for female servants of all sorts—both for private houses and hotels. Male hotel servants are slack. There is an increase of road and railway labor, and work caused by the floods. Couples are very slow to move. Wages—Day labor, Ss and 9s; couples, £65 to £10; harvest hand, 40s and upwards, according to experience; carpenters. 10s to 15s; ploughmen, £55 and £60; shepherds, £60; house girls, 10s to 15s; nurse girls, 6s to 10s; hotel girls, 12s, 15s, and 20s; cooks, waiters, barmen, &c., from 25s to 50s; gardeners, nil; storemen and clerks, 30s to 60s per week.

Mr. A. Mercer reports as follows for the week ending February 14, 1877, retail prices only:—Fresh butter, in ½ and 11b prints, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; fresh butter, in lumps, 11d to 1s; powdered and salt butter 1e; fresh butter is not so plentiful, and prices are expected to advance. Cheese, new prime, 1s; old cheese, good, 10d to 1s. Side and rolled bacon, 10d; Colonial hams, 1s 2d; English hams, 1s 6d eggs are now scarce, and retailing at 2s 3d per dozen.

Mr. M. C. Fleming reports (wholesale prices) for the week ending February 14, 1877, as follows:—Oats (feed), per bushel, 2s 2d; milling, 2s 3d. Wheat (chicks) 4s to 4s 6d. Barley, malting, 4s to 4s 6d; feed, 2s 6d to 3s. Pollard, £6 10s. Bran, £5, bags included. Flour, largebags, £15; small, £15 10. Oatmeal, £11. Potatoes, new, 5s 6d to 6s per cwt. Hay (new), £3 10s; old hay, £1 per ton. Chaff, £4 10s per ton. Straw, £2 per ton.

Mr. J. Vezer reports for the week ending February 14, 1877:— Retail: Roast beef, 6d to 8d per 1b.; boiling do., 4d to 5d per 1b; stewing do., 4d to 5d per 1b; stewing do., 4d to 5d per 1b; steak, 6d to 9d per 1b.; lamb, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per quarter.

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