

young draught mares and geldings, L35 to L40 good do, L28 to L33; medium draught mares and geldings L20 to L25; aged do, L12 to L18; first-class hack and light-harness horses, L18 to L25; good do, L12 to L17; medium do, L7 to L10; aged and inferior, L2 to L5.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet; feed, medium to good, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; milling, 2s to 2s 2d; fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; milling, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; chaff L2 17s 6d to L3 10s. Ryegrass, hay, L2 10s to L3. Straw 24s per ton; loose, 28s. Potatoes, L1 10s to L2 per ton. Flour: Roller, L12 to L12 10s; Oatmeal: L11 in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 10d. Eggs, 7d; Bran, L3. Pollard L3 15s. Onions L15 local, 'Frisco, L17 per ton.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

IN the municipal election just completed in London, the Liberals gained 68 and the Conservatives 31 seats. Chief Justice A. Van Wyck, the Tamany Hall candidate, has been elected to the mayoralty of Greater New York, defeating Seth Low, the Citizens' Union candidate, who was second, and Henry George (son of the late Henry George). A force of Egyptians numbering 2000, and a battery of artillery will occupy Kassala, recently ceded by Italy. President Kruger's five years term as President of the Transvaal Republic expires in April 1898; he intends to seek re-election. The casualties on the side of the expedition on the Indian Frontier during fighting against the tribesmen up to October 29 were, British 247 killed, 843 wounded; Natives 370 killed, 595 wounded. The convention entered into between Russia, America, and Japan, by which pelagic sealing is to be suspended will be signed on Friday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

MR. T. J. BYRNES, Attorney-General of Queensland, visited Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden; the ex-Premier, in the course of the interview, said that the progress of Australia under Home Rule was the strongest argument in favour of his policy with regard to Ireland. A steamer reports having passed the German squadron engaged in surveying Tongtong, 30 miles from Fuchan, China. At the Australasian Axemen's Carnival in Melbourne, Mitchell, of New Zealand, won the £100 handicap for under-hand chopping. Professor Koch, who was invited to visit Queensland to experiment with the tick pest, declined, owing to his services being retained by the German Government. Harvesting prospects in Victoria and South Australia are not so good as they were some time ago, owing to the continual dry weather, and in some parts the failure of the wheat crop is admitted; in the Goulburn Valley and Murray districts the outlook is more promising. Owing to danger of the introduction of the rinderpest into New Zealand, the importation of stock from Java and adjacent islands is absolutely prohibited to-night.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Out of a total of 1800 cases of typhoid at Maidstone 125 have resulted fatally. The French Government have given orders for the immediate supply of 200 torpedoes from the Fiume (in Croatia) manufacturing depot. One hundred and twelve Anarchists who were arrested in connection with the throwing of a bomb in the cathedral at Barcelona in June last, when six persons were killed have been released. It is expected that half a million Americans will rush the Yukon goldfields early in the spring, the White Pass route to the fields is abandoned, being strewn with dead horses, 3200 having perished. The Orient line intend to make Marseilles a port of call for outward and inward steamers from the 26th inst. Alluvial gold has been struck at two feet sinking near Mount Robinson, West Australia. At a special sitting of the Invercargill District Court, held by Judge Ward, in bankruptcy, the Hon. J. G. Ward applied for his final discharge, which was granted.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador at Washington is conferring with Mr. Sherman, secretary of State, with a view to re-opening the question of an Arbitration Treaty between Great Britain and the United States. There are still rumours of war between Spain and the United States over the Cuban difficulty. The French forces have evacuated Saki, in the Niger company's territory in West Africa, which they recently took possession of. Sir Alfred Milner (Governor of Cape Colony) opened the railway to Bulawayo, South Africa, there being a large assemblage present. Matters are looking quieter on the Indian Frontier and the British troops are going into winter quarters. The Victorian branch of the Engineers' Association have up to date forwarded £2000 to the English engineers' strike. Stoddart's cricket team commenced their match against Victoria on Saturday at Melbourne, over 17,000 people were present, when the stumps were drawn for the day Victoria had scored 273 for six wickets, Bruce, 88, and McLeod 64, being the highest scorers. At Greymouth it has rained almost continuously for the last five weeks. Professor Parker of Otago University died yesterday. This year's carnival week in Christchurch promises to eclipse all former ones and large numbers of people are arriving there from all parts of the Colony. During his two years visit to England, McDonald McIntosh, the champion Victorian pigeon shot (now on his return to Melbourne) won money and trophies to the value of £3750. The Premier has given notice to add the name of the Hon. J. G. Ward to the Public Accounts Committee in place of one of the Government supporters previously proposed.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Prince of Wales Birthday. The shipment of produce from Victoria to the Transvaal proved a failure; the goods yielded no profit. Two motor cars have been ordered in Wellington, and are expected to arrive shortly. A sealing treaty has been formed between America, Russia, and Japan. Mr. Barnes, secretary of Engineers

Association, states that the men will not surrender until the battle for eight hours has been won; the prospects of victory are getting rosier every day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

The Prussian Government propose to spend 100,000,000 marks in buying out Polish landowners and substituting Germans in their stead. The Victorians' first innings closed for 306; Stoddart's Team have nine wickets down for 242 runs; Worrall 83, made the highest score for the Englishmen. Waiuku won the New Zealand Cup yesterday; the attendance at the Christchurch races yesterday was a record one. Three tons of whitebait arrived in Nelson from Mohioka last week.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

SUNDAY last in Hobart, Tasmania (says the Sydney *Freeman* of the 30th ult.) was the anniversary of the Archbishop's Episcopal Golden Jubilee celebration. Dr. Murphy, although 83 years have passed over his head, is still happily in good health. The actual Jubilee date of the Archbishop's Consecration was October 11, 1896, but the festival was kept on a later day so as to secure the presence of the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney and the other distinguished prelates who were anxious to join personally in the rejoicings. The Cardinal was accompanied from Sydney by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Doyle, Bishop of Grafton; his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Coadjutor-Bishop of Goulburn; the Venerable Archbishop Sheehy, and the Venerable Archdeacon D'Arcy, of Wellington. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne; his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Moore, Bishop of Ballarat, Victoria; and his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Corbett, Bishop of Sale, Victoria, were accompanied from Victoria by Dean Hegarty, the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Hea, and Father J. Kennedy S.J., Richmond. Nearly all were the guests of his Excellency the Governor, Lord Gormanston, who, as a Catholic and an old friend of Archbishop Murphy, took a special delight in celebrating the happy event. One thousand pounds was contributed to the cathedral tower fund, the tower selected as the most suitable "memorial" of the occasion. The Cardinal, as the spokesman of the whole Hierarchy of Australasia, presented a richly-illuminated congratulatory address, and also, on behalf of the hierarchy, handed Archbishop Murphy a purse of gold, which is to go to the cathedral tower fund. His Eminence explained that it was the intention of the archbishops and bishops of Australasia to make a Jubilee gift in the shape of a gold chalice. "In the altered form of the tribute," said his Eminence, "your brother bishops believe they have done the most fitting thing in helping on the work which is dearest to your heart—the completion of your beautiful cathedral." The prelates who could not leave their dioceses signed the address, and contributed to the "golden opinions" accompanying it. Dr. Murphy was born on the 18th of June, 1815, at Belmont, a few miles from Macroom, in the County of Cork, the very day on which the victory of the allied armies at Waterloo restored tranquility to Europe. He was educated for the Church at Maynooth, and was promoted to the priesthood in 1838. India was the young priest's first missionary field. At the request of the Vicar-Apostolic, Right Rev. John Fennelly, the missionary was chosen by Pope Gregory XVI., in 1845, to be Coadjutor-Bishop, retaining at the same time the special charge of the Hyderabad district. It was on St. Patrick's Day, in 1846, that the Briefs of his appointment were handed to him. The 11th of October, 1846 will long be memorable in the annals of Kinsale, that picturesque township in the County of Cork, where the newly-appointed Vicar-Apostolic's brother was then parish priest. On that day the Right Rev. Dr. John Murphy, Bishop of Cork, assisted by the Bishops of Limerick and Kerry, imposed hands with solemn rite on the Right Rev. Daniel Murphy. After many years, Tasmania became the field of Dr. Murphy's zeal. Towards the close of April, 1866, he landed at Hobart, and during the 30 years he has watched over the interests of religion amongst the Catholics of Tasmania he has proved himself a true Angel of Peace.

The Rev. Brother Stanislaus, of the Marist Order, is at present in Adelaide arranging for the establishment of a branch house at Port Adelaide. As in the case of the proposed introduction of the Dominican Fathers at North Adelaide, this will be the first branch of the Order established in South Australia. In the other colonies the Brothers have extensive schools, the College at Hunter's Hill, New South Wales, being the headquarters of the community in Australia. Victoria has two thriving communities at Bendigo and Melbourne.

INVERCARGILL CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

THE usual weekly meeting of the recently formed Catholic Literary Society was held on Monday evening, 1st November. Brother Dunstan occupied the chair in the absence of the president the Very Rev. Dean Burke (who, by the way, is attending the opening of the Cathedral in Melbourne). A large number of members were present, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed and other general business gone through, recitations were given by Messrs T. Gillooly, W. Shepherd, and R. McCarthy, and a parliamentary speech by Mr. J. Shepherd. All of these gentlemen acquitted themselves very creditably indeed.

Although the Society has been but a short period in existence the membership is strong, and it is hoped by next session to have it a thoroughly established society. A vote of thanks to Brother Dunstan brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.