

JEAN PROVOST & CO.,

CIDER AND WINE MANUFACTURERS,
FRUIT PRESERVERS, BROKERS, MERCHANTS,
ARAMAHO, WANGANUI.

We are now ready to supply SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE CIDER similar to that which obtained us First Prize against All Australasia in May, 1896, at Wellington Exhibition. We have over 12,000 gallons Good Matured Cider, and it is all in Prime Condition. We sell this Wholesome, Invigorating and Refreshing Beverage at such Low Prices, which must bring it in every home.

Amongst the hundreds of Testimonials we take the following:—

"Your letter of the 25th ult., enclosing account for cider, is here this morning. I am sending you herewith cheque for full amount. I am 'Greatly Pleased' and 'so is my good Archbishop' with your Cider. It appears to us to be a 'Wholesome, Pleasant Drink.' I think if it were generally known here, it would be sure to command considerable sale."

(Signed)

REV. D. FOULY, Secretary to Archbishop of Brisbane.

"The sample of Wanganui Cider you kindly sent me was tried by 'Several Medical Gentlemen,' who all expressed themselves as 'Highly Satisfied' with it. I consider it to 'Be a Genuine Article,' and very suitable as a Summer Drink."

(Signed)

T. C. MOORE, M.D., Napier.

"Herewith I beg to send you cheque, being amount of the Cider just to hand. If they are all like the one I tasted at Mr. Provost's I am sure 'Everyone will like it,' etc."

(Signed)

J. J. GRIMES, Bishop of Christchurch.

"I enclose you Post Office Order in your favour for amount of enclosed account for Cider. It arrived at Nelson all safe and sound, and I have 'Duly Sampled' it and 'Find it Excellent,' etc."

(Signed)

COL. PITT, Nelson.

"I have much pleasure in testifying 'To the Excellence' of the Cider forwarded to Auckland some time ago, and I have presented some to well-known members of the Clubs here, 'Who speak in High Terms of it' as a pleasing beverage. I think that if you established an Agency in Auckland there would be a great demand for your Cider during the warm weather." Wishing your Company every success, etc.

(Signed)

GEO. M. LENIHAN, Bishop of Auckland.

managh, Leitrim, Roscommon, Cork, and Kerry, and I would earnestly advise those who have to deal with the wants and necessities of the poorer classes to be prepared for what I firmly believe will be one of the worst winters since 1847. The potatoes are in all the poor and mountainous districts hopelessly gone. I know districts where there are absolutely none. The corn and the hay are rotting on the ground; turf has been most difficult to be saved, and cannot now be drawn out of the bogs and mountains. I trust a word of warning may not be misplaced."

Etiquette of the Jaunting-Car.—Writes Labouchere, M.P., in *London Truth*:—"I did well to be cautious last week in venturing a reply to a query on the etiquette of the jaunting-car. I innocently suggested that when a lady and gentleman sit beside each other on this vehicle, the gentleman should take the back seat so as to be the better able to put his arm around the lady's waist if she felt nervous. It seems I was wrong, and thanks are due to a number of fair correspondents from Ireland for putting me right. With one accord they assure me that the lady's place is the seat at the end of the car furthest from the horse. In the first place it is the most comfortable seat; secondly, by sitting in front the gentleman shields the lady from wind and rain, and, thirdly, if the horse falls, as often happens, the gentleman is thrown out in front, and the lady then has something soft to fall upon. The last argument is alone sufficient to settle this important question thoroughly. If another were needed, it might be found in the further statement, which I have on excellent authority, that the gentleman can encircle the lady's waist with his arm quite as conveniently from the one seat as the other."

Commercial.

REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 9.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED, report as follows:—

Wheat—Owing doubtless to the small quantity offering sales are not numerous. Prime milling, however, is readily placed at quotations, but medium is still neglected. Prime milling northern velvet is worth 4s 6d to 4s 8½d; do Tuscan, 4s 3d to 4s 5d; best red wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; medium, nominally, 3s 8d to 4s; fowls' wheat, 2s 9d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks in, net).

Oats—The market is still void of animation, best milling only fetching 1s 10d to 1s 11d; best bright short feed, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d; inferior, 1s 6d to 1s 7d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—No sales of any consequence effected. Quotations nominal.

Grass Seeds—Only a retail business being done, best dressed ryegrass seed fetching 3s 3d to 3s 9d; extra prime, 1s to 1s 3d; coarse grown, 2s to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cock-foot: best dressed retail lots, 4½d to 5½d; medium, 4d to 4½d per lb (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Chaff—Supplies being sufficient prices are easier, best fetching L3 2s 6d to L3 7s 6d; extra prime, L3 10s; medium, L2 10s to L2 17s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes—The market shows no improvement, best northern Derwents only fetching L1 15s to L1 17s 6d; extra prime, L2; medium, L1 5s to L1 10s per ton (ex store, sacks in, net).

Sheepskins—All sorts meet with a good demand, best dry crossbreds fetching 4d to 5½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; dry merinos, 2½d to 4½d; best green crossbreds, 4s 3d to 5s 3d; extra, 5s 6d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s.

Rabbitskins—Prime winter grey (mixed), fetch 1s 1½d to 1s 2½d; selected does, 1s 2½d to 1s 3½d; medium, 10d to 1s 1d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 2½d; prime winter black, 1s 1d to 1s 5d; inferior to medium, 4d to 9d per lb.

Hides—In good demand. Extra heavy, 71lb to 100lb, 3½d to 4d; 61 to 70, 3d to 3½d; 56 to 60, 2½d; 45 to 56, 2½d; 38 to 45, 2½d; 30 to 38, 2d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Market quiet. Best country rendered fetches 13s 6d to 15s; medium, 11s 6d to 13s; rough fat, best mutton cawl, 9s 6d to 10s; medium, 8s 9d to 9s 3d; inferior, 8s to 8s 6d per cwt (ex store, net).

MESSRS DONALD REID, AND Co. report that prices ruled as under at their auction sale on Monday:—

Oats—Competition was weak and nearly all prime feed lots were passed in. Medium to good sold at 1s 8d to 1s 9d; inferior, 1s 6d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat—We submitted several lots of fowl wheat, which were well competed for, and sold at for whole wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; broken, 2s 3d to 3s 1½d per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes—The supply forward is quite out of proportion to the demand, and even at the reduced prices current, sales are difficult to effect. Best Derwents sold at 3s to 40s; medium to good, 2s to 30s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff—The demand is confined to prime quality, and even for this class the inquiry is limited. Best oaten sheaf sold at L3 5s to L3 10s; medium to good, L2 15s to L3 per ton (bags extra).

MESSRS. STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:

Fat Cattle—240 forward. The demand was fairly brisk, but prices were 20s to 25s a head lower than last week. Best bullocks fetched L8 5s to L10 5s; a few show cattle, L11 5s; medium to good, L6 5s to L8; best cows, L7 2s 6d to L8 5s; medium to good, L5 2s 6d to L6 15s; light and aged, L2 15s to L4 15s.

Fat Sheep—232 penned. There was a fair demand, but prices were barely equal to those ruling last week. Best crossbred wethers fetched 15s to 16s; extra heavy, 16s 10d; medium to good, 12s to 14s 6d; best ewes, 13s 3d to 14s 3d; medium, 11s 6d to 13s; light, 9s to 11s 3d.

Lambs—180 forward, prices being a little better than last week. Best lambs fetched 11s to 12s; good, 8s 6d to 10s 9d; others, 6s to 8s 6d.

Pigs—181 penned, all sorts selling well under keen competition. Suckers sold at 9s to 12s 6d; slips, 13s to 15s; stores, 16s 6d to 24s; porkers, 27s to 38s; baconers, 4s to 59s; heavy pigs, 60s to 70s.

Rabbitskins—Very small extra grades were offered on Monday and prices realised were fully up to late quotations.

Sheepskins—No sales this week owing to holiday.

Hides—Market firm. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 3½d; medium to good, 2½d to 3d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.

Tallow—There is very little offering and prices remain unaltered. Best rendered mutton, 13s to 14s; medium, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; rough fat, 8s to 10s 6d per cwt.

Wheat—There is a good demand for all sorts and the market shows a hurling tendency. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s 6d to 4s 8½d; medium, 4s 3d to 4s 5d; prime Tuscan and red sorts, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; medium, 4s 2d to 4s 3½d; fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 8d per bushel (sacks in).

Oats—The demand is very dull at present and prices are if anything lower. Quotations: Best milling, 1s 11d to 2s; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 10½d; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley—No change to report. Prime malting, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; extra prime, 4s 7d; medium to good, 3s 9d to 4s 2d; feed and milling, 2s 9d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff—Market unchanged. Best oaten sheaf, 3s 5d to 3s 10d; medium to good, L2 15s to L3 2s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes—Demand very dull. Best Derwents, L1 15s to L2; medium to good, 25s to 32s 6d per ton (bags in).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS WRIGHT, STEPHENSON, AND Co. report as follows for Saturday, November 6:—

For Saturday's sale there was a fair muster of horses, chiefly draughts, the majority of them very old, but including three or four first-class young mares and geldings. The young horses found purchasers at from L30 to L35, but for the aged ones there was very little demand, and only a few of them changed hands at from L18 to L22. Powerful cart geldings suitable for heavy waggons, lorries, and carts, are much wanted by the town carriers and others, and a first-class draught mare can always be sold at full value. Consignments of aged and inferior draughts we cannot recommend for this market. The number of light harness horses forward was small, but those that were young and of good stamp sold readily at quotations. There is plenty of inquiry at the present time for the following classes of light horses—viz, strong upstanding spring van, spring cart and tramway horses (if young and sound), for first-class buggy horses and for well-bred weight-carrying hacks for lady's hacks. Consignments of any of these classes can be disposed of to advantage in the Dunedin market just now. We quote as follows: First-class