

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. FOUHY, 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.

Ireland for 1897 states that the total extent of land under crops is about 4½ million acres, being nearly 100,000 acres less than in 1896. The decrease was very minute in Leinster and Munster—about a two hundred part in each—but in Ulster there was a falling off of 37 per cent. and in Connaught of 33 per cent. There was an increase of 126,911 acres under grass, or about one eighteenth of the whole; an increase of about 10 per cent. in fallow land, a slight increase in woods and plantations, and a slight decrease in bogs. There was an increase in wheat: but, taking all cereals, there was a decrease of 12,975 acres; and in green crops there was a decrease of 32,414 acres. A startling diminution has taken place in the amount of land under flax in Ulster as compared with 1896, amounting to 87 per cent. In live stock cattle increased by nearly 56,000, sheep by nearly 77,000, while pigs decreased by a little over 77,000, and horses by 19,683. The number of poultry increased by nearly a quarter of a million since 1886, and attained the highest figures recorded for the past ten years, viz., 17,768,711.

Commercial.

REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 16.

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

Wheat—The demand is confined to best milling and fowls' wheat. Medium can hardly be placed, except at the price of the latter. Quotations for prime milling Tuscan and velvet, 1s 6d to 4s 8d; medium, nominally, 3s 9d to 1s 3d; inferior and fowls' wheat, 2s 9d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—This market is quite void of animation and any sales made are at lower prices. Best milling fetches 1s 9d to 1s 10d; best bright feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 7½d; inferior, 1s 4d to 1s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—No sales of any importance passing. Quotations nominal.

Grass Seeds—Market quiet. Quotations for best-dressed ryegrass seed, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; extra prime, 4s to 4s 3d; coarse grown, 2s to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net). **Cocksfoot**—Best dressed, in retail lots, 1½d to 1½d; medium, 1d to 1½d p r lb (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Chaff—Consignments this week being lighter, prices are rather firmer. Say for prime, 13 7s 6d to 13 10s; medium, 12 10s to 12 17s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes—Market exceedingly flat, best northern picked only fetching, 30s to 35s; medium, 20s to 25s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Sheepskins—The weekly auction sales are well attended and competition good. Best dry cross-breeds fetching 1d to 1½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; dry merinos, 2d to 4½d; best green cross-breeds, 4s 3d to 5s 3d; extra large to 5s 6d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s each.

Rabbittskins—Prime winter grey mixe fetch 1s 1½d to 1s 2½d; selected does, 1s 2½d to 1s 4½d; medium, 10d to 1s 1d; off-season, 6½d to 8½d; summer, 3d to 5d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 2½d; best winter flock, 1s 1d to 1s 4d; inferior to medium, 4d to 9d per lb.

Hides—Market steady. Extra heavy, 71 to 100lb, 3½d to 4d; 61 to 70lb, 3d to 3½d; 56 to 60lb, 2½d; 45 to 56lb, 2½d; 28 to 46lb, 2½d; 30 to 34lb, 2d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Market unchanged. Best country rendered fetching 13s 6d to 15s; medium, 11s 6d to 13s; rough fat, best mutton cask, 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—The demand continues weak, and is fully supplied by the quantity offering. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 9½d to 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; medium to good, 1s 7d to 1s 8d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat—Choice milling lines are readily saleable, but medium quality neglected. We offered several lines of fowl wheat, which sold at 2s 5d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes—Freshly-picked lots are the only saleable kind, and even these can only be placed at a reduction on late values; while medium quality is unsaleable except at bedrock prices. We sold good Derwents at 32s 6d to 37s 6d; medium, 20s to 30s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff—The market is easily supplied at this season of the year, and the few trucks forwarded yesterday proved quite sufficient for trade requirements. Best chaff sold at 13 2s 6d to 13 8s; medium to good, 12 10s to 13 per ton (bags extra).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS WRIGHT, STEPHENSON, AND CO. report as follows for Saturday, November 13:—

As has been the case for several weeks past so it was again on Saturday, the number of really good young horses coming forward—whether draughts, light harness, or saddle horses—being utterly unequal to the demand. We have inquiries on all hands for powerful cart geldings, for spring van and spring cart horses, and for buggy and tram horses, as well as for upstanding young hacks. Sales of all these classes are readily effected at prices very satisfactory to sellers. Aged and inferior horses, either draught or light, are not in demand, and sales of such are almost impossible of accomplishment. The number of horses forward for Saturday's sale was very small, consisting for the most part of aged draught mares and geldings and a few useful light harness horses from Southland. Of the former class very few changed hands, but all of the latter found new owners at prices ranging from 19 to 117. We can strongly recommend consignments of the horses described above as being wanted for this market, and we feel sure that clients who may act upon our advice will be well satisfied with the returns they will receive. A few really first class unbroken draught colts and fillies if brought in would sell well at the present time. We quote as follows: First-class young draught mares and geldings, 135 to 140; good do, 128 to 133; medium draught mares and geldings, 120 to 125; aged do, 112 to 118; first-class hack and light-harness horses, 118 to 125; good do, 112 to 117; medium do, 107 to 110; aged and inferior, 12 to 15.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet; feed, medium to good, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; milling, 1s 10d to 2s; fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; milling, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; chaff 12 17s 6d to 13 10s. Ryegrass hay, 12 10s to 13. Straw 24s per ton; loose, 28s. Potatoes, 11 to 11 15s per ton. Flour: Roller, 112 to 112 10s; Oatmeal: 111 in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 5d to 8d; factory, 10d. Eggs, 7d; Bran, 13. Pollard 13 10s. Onions, 'Frisco, 116 per ton.

AN INTERESTING LONDON WEDDING.

We have received the following account, which will be read with interest by many of our readers, of the marriage of Miss Norah Baldwin, daughter of Captain Baldwin, who was formerly so well known in Dunedin, to Mr. Charles Robertson, of Portman Square, London:—

On the 21st September the marriage of Miss Norah Baldwin, daughter of Captain Baldwin, Perth, W.A., formerly resident in Dunedin, to Mr. Charles Robertson, of 108 Gloucester place, Portman Square, was celebrated at the church of the Servite Fathers, Fulham road, S.W., which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. From the awning in the Fulham road stretched a pathway of red carpet, through the colonnade to the sanctuary. The sanctuary itself was profusely decorated with hot plants, palms, etc.

At 11 o'clock the bridal party arrived, Mr. Robertson being accompanied by his best man, Mr. O'Connell, of Newman House. The bride entered a few minutes later on the arm of her brother, Mr. Gerald Baldwin, F.R.C.S., who afterwards gave her away. She wore a dress of ivory satin, trimmed with duchesse point lace, chiffon, and pearl *passmenterie*; and carried a shower-bouquet of lilies of the Valley, stephanotis, white heather and roses. Her ornaments were a pearl and diamond brooch and pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. Accompanying her were her bridesmaids, three little girls, Miss Gwenda Parker, Miss Janet Story (nieces of the bride), and Miss Robina Scott (niece of the bridegroom). Their dresses were of white silk, trimmed with butter-coloured lace and insertion, and hats to match; and they carried baskets of forget-me-nots, tied with broad pale blue satin ribbon. They also wore gold pendant watches, with an enamel pansy on the reverse side, and clasp, the gift of the bridegroom.

The Very Rev. Father Felix Apoloni, Provincial in England of the Servite Order, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Father Eyre, S.J., and Father M. Gavin, S.J.