

customers just now for two pairs of this description. Two special sales will be held during show week, the one on Friday morning, the 26th inst., at 9.30 o'clock, at our saleyards, when will be offered, on account of the Hon. George McLean, the annual draft of the Warrington thoroughbred yearlings, by St. Clair from such mares as Ledgerdmain, Mistral and Indolence; following these will be sold, on account of Mr. Twentyman Hodgson (of Papanui), 20 useful draught mares and geldings and light harness horses. The second special sale will be held on Saturday morning, at the same hour and place, when will be offered a large number of draught mares and geldings and light harness horses. The attention of our country friends is particularly directed to these two special sales. We quote: First-class 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 8d; milling, 1s 10d to 2s; fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; milling, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; chaff L2 17s 6d to L3 10s. Rye-grass, hay, L2 10s to L3. Straw 24s per ton; loose, 28s. Potatoes, L1 to L1 10s per ton. Flour: Roller, L12 to L12 10s; Oatmeal: L11 in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 5d to 8d; factory, 10d. Eggs, 8d; Bran, L3. Pollard L3 15s. Onions, 'Frisco, L16 per ton.

Correspondence.

[We are not responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—“A Christchurch correspondent” when forwarding you some few weeks ago, what seemed to him a short epistle, had no idea that it contained so large an order. You do him the honour of quoting this letter in your spirited, able, and most exhaustive leader on “Government Inspection of Catholic schools” which appears in the N.Z. TABLET of the 19th inst. Whilst he cannot refrain from expressing his personal regret for having occupied so much of your valuable time, in addition to having put you to considerable trouble and not a little expense, nevertheless he feels thankful for having sent the letter. The information contained in the leader referred to, is so complete, and the Catholic cause and rights so ably stated, defended and upheld, that he feels satisfied every reader of the TABLET, especially of last week's issue, will feel indebted to you. You may rest assured he will endeavour to put into practice everything recommended to be done by you, as far as he is able, and as early as possible, and he will feel thankful should you see that six copies of the TABLET are posted at once to the enclosed address for distribution amongst Protestants. For, thank God, the members of that sect are not all so bigoted as those comprising the North Canterbury Board of Education.—I am, etc.

“A CHRISTCHURCH CORRESPONDENT.”

Christchurch, November 22, 1897.

'98.

TO THE EDITOR NEW ZEALAND TABLET.

SIR,—Your excellent and appreciative leader on '98 deserves the thanks and commendation of every Irishman in New Zealand. It was opportune, very much to the point, and has called forth nothing but approbation all round. Naturally, whenever any important movement is in contemplation, we look to you for guidance and support, and I am happy to say that on the present occasion we have not been disappointed. Clear and forcible, and only too true, is the synopsis you have given of the history of that infamous time, and just is the tribute you pay to the memory of the patriot dead. Thank God, there is no fear of dear old Ireland being forgotten by her children or their children in this country as long as we have such able and sympathetic exponents of her wrongs and our duty as Irishmen as yourself. The perpetuation of the honour of Ireland in the remembrance and appropriate observance of the achievements of her people is a sacred obligation that rests upon Irishmen and women all the world over; and at no time in the history of our race can I recall an event that deserves to be more affectionately held in remembrance than that of '98. Ay, cold-blooded and callous indeed is the Irishman who would not enter with a heart of love into any movement rendering honour to the brave men who shed their blood and surrendered their lives in that glorious struggle. Englishmen are proud of their country's greatness. Scotchmen glory in the achievements of their ancestors, and shall we Irishmen then be false to the traditions of the past and blush for that love of liberty—a thousandfold stronger than death—which filled the hearts and nerved the arms of our forefathers? No! God in heaven forbid it! Now that the TABLET has spoken, the last lingering doubt of the forthcoming centenary commemoration, if any such should have existed, is happily dispelled, and for ever. You sir, have right nobly done your part, and it now remains for us, the Irishmen of New Zealand, to do ours.—I am, etc.,

IRISHMAN.

Visitors from the country who are in want of new and serviceable boots or shoes should pay a visit to Messrs. Simon Bros' shops in Princes street and George street. The number of years Messrs. Simon Bros. have held the premier position in the boot trade is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of their goods.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

THE *Sydney Herald* estimates the colony's wheat crop at 9,340,000 bushels; the average being about 10 bushels to the acre. Russia will expend 24 millions of roubles in building new warships. The Antwerp wool sales opened to a quiet market; the prices were about the same as those on September 1st. The Pope has forbidden Roman Catholic children attending the National schools in Manitoba, Canada. South Australia beat Victoria by 10 wickets in the inter-colonial cricket match. The Waitekauri Mine, Auckland, crushed 1976 tons of stone yielding gold valued at £4077. Clements, the man who murdered his wife in Dunedin last week, and who attempted to commit suicide, is making satisfactory progress at the hospital.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

The total quantity of wheat afloat for the United Kingdom is 2,370,000 quarters, and for the Continent 1,270,000 quarters. France has not as yet replied to Lord Salisbury's request to withdraw from the British positions on Lower Niger, West Africa. The German squadron landed at Kloo-Chan Bay, China, for the purpose of demanding redress for the murder of missionaries, consist of two second class cruisers, and the battleship Kaiser; the number of men being 1642. The Maoris have again started ploughing up the land about New Plymouth; five were promptly arrested. Sergeant Slattery, for many years in charge of different police stations in the South Island, died yesterday at Hawera. The Waihi Mine, Auckland, crushed for four weeks ending November 13 stone valued at £11,353, or an average of £2 8s 9d per ton; the total won from the mine to date is £618,408. The Department of Agriculture has received the following cable from the Agent-General:—“Ruahine arrived; mutton good condition; butter, 102s; market rising. Cheese, 43s; market dull.”

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

President Kruger has permitted mining companies to import their own dynamite to the Transvaal. The Victoria wheat crop is estimated at 7,053,000 bushels, over two-thirds of the wheat area the estimated yield averages not more than 2½ bushels to the acre. Good gold has been discovered at Mamban, New Guinea; the yield is 5oz. to the dish. Desperate fighting is still going on on the Indian Frontier, and several British officers and privates have been killed. The Philippine rebels have submitted to Spanish authority. Mr. Barnes, secretary of the Engineer's Society, states that the existing difficulty will be settled within a fortnight. The opening of the season's wool sales was held yesterday in Wellington; only 1200 bales were offered, the bulk was of medium quality; good, well-grown and bright crossbreds sold readily at 7½d per lb; only a few merinos were catalogued, and these sold at last season's rates. Mr. A. Keogh, who for three years has managed the Mataura Paper Mill, being about to return to England, was presented with a purse of sovereigns at Mataura last night.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

The Turkish Government, under pressure have allowed Sir Philip Currie, British Ambassador, to distribute relief to starving Armenians. The probate duty on the late Sir William Clarke's will will benefit the Victorian Treasury by £60,000. Two prospectors found a 62oz. nugget three miles from Coolgardie; the ground has been rushed. A big fire in London destroyed property to the extent of £2,000,000. Melbourne was also the scene of an immense conflagration; the scene of the fire was Flinders street, and warehouses and other large business places were totally destroyed; the loss to insurance companies is estimated at £750,000. The match Newcastle v. Stoddart's team was drawn greatly in favour of the visitors. A large number of visitors are arriving in town for the races and show to be held this week; given good weather a record attendance may be anticipated.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

News from Lagos, West Africa, states that the French have recruited their force by 1000 men. Canterbury mutton is quoted at 3½d; Dunedin and Southland 2½d. A Maori woman was found murdered at Parihaka yesterday; her husband has been arrested on suspicion. Westport's coal export for the week was 5032 tons. Mr. Gilruth, chief veterinarian of the agricultural department, leaves Auckland for Otago to try experiments with chicken cholera for the destruction of rabbits. A severe cyclone swept over the vicinity of Melbourne on last Friday; several buildings were levelled and the township of Nehill was almost swept away; the damage is estimated at £50,000.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

The Lord Mayor of London has opened a Mansion House Fund for the relief of a large number of persons thrown out of employment by the fire. The *Daily News* says the Powers are prepared to blockade the Dardanelles unless the autonomy of Crete is accepted by Turkey. Stoddart's eleven defeated Glen Innis eleven, Sydney, by an innings and 117 runs. Arrowroot has been successfully cultivated at Cole, near Windsor (N.S.W.), and will in future be extensively grown there. Farmers in Hawke's Bay are complaining of the drought, while those in the Wairarapa and Forty Mile Bush districts are having too much rain. Mayoral election to-day in Dunedin. A large number of visitors have arrived in town for the races and show, and the town presents a very lively appearance. The weather to-day is beautifully fine.

For stylish boots and shoes the City Boot Palace, George street, is hard to beat. A new stock has just been landed from Home, comprising the latest and most fashionable designs. Prices are always very moderate, and a good, serviceable article can be depended on.