

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 here with 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 your 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.

out. These were Irish Celts, but there were other Celts in the House, and at their head was John Griffin Carlisle, the Speaker. Nearly all the Scotch and Welsh, as well as a large percentage of the French and English, are Celtic. Jefferson was of the race, and thousands of our most distinguished public men, down to McKinley, the President, and Bryan his competitor, both Celts; Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun, James Buchanan, and Chester A. Arthur were not only Irish Celts, but their ancestors all belonged to the same county in Ireland.

London Irishmen and '98.—A largely-attended and representative meeting of Irishmen residing in Drury lane and neighbourhood was held on September 20 at the Catholic schools, Macklin street. The following resolution was passed:—"That as the time for the celebration of the '98 centenary is rapidly approaching, it is the opinion of this meeting that a committee in connection with the executive of Great Britain and France be formed in this district, and that all Irishmen who revere the memory of the '98 patriots, and who desire to take part in the commemoration should join forthwith." It was arranged that the next meeting should be for the purpose of electing a delegate to the Convention of '98 committee to be held at Manchester on October 3, and for the transaction of business dealing with the organisation of the district. All Irishmen resident in the neighbourhood were urged to take advantage of this opportunity to revisit the old land in common with their fellow-countrymen the world over.

Commercial.

REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 23.

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

Wheat.—The market is somewhat inactive, very few sales effected of any sort. Quotations for prime northern Tuscan and velvet, 4s 5d to 4s 7d; medium to good and best red wheat, 4s to 4s 3d; inferior to medium, 3s to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks in, terms).

Oats.—This market shows a firmer tendency, there being a very considerable improvement in the demand, quotations, however, remain the same, say for best milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; best bright feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; inferior, 1s 1d to 1s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley.—No sales. Quotations nominal.

Grass Seeds meantime, have no attention to speak of, quotations are merely nominal, say for best machine-dressed ryegrass seed, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; extra primo, 4s to 4s 3d; coarse grown, 2s to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cocksfoot: Best dressed, 4d to 5d; medium, 3d to 4d per lb (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Chaff.—The supply being sufficient, prices show no improvement, best fetching L3 5s to L3 10s; extra prime L3 12s 6d; medium to good, L2 10s to L2 17s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes.—The market being over supplied, sales are difficult to effect, best northern fetching from 25s to 30s; medium, 20s to 22s 6d per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Sheepskins.—These are freely competed for at auction, prices for good to best dry crossbreds ranging from 4d to 5d; medium, 2d to 3d; dry merinos, 2d to 4d; best green crossbreds, 4s 3d to 5s 3d; extra heavy, 5s 6d to 5s 9d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s each.

Rabbitskins have excellent demand, prime winter grey mixed fetching 1s 1d to 1s 2d; selected does, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; medium, 10d to 11d; summer and off-season, 3d to 8d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 2d; best winter black, 1s 1d to 1s 4d; inferior to medium, 4d to 9d per lb.

Hides.—Market firm. Extra heavy, 71 to 100 lbs, 3d to 4d; 61 to 70 lbs, 3d to 3d; 56 to 60 lbs, 2d; 45 to 56 lbs, 2d; 33 to 45 lbs, 2d; 30 to 33 lbs, 2d; inferior, 1d to 1d per lb.

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

MESSRS. STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:

Fat Cattle.—Only 100 head yarded, but owing to the absence of some of the principal butchers prices ruled slightly lower than last week. Best bullocks sold at L8 15s to L9 17s 6d; medium to good, L7 to L8 10s; light, L5 to L6 17s 6d; best cows, L6 to L7 12s 6d; medium, L4 10s to L5 15s; others, L2 10s to L4.

Fat Sheep.—1913 penned, prices showing a rise of fully 1s a head compared with those ruling last week. Best crossbred wethers sold at 15s 6d to 17s 3d; medium, 14s to 15s 3d; shorn do, 9s to 12s 3d; best ewes, 12s 3d to 13s 9d; medium, 11s to 12s; shorn ewes, 8s to 10s 9d.

Lambs.—252 penned, all meeting with a brisk demand at prices considerably higher than those ruling last week. Best Lambs sold at 11s to 13s; medium, 9s to 10s 6d; others, 7s to 8s 9d.

Pigs.—Only 16 forward, for which there was very keen competition. There is considerable inquiry for all classes of pigs at present and any coming forward is sure to meet with a good demand.

Rabbitskins.—Catalogues on Monday were very large and prices for all except prime skins were a shade easier. Quotations: Prime winter does, 15d to 16d; do mixed, 14d to 15d; medium, 11d to 13d; spring, 7d to 10d; summers, 3d to 5d; blacks, to 10d per lb.

Horsehair, 15d.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue yesterday when bidding was brisk and prices about equal to those ruling lately. Best dry crossbreds are worth 5d per lb; do merino, 4d; medium, 3d to 4d per lb. Best green crossbreds, 4s 9d to 5s 9d; medium, 4s to 4s 6d; do merinos, 3s to 4s; lambskins, 6d to 1s.

Hides.—Market firm. Prime heavy ox, 3d to 3d 1; medium to good, 2d to 3d; light and inferior, 1d to 2d per lb.

Tallow.—The market is very dull and consignments difficult to place except at reduced rates. Best rendered, 13s to 14s; medium, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; rough fat, 8s to 10s per cwt.

Wheat.—No demand except for prime milling and fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 6d to 4s 8d; medium, 4s to 4s 4d; do Tuscan and red sort, 4s 3d to 1s 6d; medium, 4s to 4s 2d; fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 8d; broken do, 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks in, terms).

Oats.—There has been a little more inquiry during the week but prices show no improvement. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 8d per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley.—Market unchanged. Quotations: Prime malting, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; medium, 3s 9d to 4s 2d; feed and milling, 2s 9d to 3s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—There has been a fair quantity coming forward during the week, and prices remain unaltered. Prime eaten sheaf, L3 5s to L3 10s; medium to good, L2 10s to L3 2s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes.—New potatoes are now in the market, and prices for Derwents have gone still lower, best only realising 25s to 30 per ton (bags in).

Wool.—The first sale of the season takes place on 21st December.

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

Oats.—We submitted a small catalogue suitable to local trade requirements, but in the absence of demand the bulk was passed in. Lines of good sparrow bills suitable for shipment have to-day received more attention from buyers. We quote prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 8d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling is unchanged, only choice samples being in request. Fowl wheat was readily sold to-day at for good whole wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 6d; broken, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes.—The market is now being supplied with early sorts and Derwents have gone quite out of favour, being sold to-day at 20s to 30s per ton.

Chaff.—We offered about 30 tons, which met good competition and sold at for best eaten sheaf, L3 5s to L3 10s; medium to good, L2 15s to L3 10s per ton (bags extra).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS WRIGHT, STEPHENSON, AND Co. report as follows for Saturday, November 20:—

There was a miserable display of horses at this week's sale. The supply consisted of a couple of fair draught geldings, half a dozen aged and inferior draughts, and some twelve or fifteen light horses of very nondescript character. In consequence of the unsuitability of the horses forward, a very meagre amount of business was transacted, and scarcely any of the buyers, of whom there were quite a number in the yard, were able to supply their requirements. A score of good draught mares and geldings, young and staunch, could readily have been placed at quotations, and there were buyers present for as many useful light harness horses. Powerful upstanding waggonette and carriage horses are also wanted. We have