

JEAN PROVOST & CO.,

CIDER AND WINE MANUFACTURERS,
FLUT 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. MOJRE, 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. LEXLIAN, Bishop of Auckland.

And coldly lies the mournful clay
Above each manly breast;
But Ireland still may proudly view
What that great host
Had cherished most—
The Arms of "Eighty-two!"

Time-honoured comrades of the brave—
Fond relics of their fame!
Does Ireland hold one coward slave
Would yield you up to shame?
One dastard who would tamely view
The alien's hand,
Insulting, brand
The Arms of "Eighty-two?"

Commercial.

REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 30.

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

Wheat—The demand for milling is confined to best northern, and the business done in that is not extensive. Medium quality is entirely neglected. Best northern Tuscan and velvet fetches 4s 5d to 4s 7d; medium to good, best red wheat, 4s to 4s 3d; inferior to medium, 3s to 3s 6d (ex-store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—There is a very much better tone now existing in the market, and though prices show no improvement at present the prospect is more hopeful. Quotations—For prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; best bright short feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 8d; inferior, 1s 5d to 1s 6d (ex-store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—No stocks in first hands: quotations nominal.

Grass Seeds—Beyond a few retail lots there is no business passing, and quotations nominal, say, for best dressed prime ryegrass seed, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; extra do, 4s to 4s 6d; coarse grown, 2s to 2s 6d (ex-store, sacks extra, net). **Cocksfoot**—Best dressed, 4d to 5d; medium, 4d to 4d per lb (net, ex-store, sacks extra).

Chaff—Prices remain steady, best fetching L3 to L3 10s; extra do, L3 2s 6d; medium to good, L2 17s 6d to L2 15s per ton (ex-truck, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes—These are difficult to place at any price; best northern lately picked only fetching, 20s to 25s; others, 15s to 17s 6d per ton (ex-store, sacks weighed in, net).

Sheepskins—Prices are without quotable change. Good to best dry crossbreds are fetching, 4d to 5d; medium, 2d to 3d; dry merinos, 2d to 4d per lb; best green cross-breds, 4s 3d to 5s 3d; extra heavy, 5s 6d to 5s 9d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s each.

Rabbitskins are in good demand. Prime winter does are fetching 1s 1d to 1s 2d; selected does, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; medium, 10d to 1s 1d; summer and off season, 3d to 8d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 2d per lb.

Hides—Market unchanged. Extra heavy, 70lb to 100lb, 3d to 4d; 61 to 70, 3d to 3d; 56 to 60, 2d; 45 to 56, 2d; 30 to 45, 2d; 30 to 38, 2d; inferior, 1d to 1d per lb.

Tallow and fat—Best country rendered, 13s 6d to 13s; medium, 10s 6d to 13s; rough fat (best mutton caul), 9s 6d to 10s 6d; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 3d; inferior, 8s to 8s 6d per cwt (ex-store net).

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

Oats—We submitted a moderate catalogue of fair feed. Bidding was slack, and the bulk of those offered were passed in. A good demand exists for shipping lines of sparrowbills, and in there a considerable business has been done during the past few days. 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—Milling quality unchanged. Fowl wheat—whole, 3s 2d to 3s 6d; broken, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks in).

Potatoes—The demand for Derwents is now over, and those offered to-day received little attention from buyers. Best Derwents sold at 20s to 25s; others, 10s to 15s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff—Prime quality maintains its value, and is readily placed. Medium and inferior quality is not wanted. Best eaten sheaf sold at L3 6s to L3 10s; medium, L2 15s to L3 10s per ton (bags extra).

MESSERS STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:

Fat cattle—100 forward, prices being about equal to those ruling last week. Best bullocks fetched L3 15s to L3 17s 6d; medium weights, L7 5s to L8 10s; light, L5 to L6 17s 6d; best cows and heifers, L6 to L7 12s 6d; medium, L4 10s to L5 15s; light and aged, L2 to L3 17s 6d.

Fat Sheep—1913 penned, prices being 1s to 1s 6d higher than those ruling last week. Best crossbred wethers fetched 15s 6d to 17s 3d; medium, 14s to 15s 3d; shorn do, 9s to 12s 3d; best ewes, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; medium, 11s to 12s 3d; shorn do, 8s to 10s 9d.

Lambs—252 penned, prices showing a considerable advance. Best lambs fetched, 10s 9d to 13s; medium, 8s 6d to 9s 9d; others, 7s to 8s 3d.

Pigs—Only 16 penned, these selling under keen competition at 11s 6d for suckers, and 15s for slips.

Rabbitskins—We offered a fair catalogue on Monday, when competition was very keen and late prices well maintained. Quotations—Prime winter does, 15d to 16d; mixed, 14d to 16d; medium, 11d to 13d; winter blacks, 17d; spring's, 7d to 10d; summer's, 3d to 5d.

Horsehair—15d per lb.

Sheepskins—No sale this week owing to Tuesday being a holiday.

Wool—We are now receiving a few clips for the first sale, which takes place on Tuesday, 21st December. All oddments offering at present meet with good competition.

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

Tallow—Market dull. Best rendered mutton, 13s to 14s; medium, 11s to 12s 6d; rough fat, 8s to 10s 6d per cwt.

Wheat—There is very little demand at present and prices remain unaltered. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s 6d to 4s 8d; medium, 4s 5d to 4s 3d; prime Tuscan, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; medium, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 8d per bushel (sacks in).

Oats—There has been a fair inquiry during the week, but prices show no improvement. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

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

Chaff—The market remains firm and prices are unchanged. Best eaten sheaf, L3 5s to L3 10s; medium, L2 15s to L3 per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes—No demand. Best Derwents, 20s to 25s per ton (bags in).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSERS WRIGHT, STEPHENSON, AND Co. report as follows for Saturday, November 27:—

Our usual sale commenced at 9.30 o'clock, when consignments of draught and light harness horses from Oamaru, Invercargill and other districts were offered. There was a fair attendance of buyers, and for any lots showing quality and breeding competition was keen. Unfortunately none of the draughts offered were really first-class sorts, consequently the business done among this class was small. There were several buyers present for heavy young draught horses, suitable for town carrier's work, and had horses of good quality been forthcoming they would, we are sure, have found new owners at satisfactory prices. Among strong light harness sorts a fair number of sales were made, there being some really good horses, suitable for bus and tram work, offered, and all those which changed hands found new owners at full prices. We quote: First-class young draught mares and geldings, £35 to £40; good do, £28 to £33; medium draught mares and geldings, £20 to £25; aged do, £12 to £18; first-class hack and light-harness horses, £18 to £25; good do, £12 to £17; medium do, £7 to £10; aged and inferior, £2 to £5.

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; fowl's wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; milling, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; chaff, L2 12s 6d to L3 10s. Ryegrass, hay, L2 10s to L3. Straw 24s per ton; loose, 28s. Potatoes, 15s to L1 7s 6d 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, L1 5s per ton.