

NEW ZEALAND EXPORTS

The export of butter in November was valued at L81,448; cheese at L6 214; frozen beef, L18,648; and mutton, L119,647.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

Napier, December 6.—The first wool sales of the season were held to-day: 2,500 bales were catalogued, and there was a large and representative attendance of buyers. During the morning bidding was very brisk. Lincoln crossbred averaged 3d a pound more than last year, and, up to noon, the highest price realised for greasy half-bred was 11½d.

London, December 6.—At the wool sales the 'Matamata' clip realised 9½d.

At the tallow sales 1850 casks were offered, and 1625 sold. Fine mutton, 28s; medium, 26s 9d; fine beef, 26s 9d; medium, 25s 6d.

London, December 7.—At the wool sales the 'Elderslie' clip sold at 13½d.

The wool sales have been again postponed owing to the fog.

London, December 8.—The Bradford wool market is very firm. Common sixties, 31d; supers, 32½d.

London, December 9.—At the wool sales yesterday bidding was less spirited. Prices were unchanged.

The Argentine wool clip is estimated at 225,000 tons and the Argentine exportable wheat surplus at 2,000,000 tons.

London, December 10.—The wool market is very firm. Up to date for the present series 88,415 bales have been catalogued, and 85,194 sold.

London, December 11.—The wool sales closed with prices fully 5 per cent. above the opening rates.

Melbourne, December 12.—At the wool sales prices of greasy and crossbreds were well maintained. Greasy sold up to 16d, crossbreds to 15½d.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited) have received the following cable from their London office:—'Wool: The sales closed firmly this day. Since close of last sales greasy merino is 20 per cent. dearer and greasy crossbred 25 per cent. dearer; nearly all descriptions have advanced 3d per lb. Other descriptions unchanged.'

WELLINGTON WOOL SALES.

At the opening wool sales of the season on Friday 2500 bales were catalogued. There was a large attendance of buyers from all parts of the Colony, and competition was brisk. The advance in prices at the London sales was fully reflected. The advance as compared with last year was about 3d per lb on fine crossbred wools, and 1d to 1½d on coarse. Some of the prices were such as have not been obtainable here for years. The range of values current to-day was as follows:—Fine halfbred, 10½d to 11½d per lb; fine crossbred, 8d to 10d; clean, coarse wools, 7d to 8d; log-stained wools, 5d to 6d; first pieces, 5d to 6½d; bellies, 4d to 5½d; locks, 2d to 3d.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

RABBITSKINS—Very few offering, and prices unchanged.

SHEEPSKINS—Market very firm, and all offering meet with a keen demand at late quotations.

WOOL—The first sale of the season takes place on Thursday, 21st inst., when big prices are expected. Wool for this sale should reach us not later than Tuesday, 19th inst.

HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 3½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.

TALLOW—Market steady. Best rendered mutton, 15s to 17s; medium, 13s 6d to 14s 6d; rough fat, 10s 6d to 12s per cwt.

THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ended Saturday, 9th inst. (says the *Otago Daily Times*), returns were reported from the following dredges:—Success (Waipori), 139½ hours, 55oz 4dwt; Manorburn (Manuhirika), 51oz 10dwt; Golden Treasure (Miller's Flat), 7½ days, 50oz 10dwt; Golden Gate (Island Block), 5 days, 49oz 3dwt; Chicago (Alexandra), 29oz 10½wt 6gr; Inch Valley (near Palmerston), 109 hours, 21oz 10dwt; Tuapeka (Tuapeka Flat), 115 hours, 19oz 2dwt; Nil Desperandum (Manuhirika), 19oz; Molyneux Hydraulic (Alexandra), 18oz 13dwt; Golden Terrace (Lower Shot-over), 16oz 5dwt 7gr; Golden Point (Alexandra), 16oz; Enterprise (Alexandra), 96 hours, 15oz 11dwt 15gr; Nevis (Nevis River), 117 hours, 15oz; Waimumu (near Gore), 100 hours, 15oz; Sunlight (Beaumont), 142 hours, 10oz 6dwt; Dunedin 2½ days, 9oz; Morning Star (Manuhirika), 127 hours, 8oz; Ophi (Blacks), 10½ hours, 7oz 14dwt 6gr; Matau (Clyde), 7oz. Total, 433oz 19dwt 10gr.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(Per special favour Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris.)

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE—284 yarded, being more than was required. Prices from 10s to 15s less than last week. Fat bullocks, L8 5s to L9 10s; extra heavy, L10 10s; medium to good, L6 5s to L8; best oows and heifers, L6 to L7 15s; medium, L5 to L5 15s.

SHEEP—2226 penned. Prices about same as last week. Best crossbred wethers (in wool), up to 19s 6d; do do (shorn), 14s 6d to 16s 6d; medium, 13s to 15s; best ewes (in wool), 19s; do do (shorn), up to 14s 6d; medium, 12s 6d to 13 3d.

LAMBS—535 penned. Prices slightly easier. Best lambs, 11s 6d to 12s 9d; medium, 10s to 11s.

PIGS—170 forward. No change in prices. Suckers, 11s to 15s; slips, 18s to 24s; stores, 26s to 28s; porkers, 30s to 34s; baconers, 35s to 38s.

WEDDING BELLS.

DENNEHY—MAHAR.

A very popular wedding took place at Lyttelton a few weeks ago, the contracting parties being Mr. F. Dennehy, Charleston, West Coast, and Miss Mary Mahar, eldest daughter of Mr. D. Mahar, a highly respected citizen of Lyttelton. The ceremony was performed at St. Joseph's Church by the Rev. Father Salvador. The bride, who was given away by her father, was handsomely attired in white ivory satin, stylishly trimmed with pearl passementerie and rich lace, the Limerick lace veil being daintily fastened with the orthodox orange blossom. She wore a diamond brooch (the gift of the bridegroom) and carried a lovely shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Misses Winnie, Lizzie, and Jewel Mahar (sisters of the bride), and Dennehy (sister of the bridegroom). The bridegroom presented the bridesmaids with engraved gold crosses. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. J. Dennehy, and Messrs. D. and J. Mahar. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends, and as the bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March,' played by the organist, Miss O'Brien, many sincere and hearty wishes were expressed for the future prosperity of the happy couple. Having adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, about fifty guests partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast. After the usual toasts had been proposed and responded to, the newly-married couple left for the North.

M'CARTIN—M'CLEARY.

A pretty wedding took place in the Leeston Catholic Church on November 15, when Mr. John A. M'Cartin, eldest son of Mr. P. M'Cartin, of Bellfield, Southbridge, was married to Miss Elizabeth A. M'Cleary, eldest daughter of Mr. F. M'Cleary, of Dunsandel. The bride looked very nice in a pretty lavender poplin dress trimmed with white silk, with veil and orange blossoms. She carried a pretty bouquet of white camellias. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary M'Cleary (sister of the bride), who was dressed in a chocolate-coloured poplin dress trimmed with white. Mr. A. M'Cartin acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father Chervier, assisted by the Rev. Father Aubrey, a large number of friends attending to witness it. As the happy couple left the church the 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Mary M'Cartin (sister of the bridegroom), after which the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents where a large marquee was erected for the purpose, about 40 sitting down to the wedding breakfast, presided over by Fathers Chervier and Aubrey. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The young couple took their departure by the evening train for Dunedin, where they intend to spend their honeymoon.

OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM MELODY, WANGANUI.

An old and respected colonist in the person of Mr. William Melody passed away at Wanganui on the night of November 4, being accidentally drowned in the Wanganui River. The deceased was born in Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland, in 1829. When only nine years of age he went with his parents to Illinois, U.S.A., and later on during the gold fever he spent some time in California. From there he came on to Victoria in the early fifties, and was present at the Eureka stockade incident. He married Miss Elizabeth Moran in Ballarat in 1858, and a few years later left for the Otago goldfields, where he resided for a time, having a store at Arrowtown. After spending a time on the West Coast he eventually settled down at Wanganui about 20 years ago, where he remained until his death. He was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery, Wanganui, on November 22, where his wife was also buried eight years previously. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Kirk, and a very large number of friends assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased, many coming from very long distances. He leaves one son (Mr. John P. Melody, of Aramoho, Wanganui) and two daughters (Mrs. John Brennan, of Wanganui, and Mrs. Christopher Brownlie, Wanganui) to mourn the loss of a loving father.—R.I.P.

MRS. F. M. BYRNE, LAWRENCE.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mrs. Byrne, wife of Mr. F. M. Byrne, of Lawrence, which occurred on the 5th inst. The deceased had been ill for a considerable time, still her demise was a severe shock to her husband and a large circle of friends in the Lake district, where she resided previous to her marriage. Since her residence in Lawrence Mrs. Byrne had endeared herself to all in the community by her many estimable qualities, and her husband and family have the sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

MR. ALBINUS CARTER, DUNEDIN.

We have with sincere regret to record the death of Mr. Albinus Carter, of Dunedin, which occurred on the 20th ult. The deceased was son of Mr. Henry Carter and grandson of Mr. Albinus Carter of the Royal Exchange, London. He was born in 1856, and was therefore in his forty-third year at the time of his demise. Mr. Carter arrived in New Zealand in 1882, soon after entering the employment of Messrs. Paterson and McLeod, and later on that of Messrs. W. and J. Scoullar, with whom he remained until his death. The deceased was only ill for a few days, his demise being wholly unexpected. The interment took place in the Southern cemetery, the Rev. Father Murphy officiating at the graveside. The deceased leaves a wife and five young children for whom the greatest sympathy is felt in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

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