

descriptions met with but little demand. Yearlings brought 34s 6d; 15 to 18 months, £2 17s 6d to £3 5s; two and a-half year heifers, £4 10s to £4 15s; three year steers, £5 10s to £7 2s 6d; three year heifers, £5 to £5 7s 6d. Dairy cows met a dragging sale at up to £9 2s 6d.

Fat Sheep.—The sale opened at the previous week's rates, but, under the influence of keen competition, prices hardened, and the average was higher than that of the previous market. The range of prices was—Extra prime wethers, 26s to 27s 3d; prime, 21s to 24s 3d; others, 18s 3d to 20s 8d, extra prime ewes, 21s to 22s, prime, 18s 6d to 20s 6d, others, 13s 9d to 18s.

Fat Lambs.—Most of those penned were of good quality up to prime, and the entry again included some particularly prime lines of tegs. The competition was not so brisk as at last sale, and there was a decline in values, more particularly in lots which were not quite prime. Tegs made 17s to 19s 6d, and a few extra to 22s; freezers, 15s to 16s 7d; lighter, 13s 3d to 14s 6d.

Store Sheep.—The yarding was chiefly composed of wethers and lambs, and there was a good clearance at auction late rates. Ewes brought 14s 3d to 17s, lambs, 14s 7d to 21s 2d.

Pigs.—There was an improved demand for pigs, especially for baconers, which made 46s to 58s, equal to 4½d to 4¾d per lb. Porkers sold at 32s to 42s, equal to 4¾d to 5d per lb; large stores, 25s to 32s; medium, 18s to 22s; weaners, 8s to 13s.

Writing of the Elgar Festival in London in March, the 'Tablet' says:—'It is not too much to say that Dr. Elgar has now established himself as the greatest composer that this country has yet produced. The name of Purcell, of course, rises up to challenge this assertion. There is no need to draw comparisons between two composers whose conceptions of their art and whose places in history are so far apart. Purcell died when Bach was a boy; the Catholic composer of today is essentially a disciple of Wagner. But this we may say: that Purcell's was a small and fragile, though withal a beautiful genius; Dr. Elgar's is unquestionably a grave and wide and exalted one, as the recent Festival has conclusively shown. The attendance was indeed remarkable. The huge auditorium of the Opera House was full on each of the three evenings, and was crammed to overflowing when Dr. Elgar's setting of Dr. Newman's poem, "The Dream of Gerontius," received a magnificent rendering. The King and Queen were present on Monday and Tuesday, and the Queen also on Wednesday. We also noticed such celebrities as Dr. Joachim, Mr. Henry Wood, and Mr. Sargent. The gatherings were in every sense representative, and Dr. Elgar was enthusiastically summoned and applauded at the end of each performance.'

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