

£10 to £50; van and spring-dray sorts (active and sound), £38 to £45; spring-carters, £25 to £30 (but must be quiet, and good active sorts); good single and double harness geldings, £22 to £30; well-matched buggy pairs (good steppers, quiet, and straight goers), £50 to £60; dog-cart and handsome cab geldings, £25 to £35; first-class hackneys, £25 to £35; medium and useful hackneys, £16 to £24.

THE ADDINGTON MARKET.

The entries of sheep at Addington were very small, and of cattle below the average, but there was a large yarding of pigs. The attendance was moderate.

Fat Cattle.—The entry of 188 head proved sufficient for requirements, and previous rates were barely upheld. Local steers sold at £6/10/- to £10/12/6; heifers at £5/17/6 to £9/5/-. This is at the rate of £2/- to 26/- per 100lb for medium to prime beef.

Fat Calves.—There was a large entry. Good vealers sold fairly well, but others were almost unsaleable. Prices ranged from 4/6 to 60/-.

Store Cattle.—A heavy entry of all descriptions came forward. Well-fed, forward steers found buyers at late rates, but there was no spirit in the demand, and stock of poor breeding and condition scarcely elicited a bid. Of dairy cows there was a fair yarding in number, but the general quality was very poor. A pure Avonshire cow sold at £8/15/-, a few useful cows at £5/10/- to £7, and old and inferior at £3 to £5.

Fat Sheep.—The entry was probably the smallest that has been known at this season of the year, and, being insufficient for butchers' requirements, there was an animated sale, and prices were far above those lately current, easing considerably, however, towards the close of the sale. Exporters were, of course, completely outbid. Prices were as follow: Woolly sheep—Ewes, 22/6 to 27/-; merino wethers, 21/6 to 22/6. Shorn sheep—Wethers, 20/1 to 23/9; ewes, heavy-weights, 21/- to 25/10; others, 15/- to 20/-.

Fat Lambs.—There was a good entry in both number and quality, and, with keen competition by both butchers and exporters, values were fully maintained. Prime pens sold at 18/- to 20/6; others, 15/9 to 17/9.

Store Sheep.—There was not a large entry, but competition was brisk, especially for forward lines, and a good sale resulted. A line of 1250 wethers was sold at 19/6, the buyer draughting a large number into the fat pens, where they sold at 22/- and 21/6; 121 mixed wethers sold at 17/3; 352 two-tooth wethers at 16/6; 91 wethers and ewes at 16/9; 181 two and four-tooth ewes at 16/11. Ewes and lambs, all counted: 96 at 13/10, 351 at 13/5; and 81 at 12/2.

Pigs.—A moderate supply of fat pigs met a rather slow sale. Baconers were at easier rates, while porkers made recent values. There was a large yarding of stores, which sold well. Baconers made 35/- to 57/-, equal to 4d to 4½d per lb; porkers, 32/- to 40/-, equal to 5d to 5½d per lb; large stores, 25/- to 32/6; medium, 18/- to 24/6; and small, 10/- to 14/-.

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

Mr. W. L. Bowditch, M.A., hon. secretary of the Australian Catholic Truth Society, Melbourne, writes as under:—

The following resolutions were passed by the Executive Committee of the A.C.T.S. held at the Archbishop's Palace on Friday evening, November 18:—

That his Grace the President request each of the Bishops to appoint a clerical and lay secretary to spread the work of the A.C.T.S. in his diocese.

The general secretaries shall arrange for visits to Catholic centres in the archdiocese to advocate the cause of the A.C.T.S., and shall prepare a list of ladies and gentlemen willing to lecture under the auspices of the A.C.T.S. at these centres during the winter months.

A library sub-committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. L. Martin, Messrs. W. P. Lenehan, P. J. Quirk, and R. Stewart, to make enquiries as to the number and condition of Catholic libraries, to devise means for furnishing them from time to time with lists of Catholic books suitable for libraries or for private persons, at the lowest possible quotations; also to report on the best means of introducing standard Catholic books and newspapers into the public libraries of Victoria, and of preventing the purchase out of public money of works which calumniate the Church.

That we offer to unite with the English and Irish C.T.S. and with the Paulist Fathers in America, in urging on all Catholic publishers to issue immediately cheap reprints of standard Catholic classics, and promise to aid in the distribution of them throughout Australia.

GREYMOUTH.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 3.

The Premier and party are expected on the Coast at Christmas.

The Liberman Society is increasing in numbers, and more interest is being taken in this branch, which is the oldest in the Colony.

The flax industry is fast assuming large proportions on the Coast, and large numbers of men are engaged at the various mills.

Constable Ryan, formerly of Addington, who has been acting sergeant here for the past few weeks, has been promoted to the position of sergeant. Mr. Ryan leaves to take up his new duties in Dunedin shortly.

Master J. Kennedy, son of Mr. John Kennedy, Ahaura, carried off a number of events in the St. Patrick's College sports. In the 100yds event for this year he equalled the college record.

A West Coast Shipping Company has lately been formed. They have purchased the s.s. 'Torganten' for a start. During the month of October 16 steamers, of 16,985 tons, visited this port.

The township of Dunville is becoming a big place on account of the State mine, and houses are going up in all directions. A passenger service in connection with the railway commences next week. This will be a boon to residents in that part.

Mr. O'Gorman, who has been promoted to the Reef-ton Post Office, was presented on last Saturday by the officials here with a set of gold sleeve links. Mr. Samson made the presentation, and referred to the many good qualities of Mr. O'Gorman. Mr. O'Gorman suitably replied.

Last Monday the Very Rev. Dean Carew journeyed to Reefton to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Gallagher. The deceased was held in high esteem, and his death will be mourned by a large number. The funeral cortege was attended by people from all parts of the Coast. The Rev. Father Gallais officiated at the graveside. Another old identity passed away at the Reefton hospital recently in the person of Mr. Caples, who was widely known in connection with mining affairs.

The Convent and Marist Brothers' Schools were examined a little while back and passed very creditable examinations, as the subjoined inspector's report will show.—Greymouth Convent School (pass subjects)—Reading, good; spelling, excellent; writing, very fair; composition, very fair; arithmetic, good; geography (standard VI.), fair; drawing (standard VI.), good. The above shows that a very satisfactory year's work has been done at this school. Brunner Convent School (pass subjects)—Reading, very good; spelling, excellent; writing, good; composition, very fair; arithmetic, very good; geography, good; drawing, very good; singing and drill exercises, very good; needlework, very good. A good year's work has been done by this school, and the result is highly creditable. Marist Brothers' School—Another good year's work has been done by the teachers of this school, who are to be complimented for steadily raising the quality of the work year by year. Pass subjects: Reading, good; spelling, very good; writing, very fair; composition, very fair; arithmetic, good; drawing (standard VI.), very fair; geography (standard VI.), very fair; geography, good; drawing, very fair; grammar, very fair; history, good; elementary science, object lessons, good; recitation, very fair. Additional subjects: Singing, good; drill exercises, very good. Four boys in standard VII. did very good work, averaging 80 per cent. of marks.

Messrs Hallenstein Bros. are presenting their customers with pretty stamp cases as Christmas gifts...

The spiritual retreat for ladies at the Sacred Heart Convent, Timaru, to be preached by the Rev. Father Roney, S.J., will commence on Monday, January 9.

Messrs T. Fitzgerald and Son, carriage proprietors, MacLaggan street, Dunedin, have ladies' and gentlemen's riding hacks, single and double buggies, waggonettes, etc., on hire at reasonable rates...

Our lady readers are specially invited to pay a visit to the establishment of Messrs. Brown, Ewing, and Co., Princes street, Dunedin, where they will have an opportunity of inspecting a select stock of underclothing at very reasonable prices...

A special display of Christmas novelties is now on view at Messrs. Herbert, Haynes, and Co. These have been specially imported for the festive season, and will be found to excel any former exhibition of the firm, both as regards utility, artistic design, and the wide range of the goods, which are suited to all ages and tastes...