standing carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; light backs, £10 to £18; extra good backs, £20 to £30; weedy and aged backs and harness horses, £5 to £8.

ADDINGTON-STOCK MARKET.

At the Addington yards there were fair entries of stock and a good attendance. The few store sheep entered met with a good demand, and the best fat lambs sold at the previous week's prices; while unfinished sorts were again easier. Fat wethers and ewes showed a decline, and prime beel brought last week's rates. There was a poor sale of store cattle, and a moderate demand for dairy cows. Fat pigs were easier, and stores were not in very keen demand. mand,

Fat Lambs.--A small yarding of mostly unfinished sorts sorts was again easier; while any finished lots brought the previous week's rates, though there was not much competition. Tegs made 19s 6d to 21s 6d, and stan-

dard weights 16s to 19s.

Late Burnside Stock Report Per favor Messrs. Donald Beiu and Co.

Fat Cattle.—There was a fair yarding of 170 head, the majority of ehese being medium weight bullocks and heifers, with a pen or two of extra prime. The prices throughout the sale were on a par with those ruling last week. Best bullocks, £9 5s to £10 15s; medium to good, £8 5s to £9; others, £5 15s to £7 10s; best cows and heifers, £6 17s 6d to £7 15s; medium to good, £5 10s to £6. to £6.

Sheep.-1452 penned, most of these being medium to good butchers' weights, only a very few sheep of extra prime quality being forward. Prices were about equal to those ruling at the last sale. Best wethers, 22s 6d to 26s; medium to good, 19s to 21s; light, 16s to 18s; best ewes, 20s 6d to 23s 3d; medium to good, 18s 6d to 20s.

Lambs.—There was a fair yarding of 350, and all fit for export met with fair competition. Best lambs, 15s 6d to 17s 9d; others, 13s to 14s.

Pigs.—There was a fair yarding of 121, the majority of these being porkers and baconers. The demand for these was fully equal to the supply, and all forward were quitted at satisfactory prices. Suckers and slips were in short supply, and prices remained firm at last week's rates. Suckers, 8s to 11s; slips, 12s to 18s; stores, 19s to 25s; porkers, 28s to 38s; light baconers, 45s to 54s; heavy do, 56s to 61s; choppers, up to 65s.

In the issue of 'L'Independance Belge' of May 4, there appears another of the series of interesting letters regarding New Zealand, which Mr. George Robertson, of the Government Life Insurance Department, has contributed to that journal. In the present instance Mr. Robertson treats of the attempt made by the French authorities to establish a French Colony in the South Island, and how they were an ticipated by the British by a few hours. But if the French did not succeed in establishing a Colony here they had the honor of being the first Catholic missionaries. Already, in the Bay of Islands district Bishop Pompallier was preaching the Gospel to both Europeans and Natives, by whom he was loved and respected. With remarkable energy he worked unceasingly for the welfare of all, but his principal object was the propagation of the faith among the Maoris. In 1840 Bishop Pompallier visited the French settlers at Akaroa, but it was not until 1860 that the first Catholic church was erected in Christchurch. Mr. Robertson then goes on to inform his Belgian readers that there are at the present time 25,000 Catholics in the diocese of Christchurch, and that, thanks to the unceasing efforts of Bishop Grimes, they have recently erected a magnificent Cathedral, which has cost close on 1,500,000 francs, and has a beautiful peal of bells which was imported from Belgium. At the dedication ceremony, which was a most imposing one, there was a great gathering of clergy and laity, among the former being many prelates from Australia. Among the representatives of the State were his Excellency the Governor, the Premier, and the Minister of Railways. In conclusion, the writer states that the style of the Cathedral which, by the harmony of its proportions and the meanty of its outlines, recalls to mind the church of St. Vincent de Paul, Paris, is worthy of all praise The Cathedral, which has been made by the Catholic community of the district, and bears testimony to the courage and foresight of their Bishop.

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