

Commercial

PRODUCE.

Invercargill Prices Current.—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 6d; separator, 7d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 0½d. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Cheese, 6d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 5s per ton. Flour, £10 to £11. Oatmeal, £10 to £11. Bran, £4. Pollard, £5 10s. Retail — Farm butter 8d; separator 9d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 2d. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Flour: 200lb, 22s; 50lb, 6s; 25lb, 3s 3d. Oatmeal: 50lb, 7s; 25lb 3s 6d. Pollard, 9s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Oats.—Business continues quiet, and quotations for this week are as follow: Prime milling, 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1½d; medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—Business is limited to fowl wheat and prime milling, prices being as follow: Prime milling, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—The market is fairly well supplied, and prices if anything are a shade easier. Quotations: Best local and Oamaru potatoes, £14 to £15 per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies are fairly plentiful, but business is confined pretty well to prime quality. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 2s 6d to £4 7s 6d (extra choice to £4 10s); medium to good, £3 10s to £4; inferior and light £3 to £3 7s 6d.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., (Limited), report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted a catalogue suitable chiefly for the local trade. There was a good attendance of buyers, and, with satisfactory competition, nearly every lot was disposed of at valuations. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—Only a very limited business is being done for export. Shippers are having fair quantities offered them for direct consignment from country stations, but find no outlet at prices quoted. Business here is almost entirely confined to sales for local consumption, and, considering that millers are practically out of the market, these must be considered fairly satisfactory. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 1½d to 2s 2d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1½d; medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is no change in the market to report as regards either value or demand. Local millers are still inclined to purchase the small lots of choice quality offering on the spot, but are rarely to be tempted with medium sorts. Fowl wheat is still scarce, and late values for same are well maintained. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley.—A few sales of malting quality are passing, but at this season business in barley of this description is not heavy. Feed lines are not offering plentifully, and are in fair demand for export. Late quotations are nominally unchanged.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Messrs. Donald Reid and Co.

Fat Cattle.—206 head yarded, mostly medium sorts. Prices were about on a par with last week's rates, but towards the end they eased somewhat. Best bullocks, £8 10s to £10 5s; medium to good, £7 to £8 5s; best cows and heifers, £6 to £7 15s; others, £4 to £5 17s 6d.

Sheep.—1874 penned, this number proving in excess of requirements, prices eased. Best wethers, 18s to 20s 6d; extra, to 23s; medium to good, 16s to 17s 9d; best ewes, 18s to 21s; others, 16s to 17s 6d.

Lambs.—470 yarded; a fair sale for prime sorts resulted. Best lambs, 14s to 15s; others, 12s 6d to 13s 9d.

Pigs.—187 forward, these being mostly porkers and baconers. Prices were easier for these sorts, but for suckers and slips last week's rates were fully maintained. Suckers, 6s 6d to 11s; slips, 12s to 17s; stores, 19s to 25s; porkers, 26s to 34s; light baconers, 36s to 42s; heavy do, 44s to 48s; choppers, up to 52s.

WEDDING BELLS

VENNING—KENT.

(From our Timaru correspondent.)

A pretty double wedding was solemnised in St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, on Tuesday, January 9, when two highly respected and popular young ladies of that parish, the Misses Lucy and Elizabeth Kent, second and third eldest daughters of Mrs. Kent, of 'Glenbane,' Michael street, were joined in Matrimony to Messrs. John and Edward Venning, first and third eldest sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Venning, 'Roslyn,' Timaru. The ceremony commenced at nine o'clock in the presence of a very large number of relatives, friends, and well-wishers of the happy couples. Rev. Father Charles Venning (brother of the grooms) officiated, assisted by Rev. Fathers Tubman, Regnault, and O'Connor. In a short address he congratulated the young couples on the step they were taking, reminded them of the similarity of their union to that of Christ with His Church, and then before concluding referred to his own personal interest in the ceremony. The brides, who looked charming in beautiful white silk dresses and veils with orange blossoms, were given away by their brothers, Messrs. John Charles and James Francis Kent. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Kent and Miss Mary Venning, and Miss Caroline Kent and Miss Zeta Venning, and Misses Dorothy and Annie Delahunt acted as flower girls. After the celebration of the Nuptial Mass the Wedding March was played by the organist as the happy couples left the church for the residence of the brides' mother, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Some seventy guests sat down to the well-provided tables. Rev. Father Regnault presided, and proposed the health of the 'Brides and Bridegrooms.' He said that by the marriage two of the best and most Christian families in South Canterbury were united. Waimate had no reason to rejoice in losing two of its best young ladies, who were indefatigable in all Church work, and zealous and regular attendants in the choir. It was over sixteen years since he first met the brides he now saw before him, and even then they gave promise of that noble Catholic womanhood into which they had since developed. Mr. W. Evans, of Timaru, and late chairman of the Timaru Harbour Board, said that he was not long acquainted with the brides, but the bridegrooms he knew well; they were two of the most straightforward and conscientious young men he had ever come across, and had been in his employ since they left school. Mr. and Mrs. Venning were old friends of his, and exemplary people they were. Mr. Venning had worked with him for the past 30 years, and he sincerely hoped that his sons would ever keep before them the fine example set by their parents. Rev. Father Tubman proposed the toast of the 'Parents,' and referred to them as examples of true Christians. This toast was seconded by Rev. Father Regnault, and replied to by Mr. Venning, senr., and on behalf of Mrs. Kent, by Mr. M. J. Brennan, of Opunake (uncle of the bridegrooms), and Mr. J. Charles Kent. During the day and evening scores of telegrams arrived felicitating the happy couples. At two o'clock the whole party, in five vehicles, went for a short drive up the Gorge, and the day being a particularly pleasant one, the outing was thoroughly appreciated. On returning afternoon tea was dispensed, and then the happy couples were driven to Studholme, and given a right royal send-off by the whole party as they left for their honeymoon by the express, Mr. and Mrs. J. Venning going to Christchurch and Akaroa, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Venning to Dunedin. In the evening quite a large number of guests were entertained at a social evening in St. Augustine's Hall, the first-class music being supplied by the Misses Flynn and others, and a most enjoyable time was spent. It may be mentioned that Mr. W. Knight was best man, and Mr. S. Venning groomsman to Mr. J. Venning, and Mr. G. Venning best man, and Mr. M. J. Doyle groomsman to Mr. E. Venning. The wedding presents were very numerous and valuable.

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