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Commercial

PRODUCE.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue included most of the lines in use locally, but the demand was not keen, and in many cases lines of oats and chaff had to be passed in. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—The demand for export has quite fallen off, and practically no business is being done in this direction. Consignments are coming forward more freely, and as the local demand is not sufficient to absorb these, prices have suffered to some extent. Milling lines have no attention. Quotations: Good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1d; medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—In spite of the lateness of the season, millers show little disposition to stock heavily, and their purchases are confined for the most part to small lines of prime quality. Fowl wheat has sufficiently good demand locally to preclude the possibility of any export business when prices are compared with those ruling at other ports. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Late importations have had an adverse effect on our market, and consignments coming forward can only be placed at reduced values. Locally grown lots are still strongly preferred, but anything not quite fresh and not sufficiently ripe is only saleable at lower values. Quotations: Best lines, £9 to £10; medium, £7 to £8 10s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—For the past week consignments have been arriving freely; so much so that the market is considerably over-supplied. Prime, bright oatensheaf is the only class which attracts attention, and even of this quality a considerable proportion has to be unloaded into store to avoid being sacrificed in selling ex truck on arrival. Buyers were probably never before so difficult to please in point of quality, and anything but the best is extremely difficult to deal with. Quotations: Prime bright oatensheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4 (a drop of fully 5s per ton on last week's values); medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s per ton (bags extra). Inferior quality unsaleable.

Pressed Straw.—Quotations: Oaten, 40s to 42s 6d; wheaten, 30s to 32s 6d per ton.

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

Oats.—Business is very quiet, and as consignments are coming forward more freely, prices have eased somewhat. Quotations: Good to best feed, 2s to 2s 1d, medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—The market remains quiet, quotations being as follow: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—Consignments are fairly plentiful, and prices are somewhat easier, viz., best lines, £9 to £10; medium, £7 to £8 per ton.

Chaff.—Stocks at present are fairly heavy, and the demand is only for prime samples. Quotations: Prime oatensheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior, £3 to £3 7s 6d.

WOOL.

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

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Tuesday, competition being keen and prices quite up to last quotations. Butchers' pelts made up to 3s 1d and lambskins 3s 7d.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Messrs. Donald Reid and Co.

Fat Cattle.—The yarding was not so large as usual, only 158 head being forward. Good to prime bullocks formed the larger part of the yarding, there being also a few pens of extra heavy cows and heifers. Prices were fully equal to last week's rates. Best bullocks, £9 to £10 5s; extra heavy, up to £10 17s 6d; medium to good, £6 10s to £9; best cows and heifers, £6 to £8 5s; extra heavy, up to £9.

Sheep.—The yarding totalled 1165, and as the demand was more than equal to the entry prices, on the whole, were 1s per head firmer than at last sale. Best wethers, 19s to 22s 3d; extra, up to 24s; medium to good, 16s to 18s 6d; best ewes, 16s to 17s 9d; extra up to 19s 6d.

Lambs.—Only 70 were yarded. Prices were about 2s 6d per head higher than at last week's sale. Best lambs, 16s to 17s 6d; others, 14s 6d to 15s 6d.

Pigs.—A large yarding of 324, all sorts being represented. Prices were much easier for suckers and slips, whilst porkers and baconers were not up to last week's rates. Suckers, 7s to 10s; slips, 12s to 18s; stores, 20s to 25s; porkers, 26s to 35s; light baconers, 38s to 42s; heavy do, 41s to 47s.

WEDDING BELLS

DREW—QUALTER.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Canice's Church, Westport, on Tuesday, December 26, when Miss Lily Qualter, fourth daughter of Mr. M. Qualter, Westport, was married to Mr. Frederick George Drew, of the local railway staff, and only son of Mr. Frederick Drew, Oamaru. The Ven. Archpriest Walshe performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely dress of cream voile with transparent yoke and cuffs, and trimmed with silk insertion and chiffon. She wore the usual wreath and veil, and carried a pretty shower bouquet. She was attended by her sister, Miss Nora Qualter, as bridesmaid. Mr. J. A. Duncan (Oamaru) acted as best man. The young couple have the good wishes of a large circle of friends. The presents were both useful and costly.

PEOPLES—HOARE.

On Tuesday, January 16 (writes our Temuka correspondent), St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Julia Agnes Hoare, sixth daughter of the late Mr. R. Hoare, Kerrytown, and Mr. John J. Peoples, second son of the late Mr. P. Peoples, Kaitioura. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Hoare, cousin of the bride, and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Kerley. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. D. Hoare, looked very pretty in a dress of white silk, with the usual veil and orange blossoms. She also wore a beautiful gold bangle and brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, her gift to the bridegroom being a pair of gold sleeve links. Miss G. Hoare, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. James Peoples acted as best man. Miss H. Hoare, sister of the bride, presided at the organ, and as the newly-wedded couple left the church she played the 'Wedding March.' The wedding breakfast was laid in a marquee at the residence of the bride. The Rev. Father Hoare presided, and proposed the toast of 'The bride and bridegroom.' In doing so, he referred in a eulogistic manner to the good qualities of both parties, and wished them long life, happiness, and prosperity in their new home. Other toasts incidental to the occasion were duly proposed and honored in a fitting manner. Prior to leaving to catch the express en route to Dunedin, the happy couple were given three ringing cheers by those assembled, and drove off accompanied by the good wishes of all.

The end-of-season sale at the D.I.C., Dunedin, commences on Monday next, and will continue for 21 days. Every article will be reduced in price, and all goods marked in plain figures for cash....

Visitors to, and residents of, Christchurch will find a large and most diversified collection of Catholic literature, aids to devotion, etc., at the Catholic Book Depot, Barbadoes street. Among the varied stock will be found Bibles, prayer books, religious and national pictures, wax candles, sanctuary lamps, statues, crucifixes, crucets, and other church requisites. Mr. O'Connor cordially invites visitors to the city to inspect his comprehensive stock....