

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Donald Reid & Co.

Fat Cattle.—121 head yarded. This number being below requirements prices, in consequence, firmed for all good cattle, medium sorts not meeting with the same attention. Best bullocks, £10 5s to £12 12s 6d; medium to good, £8 5s to £10; light, £6 10s to £8.

Sheep.—2450 forward, a considerable number of these being good prime heavy wethers. Prices were firm at late market rates. Best wethers, 24s to 26s; extra heavy, up to 29s; medium to good, 21s to 22s 6d; light, 17s to 20s; best ewes, 20s to 22s 6d; others, 14s to 17s.

Pigs.—114 forward. Suckers and slips sold under brisk competition. Suckers, 11s to 14s; slips, 16s to 20s; stores, 23s to 28s; porkers, 33s to 40s; light baconers, 45s to 53s; heavy do, 55s to 60s.

HOKITIKA

(From our own correspondent.)

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Catholic Debating Society on the evening of August 6. The president (Mr. J. Toomey) occupied the chair, and in addressing the meeting, said he had a painful duty to perform that evening. Since the last meeting the Very Rev. Dean Martin had passed away. His death was a great loss not only to the Society, but to the whole community, for he had endeared himself to one and all by his kind and loving-manner and his noble generosity. He moved the following motion, which was agreed to: "That this Society deplores the death of the Very Rev. Dean Martin, and that the secretary be instructed to forward a letter of condolence to Rev. Father Aubry." The meeting then adjourned out of respect to the memory of the departed Dean.

At the meeting of the Society on August 21 Mr. J. Sellers, jun. (vice-president), occupied the chair. The programme consisted of a debate, 'Is football a demoralising game?' Mr. N. Cuttance led in the affirmative, whilst Mr. Peter Daly upheld the negative contention. A very keen and interesting discussion was the result, the subject being well debated. On a vote being taken at the conclusion of the debate, the negative side was declared the winner. Arrangements were made for the oratorical competition on the subject, 'Mr. Seddon as a statesman and as a man,' which is to be held on September 18. Messrs. Daly (2), Sellers, Cox, Cuttance, Hanrahan, and Green have expressed their intention of taking part in the competition.

The meeting of the Society on August 28 was well attended, Mr. M. Daly, being in the chair. The question box occupied the attention of members, and the subjects submitted for discussion concerned the leading topics of the day. It was decided to have a debate at the next meeting on the question, 'Should members of colored races be admitted to the Colony free of poll tax?' One new member was elected.

WEDDING BELLS

SMITH-LYONS.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A pretty wedding took place on August 30 at the Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch. The bride was Miss Mary Lyons, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Lyons, of Croyke street, Christchurch, and the bridegroom was Mr. James Smith, of Rangiora. Mr. Francis Walklin, brother-in-law to the bride, was best man, and the Rev. Father Hyland celebrated the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dove-colored dress, elaborately trimmed with lace and corded silk, and hat to match. The bridesmaids were Miss Christina and Miss Annie Lyons, sisters of the bride. On the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party drove to the Al Hotel, where the wedding breakfast took place. At the repast the usual toasts, including that of the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Devane) were duly honored. The wedding presents were numerous, valuable, and useful.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, AUCKLAND.

Statement of receipts and expenditure from July 1, 1905, to August 6, 1906:—

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in Savings Bank ...	1 10 4	By assistance with Groceries ...	49 1 0
" Cash in hand ...	1 9 10	" Rent ...	7 15 0
" Poor box ...	22 9 4	" Milk and Invalid comforts ...	1 9 6
" Easter cards ...	2 14 7	" Passages to Mt. Magdala ...	6 7 0
" Collection boxes ...	5 16 9	" Cash relief, etc. ...	1 3 0
" Hon. members' subs. ...	20 17 6	" Stamps, advertising and stationery ...	1 7 0
" Donations ...	4 6 0	" Drapery, blankets and boots ...	4 13 10
" Working Members' subs. ...	5 0 6	" Terminating Building Society subscriptions ...	3 10 0
" Concerts ...	21 0 3	" Sewing machine ...	4 17 6
" Interest Savings Bank ...	2 9	" Sundries ...	2 9
		" Meat ...	2 0
		" Concert expenses ...	17 0
		" Balance—	
		In Savings Bank £2 3s 5d.	
		Cash in hand	
		£1 18s 10d	
			4 2 3
	£85 7 10	Total	£85 7 10

During the year 51 new articles of clothing, 517 second-hand articles, 22 pairs of boots, and 2½ yards of new material were distributed. Two hundred orders for groceries wood, meat and milk were given, and 104 visits were made.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS BURNS, KANIERI.

(From our Hokitika correspondent.)

Another of the pioneers of the West Coast, in the person of Mr. Thomas Burns, of Kanieri, passed away very suddenly on August 24. Mr. Burns, who came to the West Coast in 1866, had carried on the business of blacksmith at Kanieri and Hokitika for the last forty years. The widespread sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to Mrs. Burns and her five orphan children in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Monday, when a large concourse of mourners assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Rev. Father Aubry officiated at the grave.—R.I.P.

The roaring heard when the hand covers the ear has been traced by a physiological experimenter to the muscles of the palm and arm when at work. The sound was absent when the ear was closed by a book, and the roaring became louder as the tension of the muscles was increased.

The following is a summary of immigrants who have been approved from April 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906:—Farmers: Single men and heads of families, 423—976 souls. Artisans: Single men and heads of families, 534—1257 souls. Miscellaneous: Single men and heads of families, 457—1058 souls.

The report on the working of the Land for Settlements Consolidation Act shows that the lands purchased under the Act during the past year amounted in value to £789,633. The expenditure on roads, surveys, and other items amounted to £47,422, and interest on debentures to £162,760. The total in credit at the end of the year was £1,394,899, thus showing a balance of £404,074 to begin the new year with. The value of the land paid for at March 31, 1906 (including expenses), is £4,408,394.

Messrs. Scoullar, and Chisholm, Ltd., Dunedin, are noted for their carpets, rugs, linoleums, and floorcloths, which for style, design, and wearing qualities cannot be beaten. Inspection of the comprehensive stock invited....