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PRODUCE

Wellington, November 19.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, the 17th inst.:—"Trade for all classes of mutton has been very slow, and prices are hardly maintained. The quantity at present going into consumption is very small, high prices restricting business. Canterbury brands are quoted at 4½d per lb; those other than Canterbury at 4¼d. River Plate mutton is quoted at 4d per lb. The lamb market is depressed, the weather being very unfavorable for the sale of that commodity. The average price for New Zealand (Canterbury brand) is 5½d per lb. This season's Australian lambs are quoted at 5½d per lb. The beef market is very dull. Supplies of River Plate beef are increasing, and a further drop in price is imminent. New Zealand hind and fore quarters are quoted at 4½d and 3½d per lb respectively. The butter market is steady, but there is only a small demand for the best quality. Choice New Zealand is quoted at 116s per cwt; Danish at 125s; Siberian at 105; and Argentine at 114s. The cheese market is quiet, and small business is doing. Canadian is quoted at 63s per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a moderate catalogue of the usual lines in demand locally. The attendance of buyers was smaller than usual, and bidding throughout was not keen. Many of the lines on offer had to be passed in for want of competition. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Good to best feed lines have had more attention from shippers, but in most cases where sales have resulted prices a shade below late quotations have been accepted. Prime milling lines are only in demand for export as feed quality. Medium and inferior sorts meet with slow sale. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 1d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 0½d; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is still quiet, with no alteration in values to report. Only prime samples are in favor with millers, and even in this respect their requirements are small. Medium quality is neglected except as fowl wheat, for which there is fair demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; whole fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 1d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—For to-day's sale we had no really prime sound lines forward. Nearly all offered were of indifferent quality, for which there is not strong demand. These were quoted at £10 to £10 10s for fair Derwents, while lower qualities realised £6 to £8 per ton. Prime sound table sorts are worth £11 to £11 15s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The market is still well supplied with chaff of medium to good quality, for which there is only occasional inquiry. Prime bright oatens sheaf is the only class for which there is ready sale. Local buyers have seldom been so particular as to color as they are at present. Light, inferior, and discolored lines are unsaleable. Quotations: Best oatens sheaf, £3 10s to £3 15s; choice, to £3 17s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 7s 6d; inferior and light, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—The market has been fully supplied with oatens straw, which now sells at about 40s per ton. Wheatens is not so plentiful, and is in fair demand at 32s 6d to 35s per ton.

WEDDING BELLS

FITZGERALD-BROOKS.

Considerable interest (writes a Rotorua correspondent) was evidenced in the marriage of Mr. J. T. Fitzgerald, of Rotorua, to Miss Margaret Brooks, of Ahaura, Greymouth, on Wednesday morning, November 7, the bridegroom being a resident of 23 years, and eldest son of Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald of the Government Works, Rotorua, the bride being the youngest daughter of the late Mr. T. A. D. Brooks, of Ahaura. A number of friends and well-wishers of the happy couple congregated at St. Michael's Church, where the ceremony took place. Rev. Father Kreymborg officiated, and celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The sanctuary was prettily decorated for the occasion by friends of the bride and bridegroom. The bride looked very pretty in a cream embroidered voile dress, the skirt being slightly trained, and trimmed with gathered ribbon. She wore a white hat with ostrich plumes. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Josephine Fitzgerald (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss White, of Waimauku. Both were attired in cream silk frocks, trimmed with lace. Mr. H. Fitzgerald, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the ceremony the happy couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March,' and then drove to the residence of the bride's sister, where the wedding breakfast was laid, and during which the usual toasts were honored. The presents were useful and ornamental, and their number and value bore testimony to the esteem in which the young couple are held.

FITZGERALD-SHEA.

An event in which considerable interest was manifested (writes a correspondent) took place at Ardlussa, Balfour, on November 7, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Agnes Shea, second daughter of Mr. M. Shea, to Mr. James Fitzgerald, eldest son of Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, Willowbank, Riversdale. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a trained gown of rich cream merveilleux silk, trimmed with silk passanterie and rucked chiffon. With this was worn a long veil, falling from a coronet of orange blossom. The bride wore a gold watch and chain, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Shea, and Miss M. Fitzgerald, who were attired in stylish costumes of cream silk voile, and wore greenstone brooches, mounted with gold (the gifts of the bridegroom). The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Keenan. Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, jun., and Mr. D. Shea acted as best man and groomsmen respectively. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party and guests adjourned to a large marquee, where the breakfast was laid. The Rev. Father Keenan proposed the health of the newly-wedded pair, giving them some good, sound advice. Several other toasts were also duly honored. The happy couple left in time to catch the north express en route for Christchurch. It took the whole of the side verandah to display the number of beautiful, useful, and ornamental gifts, which testified to the widespread popularity of the young couple.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY J. FELDWICK.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Henry John Feldwick, only son of Hon. Henry Feldwick, of Invercargill, which occurred at Barton Private Hospital, Tinakori Road, Wellington, on Sunday, November 4. Deceased, who was eighteen years of age, was a young man of more than ordinary intellectual talents and a great favorite with all who knew him. About two months ago he was attacked by bronchitis, when his condition became so serious that he received the last Sacraments from the Very Rev. Father Lewis. He then gradually became convalescent, but only for a fortnight. Although he did not actually suffer a relapse, the previous illness had so seriously affected his heart that he was again confined to his bed. Rev. Father Moloney again administered the last rites of the Church to him; and was present when he died. On the Monday night his body was removed to the Sacred Heart Basilica, where his Grace Archbishop Redwood celebrated a Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning, and at 9 o'clock the funeral left the basilica for the Karori Cemetery, where the interment took place. The Rev. Father Moloney officiated both in the church and at the graveside. Deceased leaves his father, mother, and three sisters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.