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DUNEDIN WOOL SALES.

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

The first of the local series of wool sales was held on Thursday, the total quantity offered being 9430 bales, as compared with 5833 bales offered at the corresponding sale last year—the increase being mainly due to this season's favorable weather for shearing. The wools opened out well, though somewhat heavier in condition than at the first sale last year. There was a representative attendance of buyers, and well-sustained competition throughout the sales. Light-conditioned halfbred and fine crossbred wools were in keen demand, and for these grades very satisfactory prices were realised, up to 15d being paid for first halfbred, and 14½d for super crossbred. Our New Zealand woolen mills were represented in force, and their spirited bidding for all wools suited to their requirements gave good support to the sales. Compared with the opening sale of last year, and taking into account the somewhat heavier condition of the wools, the difference in price would be, say, for super halfbreds 1½d to 1¾d higher, medium halfbreds 1d to 2d higher, fine crossbreds 1d to 1½d higher, medium crossbreds ½d to 1d higher; medium melino show no change; first pieces ½d to 1d higher, medium pieces ½d higher. Our catalogue was made up of 1590 bales, chiefly farmers' and small-run lots, of which 1540 bales were sold under the hammer.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

The large hall of the college was well filled on Monday evening, December 17, when the annual distribution of prizes was made by his Excellency the Governor. Besides his Grace the Archbishop and the local clergy, the Hon. G. Fowlds (Minister for Education), Mr. T. E. Y. Seddon, M.H.R., Mr. J. P. Firth (Principal of Wellington College), and Mr. Martin Kennedy were among those present. The prize-giving was interspersed with musical items, the following programme being submitted: Songs by the Rev. Father Hills and Masters Ryan and Miller, a violin solo by Miss Julia Moran, a pianoforte solo by Mr. H. Seymour, and several choruses by the pupils. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Premier and his Worship the Mayor. The prize list is as follows:—

General Excellence.—John Duggan, gold medal given by Old Boys' Association.
Good Conduct.—Henry Seymour, gold medal given by Archbishop Redwood.
Honorable Mention.—Joseph Stewart.
Diligence Medal.—Mark Devoy, donated by Provincial.

Christian Doctrine.—O'Leary; second division, Bernard Ryan.

Excellence in Class Work.—Second class, John Duggan; third class, Bernard Ryan; fourth class, H. Rasmussen; fifth class Alonzo Dwan.

CLASS SUBJECTS.

Second Class.—English, Essay, Francois Kelly; English, John Duggan; Latin, William Ryan; French, William Ryan; Algebra, Joseph Ryan; Arithmetic, Joseph Ryan; Geometry, Joseph Ryan and John Duggan, equal; Drawing, John Duggan.

Third Class.—Essay, Nicholas Geaney; English, Maurice Butler; Latin, James Ryan; French, James Ryan; Arithmetic, Alfred Cullen; Algebra, Alfred Cullen; Geometry, E. J. Burke; Drawing, Alfred Cullen.

Fourth Class.—Essay, Richard Mulgan and Michael Cleary; English, H. K. Lynch; Latin, Mulgan and Lynch; French, Leo Poff and Henry Rasmussen; Arithmetic, Terence Malone, Leo Poff, and K. Lynch; Algebra, Bernard Rasmussen and Terence Malone; Geometry, Mulgan and Terence Malone; Drawing, Henry Rasmussen and Kildare Lynch.

Fifth Class.—Essay, Joseph Devine; English, Cyril Andrews; Arithmetic, Alonzo Dwan.

Commercial Course.—General work, Leo Poff; Commercial History and Geography, H. H. Lynch and Leo Poff; Typewriting, Harold Lathan and Kevin Garvey; Shorthand, Bernard Rasmussen (first division), Carroll (junior division); Penmanship, John Duggan and Henry Seymour (first division), Henry Rasmussen and Leo Poff (second division), Cyril Andrews (third division).

Music.—Pianoforte, Henry Seymour (first division), Bernard Malone (second division); Violin, Nicholas Geaney; Singing, Robert Miller (senior), Bernard Ryan (junior).

The following names appear on the Board of Honor.—Akukata, Bennett, Cameron, Campion, Done, Duggan, Geaney, H. Lynch, K. Lynch, London, O'Connor, O'Leary, Poff, Joe Ryan, William Ryan, Seymour, Stewart, Frank Kelly, Lavery, McGrath.

At the conclusion of the distribution the Rector, Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., B.A., in a particularly happy speech referred to the splendid behaviour of the boys during the year, and to the efforts of both teachers and pupils to make the best of their opportunities. He was particularly pleased with the junior classic class, in which many of the pupils had attained over eighty per cent. in a very difficult paper. This result reflected very much to the credit of the young priests, who he felt sure would leave their mark on our educational work. The good feelings that had always existed with Wellington College continued, and the boys of the two institutions were friendly rivals. The Rector impressed upon parents the necessity of sending their boys to college when about 13 or 14 years of age, so as to give them an opportunity of obtaining a solid foundation in their education. He also deprecated the system of cramming that was working such baneful results on the Colony.

His Excellency briefly addressed the boys. He said that it gave him great pleasure to attend St. Patrick's, for he always felt at home there. As the prize winners were called he noticed many names that in his youth meant much to him. He could say that no one outside the Catholic Faith appreciated more the sacrifice and self reliance of Catholics in the matter of education than he did. He felt honored in being allowed to associate himself with the college, and if he could help it at any time an application to him for assistance would not be in vain.

His Grace then congratulated the boys on the result of the year's work, and trusted that they would ever strive to be a credit to their teachers.

The Hon. Mr. Fowlds also addressed a few words to the boys. He paid a tribute to the self-reliance so prominently displayed by Catholics in the work of educating their children. He would be pleased to render what help he could.

Three hearty cheers for his Excellency, three for his Grace, and three more for the Rector concluded the proceedings.

The Executive Committee, Dunedin, appointed to arrange for a suitable reception and presentation to the Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, have decided that the presentation is to consist of an address in album form, and that the function is to be held in the Garrison Hall on January 18. Speakers have been arranged for, also a bright and attractive musical programme. This public meeting will undoubtedly rank among the most successful ever held in Dunedin. All classes of the community are represented on the Executive Committee, which has given every evidence of deep enthusiasm.

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