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PRODUCE

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue comprised the usual lines in demand locally, and with the exception of potatoes, for which there was poor competition, was cleared at quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Although there is only a small margin for shippers to operate at current values, all lines of good to prime feed are readily placed on arrival. Prime milling quality is also in good demand, and all good clean seed lines have strong inquiry. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; inferior to medium, 2s 4d to 2s 5½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The demand for prime milling lines is strong up to late values. Medium milling also has better sale, while fowl wheat is scarce, and is readily quoted on arrival. Seed lines of all sorts are inquired for. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5½d to 3s 6½d; medium to good, 3s 4½d to 3s 5d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments have been arriving freely, and the market is glutted, chiefly with potatoes of inferior condition. The demand is almost entirely confined to prime sound lines, while questionable lots, which it is imperative to deal with immediately, are practically neglected, and only saleable at very low values. Quotations: Prime, £3 15s to £4; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s; slightly damaged, £2 10s to £2 15s; inferior, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—The local demand is almost entirely for prime oat sheaf, which sells on the basis of late quotations. For medium and inferior lots there is only limited sale. Quotations: Best oat sheaf, £4 15s to £5; medium to good, £4 to £4 12s 6d; inferior and light, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; straw chaff, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Oaten is scarce, and has good sale at 45s to 50s; wheaten, in fair supply, sells at 37s 6d to 40s per ton.

Turnips.—Best swedes, 20s per ton, loose, ex truck.

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

Wheat.—The market is slightly higher, and buyers are more inclined to do business. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; medium do, 3s 4½d to 3s 5½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; inferior and damaged, 2s 1½d to 3s 2d per bushel.

Oats.—The market continues as last reported, namely: Prime milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 3½d to 2s 4½d.

Potatoes.—Owing to arrivals from Australia, the market is lower, and buyers are not keen to do business. Quotations: Prime table sorts, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton; extra good to £4; medium and inferior, £2 5s to £2 15s.

Chaff.—The demand is equal to the supply at present, and late quotations continue, namely: Prime oat sheaf, £4 12s 6d to £4 17s 6d; medium £4 2s 6d to £4 10s; inferior, £3 10 to £3 15s per ton.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We held our weekly sale to-day, when there was an average attendance of buyers present. Competition was good, and values remained as last reported.

Sheepskins.—Weekly sales will be resumed from this on. We offered a large catalogue to-day, when values if anything were a shade easier. Quotations: Best

halfbreds, 9½d to 10½d; medium to good do, 7½d to 9½d; best crossbreds, 9d to 10d; medium to good do, 7½d to 8½d; best merinos, 8d to 8½d; medium to good, 7d to 7½d; pelts, 7½d to 9½d; lambskins, 7½d to 9½d per lb.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale last Thursday, when we submitted a large catalogue. We regret to report, however, that owing to a fall in Australia, there was a decided drop here, prices all round showing a decline of ½d to 1d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—The demand continues very keen, and all coming forward is readily sold at the following quotations: Best rendered tallow, 22s 6d to 26s per cwt; medium to good do, 18s to 22s; inferior do, 15s to 17s 6d; prime caul fat, 17s 6d to 18s; rough fat, 12s 6d to 17s.

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

May 6.

The weekly meeting of the Temuka Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening last. There was an excellent attendance of members, Mr. W. Barry presiding. The programme for the evening was the editor's box. The questions allotted to the various speakers were answered in a very able manner, some of the new members making excellent speeches.

The members of the Catholic Club approached the Holy Table in a body on Sunday at the 8 o'clock Mass. The Rev. Father Kerley addressed the members, and exhorted them to persevere in their good work. After Mass the members adjourned to Mr. J. Reilly's, where the breakfast was laid.

WEDDING BELLS

BURKE—O'BRIEN.

On April 3, a very pretty wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. P. O'Brien, Wairio, Southland, the contracting parties being Miss Nellie O'Brien, third daughter of Mr. Patrick O'Brien, to Mr. William Burke, of Clifton. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a handsome costume of cream silk, trimmed with Honiton silk lace, and wore a veil with a spray of orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss Della O'Brien, as bridesmaid. Mr. M. O'Brien (brother of the bride) acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father Walsh, of Wrey's Bush. The breakfast was laid in a large marquee, where a number of guests assembled. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honored. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of wedding presents, both useful and ornamental. After the breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Burke were driven to the station, when they left by the afternoon train, for Invercargill, en route for Christchurch on the honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

OBITUARY

MRS. FRANK MURPHY, GIPPSLAND.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Murphy, wife of Mr. Frank Murphy, of Loretto, Lindenow, Gippsland, who passed away on April 16, in the 39th year of her age. The deceased was well known in Wellington, having received her education at St. Mary's Convent. The late Mrs. Murphy was noted for her fervent piety, and for her work on behalf of the Church in the district where she resided. She passed away after a brief illness, fortified by all the rites of the Church. She leaves a husband and seven young children to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

The debating and literary branch of the St. Mary's Club (writes our Wanganui correspondent) intends opening the session on Monday, May 13, with a debate on the Land question—Freehold versus Leasehold. The leaders will be Messrs. J. M. Murphy and W. Power. Great interest is taken in the debate, which will be a source of enlightenment to many of the lady friends of the members, who are cordially invited to be present.

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