

There were several buyers in the yard on the look-out for first-class draughts fit for town work, but as our entry did not include any of this description, very little business was done. There has been a good inquiry during the week for first-class plough mares and geldings, and we have sold quite a number at prices ranging up to £48. The demand for second-class draughts is very slack indeed, but there are still good buyers about for really first-class young mares and geldings, heavy and staunch. Good young upstanding spring-carters and spring-van horses are also scarce, and any coming forward are easily placed at full rates. Our annual winter horse fair will be held, as usual, during show week. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £50; extra good do. (prize winners), at from £50 to £55; superior young draught mares, at from £50 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, at from £30 to £40; aged do, at from £15 to £20; well-matched carriage pairs, at from £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, at from £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, at from £18 to £35; light hacks, at from £8 to £13; extra good hacks and harness horses, at from £13 to £25; weedy and good do, at from £5 to £7.

### Late Burnside Stock Report

Sheep.—3456 penned; a heavy yarding. Prices showed a fall of about 2s per head on last week's rates. Best wethers, 18s to 21s; extra, 22s 6d; medium, 15s to 16s 9d; inferior, 13s 6d to 14s 6d; best ewes, 12s to 15s 3d; extra, up to 17s; medium, 10s to 11s 6d; inferior, 7s to 9s.

Lambs.—996 penned; a medium yarding of fair quality, and prices for good sorts were a shade firmer than those ruling last week. Best, 15s to 16s; extra, 17s 3d; medium, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; light, 11s to 12s.

Cattle.—184 forward. Prices firmed considerably, especially for finished animals. Best bullocks, £9 10s to £10 7s 6d; medium, £7 15s to £8 10s; inferior, £6 10s to £7 5s; best cows, £6 to £7 5s; extra, £8 2s 6d. A local firm sold a dairy cow at £9 2s 6d.

Pigs.—110 forward. Prices for small sorts showed no alteration, whilst porkers and baconers were easier. Suckers, 9s to 11s; slips, 13s to 16s; stores, 21s to 25s; porkers, 34s to 42s; light baconers, 44s to 48s; heavy do 53s to 58s; choppers, 63s.

### Why Latin is used by Physicians

The doctor writes his prescription in Latin because it is a more exact and concise language than English, and, being a dead language, does not change, as all living languages do (says a New York chemist).

Then, again, since a very large part of all drugs in use are botanical, they have in the pharmacopoeia the same names that they have in botany—the scientific names. Two-thirds of such drugs haven't any English names, and so could not be written in English.

But suppose a doctor did write a prescription in English for an uneducated patient. The patient reads it, thinks he remembers it, and so tries to get it filled from memory the second time. Suppose, for instance, it calls for iodine of potassium and he gets it confused with cyanide of potassium. He could safely take ten grains of the first, but one grain of the second would kill him as dead as a mackerel. That's an exaggerated case, but it will serve for an illustration. Don't you see how the Latin is a protection and a safeguard to the patient? Prescriptions in Latin he can't read, and consequently doesn't try to remember.

Now for a final reason. Latin is a language that is used by scientific men the world over, and no other language is. You can get Latin prescriptions filled in any country on the face of the earth where there is a drug store. We had a prescription come in here the other day which had been stamped by druggists in London, Paris, Berlin, Constantinople, Cairo, and Calcutta. What good would an English prescription be in St. Petersburg?

The wise man should not delay, now that winter is at hand, in providing himself with clothing suitable for the season. He can get all that is needful—such as rain-coats, driving coats, pyjamas, vests, pants, etc.—from the New Zealand Clothing Factory, Octagon, Dunedin. This firm's goods are noted for their excellence....

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. FLANAGAN, WEST PLAINS.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Bridget Flanagan, wife of Mr. John Flanagan, who passed away at her residence, West Plains, on April 27, at the age of 71 years. The deceased, who was only ill for a few days, died fortified by the rites of the Church. The funeral, which took place on April 29, was one of the largest seen in the district for some time. The Very Rev. Dean Burke, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Malley, officiated at the interment in the Eastern Cemetery.—R.I.P.

#### MRS. SULLIVAN, NASEBY.

There passed away at Naseby on April 28, after a short illness, Mrs. Kate Sullivan, wife of Mr. Bernard Sullivan. The deceased, who was greatly respected by a large circle of friends, he was a staunch Catholic, and was ever foremost in every undertaking connected with the advancement of the Church in the district. She was a native of Ennis, County Clare, where she was born 59 years ago. She leaves a husband, a sister (Mrs. Costello), who resides in Christchurch, and several relatives in other parts of the Dominion to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

#### MISS ANNIE HEALY, GREY VALLEY.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Healy, of Ngahere, Grey Valley (writes a correspondent), will learn with regret of the death of their daughter, Annie, who passed away peacefully on April 3, in her 24th year. About four years ago the deceased contracted a severe cold, which in time developed into consumption. All through her long and painful illness she displayed the greatest patience and resignation, and was never heard to complain in any way. She had always been a model of piety and gentleness, and during her illness these virtues shone most conspicuously. She had every spiritual assistance, hoping for a long time under the care of the Sisters of Mercy, Reefton; and in her own home also she was visited frequently by the priest and occasionally by the Sisters. When the end was approaching, she received all the rites of the Church. The funeral was the largest ever seen in Ngahere, sympathisers having come from Greymouth, Reefton, and several places round about. The greatest sympathy was expressed for the bereaved parents and sisters of the deceased, who was taken so early from their happy home.—R.I.P.

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