

WOOL

Stronach, Morris, and Co., report:

Rabbitskins.—On Monday last we offered a fair catalogue to the usual buyers, but bidding was not nearly so brisk as at previous week's sale; prices, however, were firm at late quotations, and if anything winter does showed a slight advance. Best winter does, to 24½d; good, 20d to 22½d; mixed, 17s to 19s; autumns, 14d to 15½d; springs, 9d to 10½d; summers, to 9½d; winter blacks, to 24½d; autumns, 18½d; horse hair, to 18d.

Sheepskins.—Our weekly sale was held on Tuesday, when we submitted a large catalogue. Bidding was again brisk, and prices for all sorts showed a slight advance on last week's sale. Best halfbred brought up to 7½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6½d; best crossbred, 4½d to 5½d; medium to good, 3½d to 4½d; merino, to 5½d; lambskins, to 6½d.

Hides.—We held our usual fortnightly sale of hides on Thursday, 9th inst., when we submitted a small catalogue. There was no competition at the sale, and almost all our hides were passed in. Our top price for ox was 6½d, paid for one weighing 79lb. Our best price for cow hides was 4½d; stout heavy ox hides, to 6½d; good heavy, to 5d; medium weight, 4½d; inferior and staggy, 3d to 3½d; best heavy cow hides, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 4d; light weight, 3d to 3½d; inferior, to 3d; yearlings, 3½d to 3½d; calfskins, 3½d to 5½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in the tallow and fat market, all coming forward being quickly dealt with at late rates.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—

The entry for last Saturday's sale was only a small one, being composed entirely of horses from and around Dunedin. Owing to the recent flood, the entries from the country could not get forward, and for the same reason farmers were too busy at home to attend horse sales, consequently the attendance of the public was smaller than usual. There were very few draughts in the yard, but we succeeded in placing one or two at prices ranging up to £41. The spring-cart and light harness sorts forward were a stale lot, and there was little business done in these classes. The country consignments advertised for last Saturday's sale, and unavoidably kept back owing to the breakdown of the train service, will be forward for next Saturday's sale. We quote:

Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £50; extra good ditto (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 ditto, 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 ditto, at from £5 to £7.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—250 head yarded. A small proportion of these were of the best quality, and realised full market rates. Medium and inferior cattle were only in fair demand. Best bullocks, £8 10s to £10; medium, £7 to £8; inferior, £5 to £6 10s.

Sheep.—3819 penned; an extra large yarding. Best wethers, 21s to 24s 6d; extra (one pen), 31s 6d; medium, 18s to 20s; inferior, 15s to 17s; best ewes, 15s to 18s 6d; extra (one pen), 34s; medium, 13s to 14s; inferior, 9s to 12s.

Lambs.—300 forward, prices being about the same as last week.

Pigs.—70 penned. Prices for all classes were well up 10 last week's rates. Suckers, 9s to 11s; slips, 11s 6d to 14s; stores, 16s to 28s; porkers, 38s to 45s; light baconers, 48s to 55s; heavy ditto, 56s to 65s; choppers, up to 78s.

Nearly all cookery books tell their readers of the proper way to make tea, but they invariably forget to mention that the tea must be of the best quality—such as Hindai-Lanka—otherwise the results will be very unsatisfactory....

Interprovincial

Among the candidates that passed the final dental examination at Wellington recently was Mr. Francis O'Keeffe, of Hastings. Mr. O'Keeffe intends visiting Pennsylvania College to continue his studies at an early date.

We have received a copy of the initial issue of 'The Bluff Press and Stewart Island Gazette,' which has the distinction of being published farther south than any other paper in the world. It intends to espouse the cause of the Bluff, the gateway to Southland, and Stewart Island as a tourist resort and mining field.

The prospective commitments and present undertakings of the City Council (writes the Dunedin correspondent of the 'Press') total up to the respectable sum of £1,241,000. The present loan indebtedness of the city is £963,426. To this there has to be added the following:—Water department, £20,000; King Edward street widening, £25,000; Caversham gasworks purchase, £14,000; gasworks improvements, £70,000; and Waipori power and light department, £15,000.

It is with much regret that I notice the gradual increase of Chinese into the laundry trade; hardly a month passes without fresh application for the registration of a new Chinese laundry,' reports the Wellington Inspector of Factories. 'Now, these men compete with the very poorest of our working women, and therefore this matter should receive earnest consideration. Usually the wash-house and ironing-rooms of these Chinese laundries are clean and in order, but their dwelling-places are frequently anything but clean. Many of them are, in my opinion, quite unfit for human habitation; and by the Chinese being allowed to live in this way they are enabled to compete unfairly with European workers. Another way in which they compete unfairly is by employing other Chinese to work for them at all hours and at any wage, and when called upon to show a return for wages or overtime worked they merely tell us that they are all partners. Inspectors should be empowered to demand deeds of partnership.'

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