

6d to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £4; light inferior, £3 to £3 5s; oaten straw chaff, £2 10s to £2 17s 6d; wheaten, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Turnips.—We quote: Best swedes, 20s to 22s per ton (loose, ex truck).

### WOOL

Stronach, Morris, and Co., report:

Rabbitskins.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on Monday, 3rd inst., when we submitted a large catalogue composed principally of prime skins. All sorts sold at fully up to it not better than late rates. Quotations: Best winter does, 23d to 25d; good, 20d to 23d; mixed, 17d to 20d; early winters, 15d to 16d; autumns, 12½d to 14½d; springs, to 10½d; summers, to 10d; winter blacks, to 2½d; autumns, to 16½d; horse hair, from 13½d to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—At the last sale we offered a large catalogue composed principally of well-dried skins. Bidding was brisk, and prices were fully up to last week's rates. Best halfbred, 6½d to 7d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; inferior, 4d to 4½d; best crossbred, 5½d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 3½d; best merino, 5½d to 6½d; medium to good, 4d to 5d; lambskins, to 5½d.

Tallow and Fat.—Best rendered tallow, 20s to 22s (casks), 17s to 19s (tins); medium to good, 15s to 16s 6d; best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 11s to 14s.

### LIVE STOCK

#### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

For Saturday's sale we had a medium entry of mixed horses. The attendance of the public from both town and country was good, and in consequence the tone of the market was very healthy, all our country consignments changing hands under the hammer at satisfactory prices. Of the draughts forward there were none of more than average quality, and the prices realised were, therefore, not high, yet, considering the class, they were very good—viz., up to £37 10s. A nice order-cart gelding from Lovell's Flat found a new owner at £24. The light harness sorts forward were a poor lot, and in this section business was very limited. Most vendors are keeping back their surplus horses for our annual spring sale (which takes place on August 14), and not many sound young draught geldings are coming forward to the weekly auction. 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.

A United States Consular report quotes a Nuremberg paper for the statement that, of a total product of German toys in 1907 estimated to be worth £5,000,000, about £3,800,000 worth were exported. The United States and England took more than half of the export.

Amongst the correspondence recently received by the Department of Agriculture at Wellington was a communication from Mr. H. D. Irwin, of Opoitiki, raising the question of whether the destruction of small birds' eggs did not make the birds more prolific layers. The Minister referred the question to Mr. Hyde, the Chief Poultry Expert, and that officer has reported as follows:—'Mr. Irwin's contention regarding the destroying of small birds' eggs is perfectly correct. This I proved many years ago, when breeding canaries in considerable numbers. On removing the eggs and destroying the nest the hen would invariably rebuild, and in a few days again lay from three to six eggs.'

Mr. E. O'Connor, proprietor of the Catholic Book Depot, Christchurch, received by the last Home steamer several cases of religious objects and books. Among the goods received were prayer books, bibles, testaments, and standard works by leading Catholic authors which will be found very suitable for presents, school prizes, and home reading. He has also on hand a choice collection of pictures, statues, crucifixes, etc.

### About Shorthand

Mirabeau says: 'Among the greatest inventions of the human mind are writing and money, the common language of intelligence, and the common language of self-interest.' Shorthand is the logical development of the art of writing. Writing was originally a matter of chisel and stone. The Arabic alphabet and the invention of the printing press represented marvellous strides forward in the preservation in permanent form of the ideas of men. But almost as far back as recorded history goes there existed the desire and the means to record the spoken word as fast as it was uttered. The Chinese had a system of shorthand 3000 years ago; the Romans had a system of arbitrary signs for each word, which was practically a system of shorthand. The world progresses. About 1837 Gabelsberger, in Germany, and Pitman, in England, perfected systems of shorthand on the true sound-writing basis. These systems represented the most advanced thought in this field for the next 50 years.

Then Mr. John R. Gregg originated a system which eliminated position writing, shading, and the backhand slant of the old systems. Immediately the new system gained headway, although its introduction of labor-saving machinery was fought in the industrial world. In spite of this opposition, Gregg Shorthand has grown in popularity in all parts of the world, until it is now the leading system.

Full information regarding the Gregg System can be obtained upon application to the New Zealand representative, Mr. J. Wyn Irwin, Gregg Shorthand Institute, Cuba street, Wellington....

Messrs. Tyrrell and Rossbotham, ladies' and gentlemen's tailors, have just commenced business at 277 George street, Dunedin. They make a specialty of clerical work....

Residents of Christchurch and visitors to the city during the Grand National week are reminded of the Living Floral Carnival which is to be held in the Art Gallery, beginning on Tuesday next. The central feature of the carnival will be a game of euchre with living subjects, in addition to which there will be dances, charming marches, and intricate evolutions.

The New Zealand Clothing Factory, Dunedin, call attention to their comprehensive and superior stock of men's and boys' clothing of all kinds. The firm's tailor is a specialist in the making of soutanes....

Messrs. Smith and Smith, Ltd., oil and color merchants, Dunedin, are importers of artists' materials, brushes, plaques, and requisites suitable for convent schools. Bevelled mirrors (framed or unframed) a specialty....

Our readers in Dunedin and suburbs are reminded that the New Zealand State coal can be procured at the depot, Jetty street wharf, Dunedin, and will be delivered within the belt at advertised rates. The prices for the various kinds of coal are notified on page 33 of this issue....

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