

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—There was a medium yarding of 190, consisting of some pens of prime quality bullocks, which fetched prices on a par with last week's rates. Heifers also fetched satisfactory prices. Best bullocks, £10 to £12 5s; medium, £7 to £9; inferior, up to £6 5s; best heifers, up to £8 15s; medium, £6 10s to £7 10s; inferior, up to £5 5s.

Sheep.—There was a big yarding of 3347, consisting mainly of good wethers with a small proportion of ewes. Prices were somewhat in advance of last week's quotations. Best wethers, 20s to 22s 9d; extra, up to 23s 3d; medium, 17s 6d to 19s; inferior, up to 16s; best ewes, up to 17s 6d; inferior, up to 11s. There were 14 lambs forward, which fetched up to 27s 6d.

Pigs.—115 forward. There was a brisk demand for young pigs. Porkers and baconers were firm at late rates. Suckers, 19s to 21s 6d; slips, 23s to 28s; stores, 33s to 38s; porkers, 40s to 44s; light baconers, 48s to 53s; heavy do, 58s to 60s; choppers, up to 88s.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 25.

The new church at Raglan is to be opened next Sunday, when Rev. Father Cahill will officiate, and will be assisted by Rev. Father Edge, of Ponsonby. The parishioners have worked hard and continuously to erect this little church on this west coast port of our diocese.

In our City Council during the week several members had 'Continental Sunday' on the brain. This arose through one of the city bands asking permission to play in Albert Park on Sunday afternoon, and to take up a collection for the band fund. The application was refused. Last night's meeting, when the Mayor was present, upset the former decision, and granted the permission.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, last Sunday, a Missa Cantata was celebrated by Rev. Father Zana. The choir was augmented by several members of Bland Holt's Company, Mr. Percy Kehoe, of that company, conducting. After Mass the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced, and continued up to Tuesday morning. Rev. Father Edge preached both morning and evening each day to the close of the devotion. The attendances at all the services were very good.

The annual social in connection with the Cathedral parish took place last Wednesday evening in the Royal Albert Hall, and was a pronounced success. Rev. Father Meagher and a very active committee of ladies and gentlemen worked assiduously with most gratifying results. The net proceeds, which go to reduce the Cathedral debt, should be handsome. The expenses were made good before the social took place in order to allow the whole of the proceeds to be devoted to the purpose in view.

Rev. Father Ormond, who was recently ordained in Propaganda College, Rome, has, since his ordination, been travelling on the Continent and the British Isles. He leaves London in the 'Omrah' on October 30, and is expected here about December 19. He is a native of the West Coast of New Zealand, having been born at Westport, where he received his first instruction in Latin from Archpriest Walshe. Father Ormond spent five years in Thurles College, and six years at Propaganda. His parents now reside in Auckland, in which diocese he is to pursue his missionary labors.

Palmerston North

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

September 27.

On Friday last an elocution contest was held in the Opera House before a very large audience, the proceeds being in aid of the local Technical School. The chief event of the evening was the contest between the four local societies—St. Andrew's, St. Patrick's, Broad St. Methodist, and the Technical School. The competition was divided into three classes—Shakespearean, pathetic, and humorous. The representatives of the Technical School won the competition. St. Patrick's representatives con-

sisted of Messrs. W. Scanlon, L. Hanlon, J. Davidson, P. O'B. Loughnan, all of whom acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner.

At the musical examinations held recently under the auspices of Trinity College, London, the following pupils from the Convent of Mercy were successful:—Senior division—Violet Kendall, 87 (honors); Vera Irene Graham, 86 (honors). Junior division—Dorothy Dalrymple, 73. Preparatory division—Marjorie Nidd, 78. In order to gain the title of Associate Pianist of Trinity College, London (says the local *Standard*) it is necessary to gain over 80 per cent. of marks. The three local entrants all succeeded in passing the difficult test. They were all pupils of the convent, and their marks are as follow:—Ethel Mary O'Halloran, 87; Ivy Taylor Graham, 86; Evelyn Mary Rawlins, 82. The remarkable fact about the recent musical examinations was the splendid success of the pupils of the convent. In almost every division they headed the list, all three in the highest division gaining Associate certificates. Mr. Saint George, the examiner, expressed himself as delighted with the high standard achieved here, especially in the Associate division. He was especially pleased with the insight shown by Miss Ivy Graham (daughter of Mr. J. R. Graham) and Miss O'Halloran. In the senior division mention was made of Miss Vera Graham's splendid interpretation of the piece chosen from Chopin, it being the first time the examiner was able to give full marks in that particular subject. The following pupils of the convent passed the musical knowledge examination held in June last:—Intermediate division (pass 60, honors 80)—Vera Irene Graham, 94; Violet Elizabeth Kendall, 92; Anna Aramburn, 70.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

The quarterly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday, September 23, there being an attendance of about fifty members. The sum of £30 was received during the evening.

The oratorical competition, held in connection with the Invercargill Catholic Club, took place on Tuesday, September 22. Mr. D. Gallagher proved the winner, with Mr. E. Prendergast next. Both speakers took as their subject 'The exclusion of Chinese.' The Rev. Brother Alfred officiated as judge.

The first annual meeting of St. Mary's Tennis Club was held on Monday evening, September 14. Mr. J. Shepherd presided, and there was an attendance of fifty members. The balance sheet, showing receipts £69 6s and expenses £80 0s 6d, was read and adopted. The following officers were elected for the coming season:—President, Mrs. R. J. Timpany; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. McNamara, Mrs. R. Waterson, Mrs. H. Searle, Messrs. J. Mulvey, J. Butler, and J. Shepherd; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. McNamara. It was a recommendation to the incoming executive that another asphalt court be put down.

WEDDING BELLS

DOODY—GILL.

A marriage of more than ordinary interest (writes our Christchurch correspondent) was solemnised at the Church of the Holy Angels, Darfield, on September 22, when Mr. Daniel Doody, third son of Mr. Michael Doody, of Oxford, and Miss Mary Jane Gill, eldest daughter of Mr. James Gill, of Darfield, were united in the bonds of matrimony. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, of Ashburton, the Rev. Father Hyland (Rangiora) being deacon, and Rev. Father Tyler, M.S.H. (Darfield), subdeacon, and the Rev. Father Coone (Lyttelton) master of ceremonies. After the ceremony the guests to the number of about 250, were entertained at the residence of Mr. Gill, father of the bride, where also the popularity of the young couple was amply testified. Besides those of the clergy who officiated at the Nuptial Mass there were also present the Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Cathedral), Rev. Father O'Donnell (Queenstown), Rev. Father McManus (Rangiora), and Father Fanning, M.S.H. (Darfield). The Very Rev. O'Donnell proposed the toast of the newly-wedded couple in a very felicitous speech. Other toasts were also duly given. Mr. and Mrs. Doody joined the evening train at Kiri route for Dunedin, where the honeymoon was to be spent. The bride, who was beautifully robed in crepe-de-chine, was accompanied by Miss A. Gill as bridesmaid and Miss Sarah Gill as maid of honor. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a watch and chain, and to the bridesmaids gold brooches. The gift to the bridegroom consisted of gold links.