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Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending January 12 as follows:—

Oats.—There has been very little inquiry during the past week, and prices are barely maintained. There has been little business passing for local consumption. Prime milling, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; good to best feed, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; inferior to medium, 1s 4d to 1s 5½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little change to report, but the arrival of Australian wheat has had the effect of slightly lowering local prices, especially in fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 6½d to 4s 7½d; medium and best whole fowl wheat, 4s 5d to 4s 6d; medium fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s to 3s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There are no old potatoes coming forward, and early sorts are in fair demand from £6 to £8 per ton, according to quality.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a fairly large catalogue to a representative gathering of buyers. Our offerings were cleared under fairly animated competition, at prices corresponding with quotations.

Oats.—The market is quiet, with no fresh features to report. The business passing is principally in lines for local consumption. Quotations are unchanged. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; good to best feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; inferior to medium, 1s 4d to 1s 5½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The volume of business passing in this market is not great. Offerings still continue light. The principal sales passing are in lines of fowl wheat, which has fair inquiry at late rates. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 7d to 4s 8d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 4s 6d; broken and damaged, 3s 11d to 4s 5d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Old sorts—none offerings. We quote new potatoes, £6 to £8 per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—There is strong inquiry for choice quality, and for this description late quotations are fully maintained. There are, however, fair quantities of medium and inferior chaff in stores, which still continue slow of sale and show no improvement in prices. We quote: Prime oatens sheaf, £3 15s to £4; medium, £3 to £3 7s 6d; light, inferior, and heated, £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We held our rabbitskin sale on the 11th inst., when we submitted a large catalogue. Bidding was very brisk, and prices showed a further rise of from ½d to 1d per lb. Quotations: Prime winter does, to 22d; medium to good, 17d to 20d; others, from 16d to 17d; early winters, 13d to 16½d; autumns, 12d to 15d; summers, 9d to 10½d; winter blacks, to 18d; autumns, 14d to 16d; fawns, to 14½d; horse hair, to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—We held our sale on the 12th inst., when we submitted an exceptionally large catalogue of superior skins. Bidding was very brisk, and prices were fully up to last sale's rates. Best halfbred brought from 6½d to 7½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6½d; inferior, 4d to 5d; best fine crossbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; best crossbred, 5d to 5½d; medium to good, 4d to 4½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merinos, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; pelts, 3d to 4½d; lambskins, 3d to 4½d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on the 7th inst., when we submitted a small catalogue. Competition was very keen, and prices ruled fully up to late rates. Medium and heavy weight cows showed an advance of from

½d to 1d per lb. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 6½d to 6½d; good heavy do, 5½d to 6½d; medium weight, 5d to 5½d; light weight, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3½d to 4d; good heavy weight cow hides, 5d to 5½d; medium weight, 5d to 5½d; light weight, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 1½d to 3½d; yearlings, 1d to 4½d; calfskins, 2½d to 7½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is really no change to report in the tallow and fat market, all coming forward being readily sold at late rates. Best rendered tallow in casks, 20s to 22s per cwt; medium to good, 18s to 19s; best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 14s to 15s; inferior, 12s to 14s.

OBITUARY

MR. DANIEL O'ROURKE, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

The many friends of Mr. Daniel O'Rourke, of South Dunedin, heard with sincere regret of his death, which occurred at his residence, Broughton street, on January 2, at the age of 56 years. The deceased was well known in Otago as a contractor. He was a native of Tralee, County Kerry, and had been in this Dominion for upwards of thirty years. The funeral took place on Sunday, January 3, the place of interment being the Southern Catholic Cemetery, when the Rev. Father Howard officiated at the graveside. The deceased leaves a son and daughter to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

REV. FATHER TREACY, LIMERICK.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Edmond Treacy, P.P., who passed away at the presbytery, Askeaton, County Limerick, on November 23. The deceased, who had been connected with the diocese of Limerick since his ordination, was the eldest son of the late Patrick Treacy, Cromwell, Hospital, brother of the Very Rev. Dean Treacy, Los Angeles, California, the Rev. P. Treacy, of Stratford, New Zealand, and Mr. John Treacy, Kilnap House, County Cork. The late Father Treacy, who had reached a good old age, had been curate at Parteen for a lengthened period, but about twenty years ago he was appointed to the parish of Stonehall, whence he was transferred to Askeaton some seventeen years since. He was a great favorite with his people, and never spared himself in the promotion of their spiritual welfare. R.I.P.

MRS. TOOMEY, HOKITIKA.

It is with the deepest regret (writes a correspondent) that I have to record the death of Mrs. James Toomey, of this town, which took place at Reefton on December 16. Although the deceased lady had been suffering for several months past from an illness which caused her relations and friends considerable anxiety, her death was quite unexpected. The late Mrs. Toomey was a devoted Catholic, and during her life was closely identified with all matters pertaining to the advancement and welfare of the Church, being at all times willing to devote her time and energy to all work for the honor and glory of God. She was also an active member of the ladies' branch of the Benevolent Society. She leaves a husband and two children, also a Sister (Mrs. J. Sullivan, of Hokitika), and two brothers (Messrs. Thomas and Patrick O'Neill, of Rimu) to mourn their loss, and to them the sympathy of the community is extended in their bereavement. At the Requiem Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Ainsworth, the Rev. Father delivered a touching panegyric on the life of the deceased lady, and at its conclusion the Dead March from 'Saul' was played by the organist (Miss M. Ward). The late Mrs. Toomey was born at Castle Gregory, County Kerry, and was but forty-five years of age at the time of her death. The funeral, which took place on December 18, was one of the largest seen in Hokitika. The Rev. Father Ainsworth, assisted by Rev. Father O'Connor, officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

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