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## Commercial

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending March 2 as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on the 8th inst., when we anticipate good competition.

Sheepskins.—We held our sale on Tuesday, when we offered a medium catalogue. Bidding was not so brisk as last week, but prices were much on a par with rates then ruling. Quotations: Best halfbred, 6½d to 7½d; medium to good, 5d to 6½d; inferior, 3½d to 4½d; best fine crossbred, 6d to 7d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 5d to 6d; medium to good, 3½d to 4½d; pelts, 3d to 5½d; best lambskins, 4½d to 6½d; medium to good, 3d to 4d.

Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, 11th inst.

Tallow and Fat.—Prices are much the same as at last week's report, all coming forward being readily disposed of.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a medium catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. A fair proportion of the offerings was cleared at auction and privately at quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Stocks of old oats in stores, though light, are equal to the demand, which still continues slack. The business passing is confined chiefly to small sales for local feed, with an occasional sale for coastal shipment. A few lines of this season's oats have been offered, but buyers are not keen operators, and little business has as yet been reported. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 5½d; good to best feed, 1s 4½d to 1s 5d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

### Palmerston North

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

February 21.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood arrived in town on Saturday, and celebrated the 7.30 o'clock Mass this morning, which was the third and final Sunday of the three weeks' mission by the Redemptorist Fathers. About 90 per cent. of the very large congregation approached the Holy Table. His Grace administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 107 candidates, 28 of whom were adults. The mission was brought to a close in the Zealandia Hall this evening in the presence of an immense congregation. The Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., preached the final sermon.

## OBITUARY

MISS HELENA B. McENROE, WELLINGTON.

It is with deep regret (writes our own correspondent) that I have to record the death, on February 20, of Miss Helena B. McEnroe, at the residence of her mother, Willis street, Wellington, after a long illness. Deceased was a native of Addison's, Westport, and was greatly esteemed by all those who knew her for her kindness to those who were in need. She gave a bright example of Christian fortitude and patience during her trying illness. She was a practical Catholic, and was a devoted member of the Sacred Heart Association. She was regularly visited by the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., during her illness. She passed away peacefully, fortified by the rites of Holy Church. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased was celebrated in St. Mary of the Angels' Church on February 22 by the Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M. The Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., assisted by the Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., officiated at the graveside in Karori Cemetery. The large attendance at the funeral was an evidence of the respect in which deceased was held.—R.I.P.

## Hibernian Society

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The annual District Meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall, Auckland, on Wednesday evening, Bro. E. Dane, District President, in the chair, and Bro. P. J. Nerheny, D.V.P., in vice-chair. Also present—Bros. Kane, D.S., M. J. Sheahan, D.T., and Bro. Rev. Father Murphy. The following branches were represented at the meeting: Greymouth, Charleston, Thames, Dunedin, Auckland, Christchurch, Onehunga, Wellington, Blenheim, New Plymouth, Waipawa, Hastings, Leeston, New Headford, Timaru, Masterton, Milton, Oamaru, Waimate, Westport, Reefton, Palmerston North, Ashburton, Waihi, Gisborne, Hawera, Gore, and Invercargill.

The D.P., in his opening remarks, referred to the success of the society during the past year. He congratulated in an especial manner the Dunedin and Christchurch branches. He also thanked Bro. J. J. Marlow, deputy for Otago district, on his successful opening of the Gore branch.

The treasurer reported that the funeral fund balance on January 31, 1909, was £7190 11s 1d; general fund, balance £512 1s 11d; guarantee fund, £336 7s 6d; funeral claims paid during the half-year, £220; amount loaned on freehold security, £7350. The financial statement was adopted. Bro. Hon. Wm. Bechan, M.L.C., eulogised the work of the executive and the district trustees, Bros. Shaldrick, Flynn, and C. Little, also spoke.

The motion in the name of the new Headford branch to reduce the levy from 1s to 6d per member, in aid of distressed branches, was defeated by a large majority.

The Wellington delegate gave notice of motion: 'That the district executive be instructed to prepare a scheme to lay before the next district meeting with the object of amalgamating the sick funds of the branches throughout the district.'

The delegate for Gore moved, and the delegate for Dunedin seconded, 'That this meeting heartily congratulates the Right Hon. Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, upon the great work he has accomplished for the regeneration of Ireland.'—Carried unanimously.

Bro. Patterson moved, 'That this district meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society heartily congratulates the Right Rev. Monsignor Gillan upon the high distinction conferred upon him by his Holiness Pope Pius X.' Bro. Nerheny seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously amidst applause.

Miss Emma Agnes Dungan, of the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, was amongst the successful candidates in the examination for Teachers' Class D, which was held in January.

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