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Commercial.

(For week ending January 3).

SHARE MARKET.

MR. J. A. CHAPMAN reports that owing to the holidays there was no business done in the share market during the past week.

PRODUCE.

London, December 27.—Fruit and dairy produce firms in Liverpool are sending a representative (Mr. Whittle) to Australia to develop trade and direct shipments of produce.

The total quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is 1,620,000 quarters, and for the Continent 760,000 quarters.

Sydney, December 28.—Owing to the holidays very little is doing in the produce markets. Onions, potatoes, bran, and pollard are slightly easier.

Napier, December 28.—Messrs. Nelson Brothers have received the following cable from the C. C. and D. Company: 'Frozen meat market quite lifeless.'

London, December 28.—Wheat: Sixteen thousand quarters of Victorian (January shipment) sold at 28s 6d.

Melbourne, December 29.—Already the butter exports this year from Victoria exceed those for the whole of last year by nine and a-half million pounds.

London, December 29.—The wheat markets are quiet but steady.

Wheat.—Sixteen thousand quarters of Victorian (January shipment) sold at 28s 6d. An Australian cargo sold at 26s 3d.

Butter.—Owing to the holidays the market is unchanged, with a slight downward tendency.

London, December 31.—Frozen Meat: North Island mutton, 2 13-16d. Lamb, fair average (including Dunedin, Southland, and Wellington, and secondary Canterbury), 4½d. All other sorts are unchanged.

Hemp is firm. Good Wellington (October-December shipment) is quoted at L36 10s.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Good demand. Feeding, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; milling, 1s 10d to 1s 11d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowls' wheat, 2s 2d to 2s 5d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, L3. Straw: pressed, 22s; loose, 28s. Bran: L2 15s. Pollard: L3. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Butter: best brands factory, 10d to 11d; dairy, 6d to 8d. Oatmeal: L10. Potatoes: well picked, good sample, 20s; old stock from 1s per bag. Chaff: much firmer demand; L2 5s to L2 15s. New potatoes, L5 10s, Auckland; local, 8s.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

RABBITSKINS AND SHEEPSKINS—Market very firm.

WOOL—The next sale of the season takes place on Friday, January 12th. Wool for this sale should reach us not later than Tuesday, 9th January.

HIDES—Demand keen. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 3½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.

TALLOW—Market steady. Best rendered mutton, 15s 6d to 17s; medium, 13s 6d to 15s; rough-fat, 10s 6d to 12s 6d per cwt.

London, December 29.—The Bradford wool market is dull. Common sixties, 31d; supers, 32½d.

THE CANTERBURY FROZEN MEAT COMPANY.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy Produce Export Company was held on Wednesday of last week. The report for the year states that in spite of the serious interruption to works at Belfast by the destruction by fire of the fellmongery in March, the year's operations show a satisfactory result. The profit and loss account shows a net profit of L4636 17s 8d after writing £5500 off the works for wear and tear, depreciation, and loss by fire. Of net profit L2106 6s 9d was distributed in June last by way of interim dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. The directors recommended the payment of a further 4 per cent., this making 8 per cent. for the year, which absorbs L4356 6s 9d, and leaves L280 10s 11d to carry forward to a new account. The totals of stock dealt with during the year are:—364,668 sheep, 338,434 lambs, 730 cattle, showing an increase of 121,060 head for freezing purposes on figures of last year, and a decrease of 70,476 sheep boiled down and preserved. The Fairfield works, put in operation on March 16, contributed 158,953 head to the quantity dealt with till the end of the financial year.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(Per special favour Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris.)

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE—228 yarded. Prices slightly easier. Best bullocks, L7 5s to L8 5s; extra prime, L9; medium, L6 to L7; best cows and heifers, L5 5s to L6 15s; medium, L4 to L5.

SHEEP—1826 penned. Prices same as last week. Best cross-bred wethers, 14s to 15s; medium, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; best ewes, 11s to 12s 6d; others, 10s to 10s 9d.

LAMBS—525 penned. Prices same as last week. Best lambs, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; other, 9s to 10s 9d.

PIGS—63 forward. Prices show no improvement. Suckers, 11s 6d to 16s; slips, 17s to 22s; porkers, 27s 6d to 36s 6d; baconers, 38s to 40s.

The firm of Messrs. Louis Gille and Co., Sydney, was honoured recently by a visit from his Eminence Cardinal Moran, who takes a keen interest in the spread of good wholesome Catholic literature, and had the kindness to call specially to inspect, and inaugurate the opening of the new Book Department recently fitted up at great cost by this enterprising firm. His Eminence encouraged the spread of the publications of the Catholic Truth Society, of which over 30,000 copies have passed through the hands of the firm since they embarked in the Catholic book trade about five years back. Although comparatively so recent since they started in the book line they have now, without doubt, by far the largest stock of Catholic books in the Australasian colonies, a whole three-story building being now occupied by their various book departments, embracing liturgical, devotional controversial, prayer, school and premium books, &c., carefully selected from the catalogues of over 80 English, Irish, American, French, German, and Belgian publishers. It is now over 13 years since Louis Gille and Co., whose head house is in Lyons, France, established their Australian branch in Sydney under the patronage of his Eminence, and during this period the business has increased by leaps and bounds, until to-day their customers total over 1500, while considerably more than a thousand churches, convent chapels, &c., have been furnished by the firm.

Lieutenant Galloway, of the Natal Volunteers, who was reported missing after the fight near Ladysmith, is the Son of Sir Michael Galloway, Chief Justice of Natal. Sir Michael is an Irishman, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1853. He went to the Munster circuit for some time, but subsequently left for Natal, where he was Attorney-General from 1857 to 1890, when he was appointed Chief Justice.

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