

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Good demand. Feeding, 1s 11d to 2s; milling, 2s 1d to 2s 2d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowls' wheat, 2s 0d to 2s 2d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, 13s. Straw: pressed, 24s; loose, 28s. Bran: L2 15s. Pollard: 13s. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Butter: best brands factory, 10d to 11d; dairy, 6d to 8d. Oatmeal: L11. Potatoes: old out of season. Chaff: much firmer demand; L2 15s to L3 5s. New potatoes, L3, Auckland; local, 4s.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 16.—The wool sales opened hesitatingly. Prices show from par to 5 per cent decline.

Rabbitskins are in good demand. Australian are firm, and New Zealand show about a penny decline.

London, January 17.—At the tallow sales 1700 casks were offered and 1550 sold. Mutton: Fine, 29s 9d; medium, 28s. Beef: Fine, 28s 3d; medium, 27s.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. received the following cable, dated 17th inst., from their London office:—Wool sales opened; fair selection; large attendance of buyers; competition fairly animated. Prices are on the average at par to 5 per cent. lower than the closing rates of last series.

London, January 17.—Messrs. Buxton and Company, Charles Balme, and Jacomb, Son, and Company report that at the wool sales they submitted catalogues aggregating 8471 bales. The offerings included a fair selection of merinos. The attendance was only moderate, and sales were slow, buyers operating very cautiously. Prices generally were barely maintained, inferior and faulty lots ruling 5 per cent. below December rates. American buyers competed for crossbreds.

The sales were slow, and there were large withdrawals. London, January 19.—At the wool sale a better spirit was shown, with strong competition.

The Bradford wool market is lifeless, and no quotations are obtainable. At the wool sales Keri clip realised 13½d; Tukituki, 10½d; half, 15½d. There was a dragging sale. Merinos are 10 per cent. below December rates.

London, January 21.—At the wool sales the bidding was more spirited, and there were fewer withdrawals. Merino classes and crossbreds were extremely firm. Up to date 47,114 bales catalogued and 29,526 sold. The following prices were obtained for some of the New Zealand clips:—Aramoho, 7½d; Gear, 8½d; Pawkawa, 10½d.

London, January 22.—At the wool sales better competition was manifested. Merinos show a hardening tendency.

Melbourne, January 23.—At the wool sales sympathy was shown with the London market. In merinos fine crossbreds declined from 1d to 1½d per lb, and coarse crossbreds ½d, compared with prices at previous sale.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. have received the following cable from their London office, dated 22nd inst.:—Wool firmer; slightly better demand.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. have received the following cable, dated 18th inst., from their London office:—Wool market weaker. Considerable quantities have been withdrawn. As compared with the closing rates of last series, merino wools are lower by 10 per cent. The decline is still more pronounced for mushy and earthy wools, which are difficult to sell. There is a fair demand for greasy and scoured crossbred wools. Prices for these descriptions are lower by 5 per cent. than the closing rates of last series. The decline is due to forced sales of tops and to bankers abroad being disinclined to carry speculative holdings of Australasian and River Plate wools.

CHRISTCHURCH WOOL SALE.

The third wool sale of the season was held on Thursday in Christchurch, when 12,429 bales were offered. There was a full attendance of buyers, but those representing Home and foreign houses had evidently received cables reducing their limits in a far greater degree than appeared to be warranted by private and press reports of the opening of the London sales. The consequence was that the sale was extremely slow, and owners, being disinclined to accept export buyers' ideas of values, a very large proportion was withdrawn. Compared with the December sale, merino was ½d to 1d lower; fine clean half-breeds, 1d to 2d lower (most of these bought in); crossbreds, about ½d lower; merino sold up to 1½d; half-breeds, to 1½d. The sale was proceeding at a late hour.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—RABBITSKINS—Very few offering and prices unchanged. SHEEPSKINS—Market very firm. HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 4d to 1½d; medium, 3½d to 3¾d; light and inferior, 2d to 3d per lb.

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

WOOL—The next sale of the season takes place on Friday, 2nd February. Wool for this sale should reach us not later than Tuesday 30th January.

LIVE STOCK.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—There was a fair entry of horses at the sale last Saturday, but the attendance of buyers being rather below the average the bidding was not quite so brisk as it has been during the past few weeks. Draught horses were poorly represented; and, with the exception of about half a dozen really good horses, were a very poor show. The demand for first-class draught horses is still increasing, and they

seem to be getting scarcer every day. The demand for heavy town horses is keen, and farmers are also ready buyers at high figures for anything young and sound. Spring carters are also scarce, and sound, young horses suitable for standing the hard streets, are eagerly competed for, and fetch highly satisfactory prices. Light harness horses and hacks are also fetching good prices, but the competition for this class was not quite so keen this week, owing to the small attendance of buyers. We quote: First-class young draught mares and geldings, at from L45 to L50; good do, L38 to L45; medium, L30 to L35; aged, L18 to L23; upstanding young spring-carters, at from L25 to L30; good do, L18 to L23; light harness horses and hacks, first class, at from L18 to L25; good do, L14 to L17; medium, L8 to L12; aged and weedy sorts, L2 to L5.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were good entries of stock at Addington to-day.

FAT CATTLE—These numbered 215, mostly steers. The sale commenced badly, but improved on the appearance of a southern dealer, who took several lines of steers for freezing purposes. Prices were: Steers, L5 2s 6d to L8 10s; heifers, L4 to L8; cows, L3 12s 6d to L6 15s. Beef per 100lb remains practically the same as last week. Dairy cattle met a slightly better demand, prices ranging from L1 7s 6d to L5 15s. Among the lines of store cattle sold were some 18 months' old, mixed sexes, at L2 2s 6d. Useful cows brought L3 5s, and six to eight months' old mixed sexes, 19s.

FAT SHEEP—The entry was rather mixed in quality. Though competition was good, prices were a shade under last week's. Freezing sheep brought 13s 3d to 15s; unfinished sorts, 11s 6d to 12s 8d; best ewes, 11s to 14s; other sorts, 8s to 10s 6d; merino wethers, 8s to 10s 6d.

FAT LAMBS—In the fat lamb entry were several unfinished lines, and values generally showed a decline of from 6d to 1s. Freezing lots realised 10s 9d to 13s 6d; other sorts, 8s 6d to 10s 6d.

STORE SHEEP—There was a large entry of store sheep. As in the other sheep classes, the demand was good, but prices were lower than last week's. Two and four-tooths made from 12s to 13s 6d; sound-mouthed ewes, 11s to 12s 9d; other sorts, 8s to 10s; lambs, 6s 2d to 11s.

PIGS—Pigs met with poor demand. Baconers sold at 27s to 32s, or 2d per lb; porkers, 20s to 30s, or 3d per lb; stores, 16s to 23; weaners, 7s to 12s.

GORE STOCK SALES.

The correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times* reports as follows on the Gore Stock Sales held on Tuesday:—

SHEEP—About 1200 sheep were entered. The demand was good, but hardly up to owners' ideas, which were extreme. Fat ewes brought 11s to 13s 3d; forward wethers, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; broken-mouthed ewes, 9s; cull ewes and lambs, 8s 1d, all counted.

CATTLE—174 head of cattle were yarded. There was a good market for all kinds. Fat steers brought L5 to L6 15s; fat cows, L4 to L5 7s 6d; good store steers, L3 17s 6d to L4 10s; two-year-old steers, 35s to 55s; yearlings, 20s to 35s; store cows, 30s to 45s; dairy cows, L4 to L5.

THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ended Saturday, 20th inst. (says the *Otago Daily Times*), returns were reported from the following dredges.

Electric (Cromwell), 97oz; Junction Electric No 2 (Cromwell), 95oz; Hartley and Riley (Cromwell), 88s 6dwt; Golden Treasure (Millers Flat), 71oz; Golden Beach (Alexandra), 52oz 2dwt 20gr; Magnetic (Cromwell), 9 days, 52oz; Golden Gate (Island Block), week, 48oz 2dwt; Manorburn (Manuherikia), 177 hours, 42oz 10dwt; Success (Waipori), 140½ hours, 30oz; Unity (Clyde), 28dwt 14gr; Dunedin (Miller's Flat), 27oz; Molyneux Hydraulic (Alexandra), 25oz; Morning Star (Manuherikia), 124 hours, 24oz 4dwt; Inch Valley (near Palmerston), 132 hours, 24oz; Chatto Creek (Manuherikia), 10 days, 23oz; Chicago (Alexandra), 22oz 7dwt 15gr; Nevis (Nevis River), 129 hours, 20oz; Golden Point (Alexandra), 5 days, 18oz 10dwt; Matau (Clyde), 17oz; Tuapeka (Tuapeka Flat), 118 hours, 11oz 14dwt; Nil Desperandum (Manuherikia), 10oz; Ettrick (Moa Flat), 4 days, 6oz. Total, 833oz 10dwt 11gr.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

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

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE—118 yarded. Prices same as last week. Best bullocks, L8 5s to L9 2s; medium, L7 5s to L8 2s 6d; best cows and heifers, L5 15s to L7 2s 6d.

SHEEP—2244 penned. Prices showed a decline of 1s 6d per head since last week. Best crossbred wethers, 13s 6d to 14s 3d; medium, 12s to 13s; best ewes, 1s 3d to 14s 6d; medium, 12s 9d to 13s 3d.

LAMBS—789 penned. Prices same as last week. Best lambs, 10s 6d to 11s 6d; medium, 9s 6d to 10s 3d.

PIGS.—146 forward, all sorts selling in favour of buyers. Suckers, 7s 6d to 12s; slips, 14s to 18s; stores, 19s to 23s; porkers, 28s to 34s 6d; baconers, 36s to 42s.

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