

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet demand. Feeding, 1s 11d to 2s; milling, 2s 1d to 2s 2d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 2s 2d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, L3. Straw: pressed, 21s; loose, 24s. Bran: L2 15s. Pollard: L3. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Butter: best brands factory, 10d to 11d; dairy, 6d to 8d. Oatmeal: L1 11. Potatoes: old out of season. Chaff: much quieter demand; L2 15s to L3 5s. New potatoes: Local, L3, best.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 24.—At the wool sales competition is quiet, and there have been heavy withdrawals. The sales close on Friday. The following are amongst the clips sold:—Teemete, 9d; Temakoe, 9½d.

At the tallow sales 1950 casks were offered, and 775 were sold. Prices for all kinds remain unchanged.

London, January 25.—Wool is quiet, and prices are unchanged. The Akitio clip sold at 8½d, and the Kaputone at 10½d.

At the wool sales there is better competition, but prices are unchanged.

Bradford tops are unquotable. The market is lifeless.

London, January 28.—The wool sales closed with prices firm and unchanged. The total number of bales catalogued was 106,275, of which there were sold: To Home buyers 43,000, Continent 36,000, America 4900, and carried forward to the next series 57,000. Compared with December rates merinos declined 5 to 10 per cent. (medium and inferior suffering most) and crossbreds from par to 5 per cent. The decline was most marked with the finest sorts.

WELLINGTON WOOL SALES.

The second wool sales at Wellington on Friday went off badly. Competition was weak, and the bidding irregular. Lambs' wool reached in some instances good prices, one lot bringing 8½d, but the greater proportion sold at about 6d to 6½d: while seedy lambs brought as low as 6d. For fine crossbreds, for which at the December sale 9½d might have been obtained, 8d to 8½d was bid, and the heavy offerings of medium crossbreds, which predominate in Wellington catalogues, realised 6½d to 6½d against 7½d to 8d last December. Fine crossbreds, 6½d to 7½d, up to 8½d for superior; medium crossbred, 6d to 6½d; coarse crossbred, 5½d to 5½d; log-stained, 4½d to 5d; lambs—superior, 7d to 8d; medium, 6½d to 6½d; seedy, 5d to 6½d.

NAPIER WOOL SALES.

At the second series of wool sales at Napier the total offerings of the five brokers aggregated 10116 bales. There was a full attendance of English, southern, and local buyers, and there was good competition at lively reported rates, which are, however, from ½d to 2d per lb below the values ruling when the last sales, on December 6, were held, the greatest decline being shown in merino wools. The following were the ruling prices:—Merino: good, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; inferior, 8d. Halfbred: good, 10d; medium, 8d to 9½d; inferior, 7d to 8d. Crossbred: good, 9d, medium, 7d to 8½d; inferior, 5d to 7d. Lincoln: good, 6d; medium, 5½d, inferior, 4½d to 5½d. Pieces, up to 8½d; locks, up to 3½d scoured, up to 16½d for both merino and halfbred.

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

RABBITSKINS—No sale this week.

SHEEPSKINS—At Tuesday's sales bidding was rather dull and prices showed a sharp decline.

HIDES—Market very firm. Prime heavy ox, 1d to 1½d; medium, 3½d to 3½d; inferior and light, 2d to 3d per lb.

TALLOW—In good demand. Prime rendered mutton, 15s 6d to 17s; medium, 13s 6d to 15s; rough fat, 10s 6d to 12s 6d per cwt.

WOOL—The third sale of the season takes place on Friday next, February 2, and the fourth on Thursday, February 22.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were fair yardings in most classes of stock at Addington, and business in most departments, especially sheep, was brisk. The entries comprised 2000 fat sheep, 3000 fat lambs, 6470 store sheep, 297 cattle, and 238 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—A large proportion of the 1600 fat cattle were good to prime heifers and some nice lines of steers. Bidding was fairly brisk, and a good clearance was made, last week's rates being fully upheld, viz., 1s to 1s 6d for prime, 1s to 1s 7s for good, and down to 12s 6d for inferior. Per head, best steers brought L7 15s to L8 17s 6d; light, L5 2s 6d to L7 5s; best heifers, L6 10s to L7 2s 6d; lighter, down to L4 2s; prime cows, K6 10s to L7 12s 6d; others, down to L3 17s 6d. There was nothing quotable in either store or dairy cattle.

FAT SHEEP—A medium yarding of fat sheep, the bulk of which were ewes, and all classes met a keen demand. Heavy weight wethers brought up to 16s 7d, freezers (mixed sexes) 13s 9d to 15s. Butchers' ewes sold at all prices from 9s to 13s 3d, according to age and quality.

LAMBS—With the exception of a few lines of extra prime and freezers, the quality of the lambs was not so good. There was a good demand for all sorts. Extra prime sold at up to 14s 6d; freezing quality, 11s 6d to 13s 9d; and lighter, down to 9s 6d.

STORE SHEEP—The entry of store sheep was a mixed one, and owing to the late rains a rise was noticeable in all classes, graziers being anxious to secure lots. A line of 1135 wethers brought 13s to 13s 6d; 165 sold at 13s 5d; 119 at 12s 9d; and 36 at 13s 6d. A line of four-tooth ewes was withdrawn at 13s 9d, and the rest of this class were cleared at 10s 6d to 12s 3d, according to age. The keenest competition was manifested for lambs, and prices showed

an advance. The principal sales were lines of 900 at 10s 9d, and 740 at the same price. Other lines of forward sorts sold at from 10s 5d to 11s, and backward sorts realised 8s 6d to 9s 9d.

PIGS—There was a small entry, and a rather better sale resulted. Baconers sold at from 3d to 3½d per lb, and porkers 3½d to 4d. Per head, baconers brought 30s to 35s 6d; porkers, 20s to 30s 6d; stores, 17s 6d to 22s 6d; and weaners, 9s 6d to 14s 6d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—

There was a small entry of horses for this week's sale. Two or three good draught geldings were offered, but as they were aged, and the vendors wanted extreme prices for them, they did not change hands. First-class, young draught geldings are wanted, and will command from L45 to L50, but buyers hesitate to exceed L35 to L40 for aged horses. A few medium draughts also were submitted, and for these there was spirited competition, and every one of them was sold at from L25 to L30. Young spring van horses continue scarce, and we recommend consignments of this class of horses, as there are numerous buyers for them. Of hacks and harness horses there was nothing special on offer. Good, serviceable, light harness horses are in demand, and a first-class saddle horse will always command its value in this market. 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.

WAIMATE STOCK SALE.

The new Waimate County Saleyards were opened by the Mayor on Friday. There was a large attendance. About 10,000 sheep were sold at good prices, wethers at up to 14s 7d, ewes to 11s, fat lambs 11s 9d. The opening was a great success, and augurs well for the future of the yards.

THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ended Monday, 29th inst. (says the *Otago Daily Times*), returns were reported from the following 35 dredges, the total yield being 1160oz 18dwt, or an average of 33oz per dredge:—

Electric (Cromwell), 120 hours, 125oz; Junction Electric (Cromwell), 110oz; Hartley and Riley (Cromwell), week, 79oz 14dwt; Golden Gate (Island Block), 6 days, 61oz 15dwt; Earnsclough No. 2 (Alexandra), 59oz 10dwt; Matau (Clyde), 52oz; Empire (Waipori), 18oz 18dwt. Enterprise (Alexandra), 42oz 6dwt 9gr; Inch Valley (near Palmerston), 136 hours, 36oz; Golden Treasure (Millers Flat), week, 35oz 8dwt; Golden Beach (Alexandra), 130; hours, 35oz 1dwt 10gr; Nevis (Nevis River), 132 hours, 34oz; Upper Waipori (Waipori), 137 hours, 32oz 13dwt; Molyneux Hydraulic (Alexandra), 42oz, Clyde (Alexandra), 28oz; Success (Waipori), 25oz 5dwt; Dunedin (Roxburgh), week, 24oz 14dwt; Nil Desperandum (Manuherikia), 24oz 11dwt 2gr; Jutland Flat (Waipori), 133 hours, 23oz 12dwt; Charlton Creek (near Gore), 120 hours, 21oz 17dwt; Otago, (Miller's Flat), fortnight, 21oz 11dwt; Manorbarn (Manuherikia), week, 21oz 10dwt; Morning Star (Manuherikia), 129 hours, 20oz; Magnetic (Cromwell), 5 days 17 hours, 20oz; Chicago (Alexandra), 5½ days, 19oz 15dwt 12gr; Galtee More (Manuherikia) 9 days, 18oz; Golden Point (Alexandra), 18oz; Unity (Clyde), 17dwt 10gr; Lawrence (Tuapeka Flat), 130 hours, 13oz 18dwt 20gr; Golden Terrace (Lower Shotover), 12oz 12dwt 12gr; Tuapeka (Tuapeka Flat), 118 hours, 12oz; Chatto Creek (Manuherikia), 132 hours, 9oz 6dwt; Ettrick (Moa Flat), 9oz; Evans Flat (Tuapeka), 8oz 14dwt; Macraes Flat (Macraes), 122 hours, 6oz 12dwt. Total, 1160oz 18dwt.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

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

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE.—200 yarded. Prices about the same as last week. Best bullocks, L8 to L9; medium, L6 5s to L7 15. Best cows and heifers, L6 to L6 17s 6d; medium, L4 10s to L5 15s; others, L3 to L4 5s.

SHEEP.—2159 penned. Prices showed a decline of about 1s per head. Best crossbred wethers, 11s 6d to 15s 3d; medium, 13s 6d to 14s 3d. Best ewes, 13s to 14s 3d; medium, 12s to 12s 9d.

LAMBS.—472 penned, all meeting with a fair demand at last week's rates. Best lambs, 11s to 11s 9d; medium, 10s to 10s 9d.

PIGS.—150 forward, prices ruling in favour of buyers. Suckers, 7s to 10s 6d; slips, 13s to 16s; stores, 18s to 22s; porkers, 26s to 30s; baconers, 34s to 41s.

St. Francis Xavier's Academy, Wellington, for young ladies, re-opens on February 5. Included in the school course is instruction in every branch of a superior English education, with Latin, French, mathematics, book-keeping, and all kinds of useful and ornamental needlework. The extras include, piano, violin, singing, painting, wood-carving, etc.—*.*

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