

but butchers' ewes easier. A few show sheep sold at high prices. Shorn show crossbred wethers brought 25s to 30s, and show merino wethers (out of wool), 25s; heavy wethers (in wool), up to 26s 6d; freezers, 18s 6d to 24s; shorn wethers, 15s 6d to 23s; woolly ewes, 18s 3d to 23s; shorn do, 12s 3d to 14s for fair, and up to 16s 9d for extra prime; woolly merino wethers, 18s 9d to 21s; and ewes, 12s 3d to 15s.

FAT LAMBS—The fat lambs were mostly good sorts, and a rise of 1s per head took place. Extra fine sold up to 16s 3d; freezers, 13s to 15s 11d, and others down to 12s.

STORE SHEEP—This class comprised mostly odd lots. Hoggets (in wool) sold well at from 15s 6d to 17s, and ewes and lambs (all counted) at 6s 3d to 8s 6d.

PIGS—Many pigs in the fat classes were not up to quality, but all sold well. Baconers brought 30s to 42s, equal to 3½d per lb; porkers, 20s to 29s, equal to 3½d to 4d per lb; stores, 12s 6d to 18s 6d; suckers and weaners, 5s 6d to 10s 6d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a fairly large entry of horses at our sale last Saturday, the bulk of the entry being medium draught mares and geldings and spring-carters. The attendance of buyers was not quite up to the usual, but in spite of this the competition at some periods of the sale was spirited. We sold in all 40 head at quotations. Draughts: With the exception of one or two really useful horses, the entry was of second-class quality, and taking this into consideration, the prices realised were fully up to late rates. We find in most cases that vendors are putting too high reserves on their horses, and they seem to expect medium draughts to fetch the same prices as first-class young horses; consequently they are at times disappointed. Spring-carters: There was a fair show in this class, and prices were well maintained throughout the sale. Light harness horses and hacks: Some fair animals were offered, but prices asked were too stiff in most cases, and a good number had to be passed in. We quote: Superior young draught mares and geldings, L50 to L60; extra good prize horses, L60 to L70; medium draught mares and geldings, L35 to L42; aged do, L25 to L32; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L60 to L80; strong spring-van horses, L30 to L35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L16 to L20; tram horses, L14 to L18; light hacks, L10 to L12; extra good hacks, L18 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.

THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ended Monday, November 26 (says the *Otago Daily Times*), returns were reported from the following 37 dredges, the total yield being 1105oz 5dwt 3gr, or an average of 30oz per dredge:—

Matau (Clyde), 95oz; Hartley and Riley (Cromwell), 138 hours, 83oz 13dwt; Meg and Annie (Kawarau River), 71oz; Junction Electric (Cromwell), 59oz 10dwt; Enterprise No. 1 (Alexandra), 56oz 2dwt; Earnsclough No. 2 (Alexandra), 103 hours, 54oz 8dwt; Golden Beach (Alexandra), 129 hours, 50oz 12dwt; Upper Waipori (Waipori), 134 hours, 43oz 6dwt; Golden Treasure (Miller's Flat), 39oz 15dwt; Charlton Creek (near Gore), 128 hours, 37oz 10dwt; Perseverance (Alexandra), 37oz 3dwt; Success (Waipori), 35oz 2dwt 6gr; Empire (Waipori), two dredges, 34oz 16dwt; Chicago (Alexandra), 120 hours, 28oz 6dwt; Waimumu Central (near Gore), 130 hours, 28oz 3dwt; Golden Gate (Miller's Flat), 5 days, 25oz 12dwt; Nevis (Nevis River), 120 hours, 24oz 12dwt; Molyneux Hydraulic (Alexandra), 3 days, 23oz; Waimumu (near Gore), 165 hours, 22oz 12dwt; Ngapara No. 2 (Nevis River), 21oz; Alexandra Eureka (Alexandra), 70 hours, 21oz; Waimumu Extended (near Gore), 130 hours, 20oz 11dwt; Richard's Beach, 19oz 10dwt; Morning Star (Manuherikia), 95 hours, 18oz 11dwt; Tuapeka (Tuapeka Flat), 180 hours, 17oz 15dwt; Waimumu Queen (near Gore), 121 hours, 15oz 15dwt; Evans Flat (Tuapeka), 114 hours, 15oz 1dwt; Cromwell (Cromwell), 126 hours, 14oz 14dwt; Manuherikia (Alexandra), 130 hours, 13oz 8dwt 21gr; Manorburn (Manuherikia), 110 hours, 13oz 4dwt; Olrig (Manuherikia), 127 hours, 12oz 18dwt; Chatto Creek (Manuherikia), 248 hours, 12oz 4dwt; Enterprise No. 2 (Alexandra), 12oz; Clyde (Alexandra), 2½ days, 11oz; Waikaka Forks (Waikaka), 123 hours, 10oz 1dwt; Ngapara No. 3 (Nevis River), 130 hours, 8oz 10dwt. Total, 1105oz 5dwt 3gr.

The executors in the estate of the late Mr. George Ross are offering for sale by tender the well-known Tavistock Hotel, with outbuildings, and 42 acres of land, in the township of Waipukurau, in the Hawke's Bay district. The hotel is the only one in the township, and being situated in a splendid district with every prospect of an increasing population in the near future, is well worth the attention of capitalists and others. Full particulars will be found in our advertising columns.—*

A teacher is required for the Catholic school at St. Bathans, who must be able to lead the choir. Applications, together with testimonials, to be forwarded to Mr. Sexton, St. Bathans.—*

Another wool season being at hand Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., of Dunedin, take the opportunity of tendering their services to growers for the disposal of their clip here, or for shipment to London and other markets. Their show room being fully equipped with all the latest improvements, conveniently situated and specially lighted for the proper display of the wools, the buyers are thus in a position to value to the best advantage. Careful examinations are made of every lot prior to sale, so that no lot will be sold below its market value. Clients may rest assured that their interests will be generally and thoroughly protected. The following are the dates of sales:—December 20, January 11, January 31, February 22. Account sales will be rendered, and proceeds paid over promptly within six days of sale according to the usual custom of the firm.—*

People We Hear About.

Sir Nicholas O'Connor, British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and Lady O'Connor are about to pay a visit to Ireland. Sir Nicholas is a Roscommon man, and had a very successful career in the Diplomatic service. He is said to be very attentive and courteous to Irish visitors to the Russian capital.

Viscount Encombe, whose death took place recently in his thirtieth year, was the heir to the Earldom of Eldon, as he was eldest son of the third Earl. The deceased Viscount was born in 1870. Educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, he took his B.A. degree there in 1893. He afterwards selected the Army as a profession, and was at the time of his death lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion of Northumberland Fusiliers. Two years ago he married the eldest daughter of Lord Lovat, a Catholic peer. He leaves a son, who was born last year. Viscount Encombe came of a long-lived race, for the first Earl, the famous Lord Chancellor, reached the age of 87, his brother, Lord Stowell, was 91, and the father of the first Earl, John Scott, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, also died in his 91st year. His great-grandfather, however, died at the age of 30, and, like his great-grandson, left an heir but a few months old.

Mr. Corbett, M.P., who represented East Wicklow for many years, voluntarily retired at the last election. Mr. Corbett was formerly one of the Parnellite group, and in Mr. Parnell's lifetime was one of the intimate friends of the great leader. He is a landowner in Wicklow, a man of great personal culture and literary taste.

There were only three Catholics representing English constituencies in the Parliament now dissolved (says the *Daily Chronicle*) even including Mr. T. P. O'Connor, the member for the Scotland Division of Liverpool. The other two were Lord Edmund Talbot and Sir John Austin. These three members are likely enough to reappear in the new Parliament—at least one of them without even a contest.

Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, the Primate of America, who has accepted the invitation of Cardinal Vaughan to preach at the opening of the new Westminster Cathedral, is 65 years of age. He was made Bishop of North Carolina at the unusually early age of 33, and he had the distinction of being the youngest of the 700 prelates who constituted the Vatican Council of 1870. At the age of 43 he was Primate of America, and at 52 a Cardinal Prince of the Church.

It is frequently stated that Mrs. Louis Botha, the wife of the Boer general, is a descendant of Robert Emmett, the Irish patriot. She is a descendant of Emmett's elder brother, Thomas Addis Emmett, who was one of the United Irish Directory in 1793, and was punished by the Government merely by confinement in Fort George for three years. Robert Emmett, whose name is so popularly known, was but a youth of 20 in 1798. His attempt at insurrection in 1803 was the last effort of the Brotherhood of United Irishmen, and his death on the scaffold on September 20, 1803, was the last tragic act in that movement.

During the famous Congress of Vienna each of the several monarchs present was the guest of some nobleman. On one festive occasion Baron Roth-child was invited par exception. He modestly went to take his place, not among the more exalted guests. When they discovered Rothschild, however, they all rose, one after the other, and saluted him, except the King of Prussia. Some one asked the King why he did not salute the great European banker. 'Did I not?' he replied. 'Well, I suppose it was because I was the only one who did not owe him anything.'

Wanted, about 50 clerks to help read testimonials *re* Tussicura. Sole manufacturer, S. J. Evans, 2s 6d.—*

Tussicura, the wonderful cough remedy—sold by all chemists and grocers.—*

A little wonder is the Broadcast Patent Seed-sower sold by Morrow, Bassett, and Co. For sowing turnip, rape, grass, and clover seed it has no equal, while for oats, wheat, and barley you have only to see it to know its value. A boy can work it. Sow four acres per hour, and any quantity up to six bushels per acre. Price only 20s.—*

In consequence of dishonest dealers in machines selling Dunlop tyres with inferior imitation air tubes fitted, the Dunlop Company find it necessary to advise intending purchasers of cycles fitted with their famous tyres, to obtain a written or verbal guarantee from the vendor that the tubes are of the Company's manufacture.—*

Messrs. Geo. Neill and Co., Princes street, Dunedin, buy and sell hotels, and advance money at reasonable rates to purchasers, Messrs. Neill and Co. have always a number of valuable hotels for sale, and are prepared to offer liberal financial assistance to buyers. Parties wishing to dispose of their properties will receive every attention and consideration.—*

The annual sports gathering of the Caledonian Society of Otago will take place on the Society's ground, Kensington, on January 1 and 2. As usual the Caledonian Society is most liberal in its prize list, close upon £500 being apportioned for that purpose. For running and walking the amount will be £175; bagpipe music £19 10s, wrestling £90, cycling, £75, etc. Entries for running and walking close at the Society's office, Rattray street, Dunedin, on Saturday, December 15, and cycling on Thursday December 27. In addition to the general programme there will be a number of side shows on the ground; in a word patrons will find there all the fun of a Scottish fair.—*