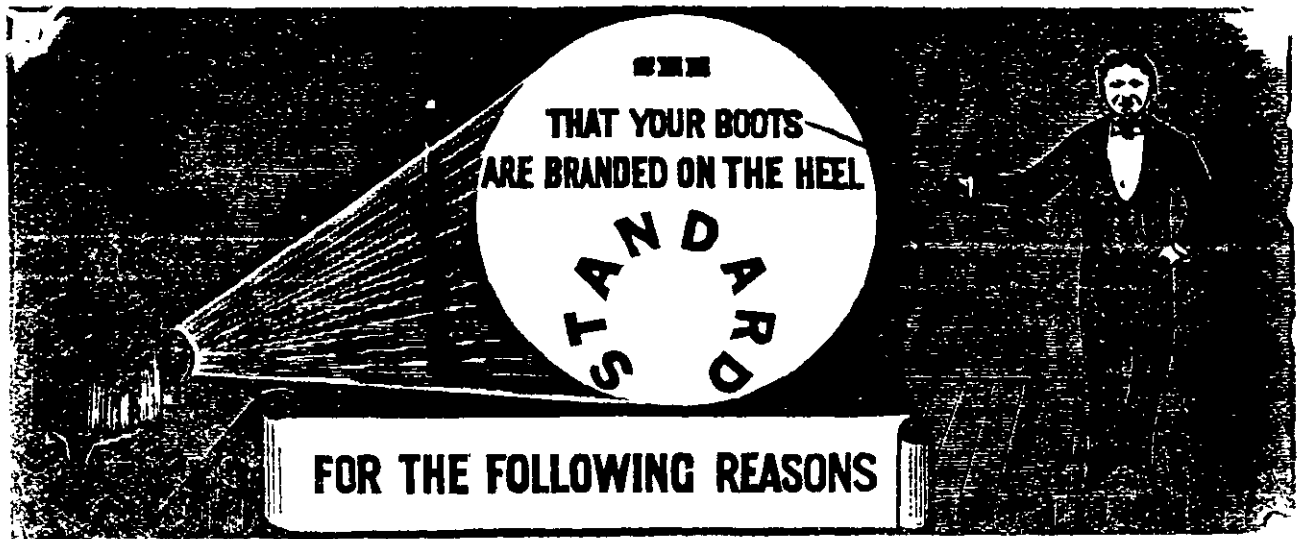




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Commercial.

(For week ending December 26.)
PRODUCE.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—
Oats: Fair to good feed 1s 4d to 1s 6d; milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d
Wheat: milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; fowls', 1s 9d to 2s 1d. Potatoes:
Northern, L4; Southern, L3 15s. Chaff: Inferior, 30s to 40s;
good to prime, 47s 6d to 50s. Straw: pressed 27s; loose, 28s.
Flour: Sacks, L6 10s; 50lbs, L7; 25lbs, L7, quiet. Oatmeal:
25lbs, L9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to
10d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 11d. Onions:
Melbourne, L8.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were good entries at Addington to day.

FAT CATTLE—The yarding comprised 259 head, including some prime steers, some of which were taken for freezing at L14 5s. Lots of unfinished cows and heifers made the market irregular. Second quality was easier, but anything prime sold at full rates. Steers brought L8 to L11 10s for best, and L6 10s to L8 for others; best heifers, L7 10s to L10 7s 6d; others, L5 17s 6d to L7; best cows, L6 10s to L8 10s; others, L4 15s to L6.

FAT SHEEP—These were mostly good wethers and ewes with a sprinkling of unfinished sorts and aged ewes. Owing to the large market there was less competition. Wethers sold at 18s to 22s; ewes, 12s to 16s, and up to 18s for good; merino wethers, 12s to 14s 6d.

FAT LAMBS—Exporters were operating freely, and took the bulk of the yarding at from 14s to 16s 4d, and up to 17s 3d for extra good. Unfinished sorts sold at down to 13s.

STORE SHEEP—These were mostly ewes and lambs, which sold at 10s 10d, 11s 11d, 12s 2d, 12s 6d, and 13s 9d all counted, and all shorn wethers and maiden ewes 15s 1d to 15s 2d; lambs, 8s 9d.

PIGS—There was a large entry, many unfinished sorts being in the fat pens. Stores were dull of sale. Baconers brought 30s to 48s 6d, or 3d to 3d per lb; porkers, 18s to 30s, or 3d to 4d per lb; stores, 10s to 18s; small, 5s to 9s.

BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

Wednesday, December 19.

FAT CATTLE—156 head yarded. Only a small proportion was prime Christmas beef, the balance being bullocks and heifers of medium to good quality. Good beef was well competed for, and realised prices slightly in advance of late quotations. Best bullocks sold at L7 15s to L9 15s; extra prime and heavy, to L12 2s 6d; medium, L5 15s to L7; best cows and heifers, L5 15s to L7 15s; medium, L4 to L6 15s.

FAT LAMBS—490 penned. Being the Christmas market, there was a larger entry of lambs than usual. Good to prime lambs met with exceptionally strong demand, and realised prices about 3s in advance of late quotations. Best lambs sold at 13s 6d to 17s; others, 10s to 13s.

FAT SHEEP—1,891 penned. The sale opened at prices slightly below those of last week, and although certain qualities sold on a par with late values, the sale throughout showed a decline of about 1s per head. Best cross-bred wethers, 21s to 23s 6d; medium, 15s 6d to 18s; best ewes, 17s to 20s; extra prime, to 22s 3d; medium, 12s 6d to 16s.

PIGS—196 forward. These were fully equal to requirements, the sale being but slow. Suckers, 6s to 10s; slips, 12s to 16s; stores, 17s to 21s; porkers, 24s to 32s; baconers, 33s to 36s heavy pigs, to 50.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

DUNEDIN WOOL SALES.

The first wool sale of the season was held in the Agricultural Hall on Thursday. The catalogue was small, and the bulk of the wool offered was somewhat inferior to that which will be submitted at the next sale on January 11, as it is usual for the better class of wools to come in for the second sale. A total of 1688 bales was submitted, against 4376 at the same time last year. There was a large attendance of buyers, including representatives of English and foreign manufacturers and local mills. The prices for all descriptions showed an advance of 1d on those ruling at the last London sales, and fully 4d per lb on those ruling at the Christchurch sales. On the whole there was a good tone, and bidding was fairly brisk, considering the heavy fall in values which has taken place during the past 12 months. The top price realised for halfbred was 8d. The following were the quotations:—Greasy halfbred—Superior, 8d to 8d; good, 7d to 7d; medium, 6d to 6d; inferior, 5d to 5d. Greasy merino—Superior, 8d to 8d; good, 7d to 7d; medium, 6d to 6d. Greasy crossbred—Superior, 6d to 6d; good, 6d to 6d; medium, 5d to 5d; inferior, 4d to 5d. Greasy longwools—Good, 5d to 6d; medium, 4d to 5d; inferior, 4d to 4d.

Meers Stronach Bros. and Morris report on the first wool sale of the season in Dunedin as follows:—Since the beginning of this year the London sales have showed a steady decline, culminating at last series with a fall which was estimated to leave values 40 to 50 per cent. lower than that of 12 months previously. In view of this it is satisfactory to be able to report that prices, compared with with Christchurch sales on the 13th inst., show an advance of at least 4d per lb, while current Dunedin values may be stated to be a full 1d above London equivalent. The catalogues comprised a very few choice clips, the bulk being made up of inferior and shabby wools, principally from the early shearing districts. The total quantity submitted by the brokers barely reached 1700 bales, as against 4200 for the corresponding sale of last year. This difference was principally owing to several owners electing to hold their clips until they saw the result of the opening sale, and no doubt the second series on January 11 will be a record one, and include, at all events, a large proportion owned by those who hitherto contemplated risking the London market. Included in our catalogue was the well-known clip of Mr Peter A. Watt, Kaihiku, branded JW, and with this we established a record for this year's wool sales in the Colony, the halfbred, under keen competition, making 8d. The merino from this grower's stud flock realised 8d, and the crossbred ewe 7d. Values may be quoted as follows:—Greasy halfbred super, 8d to 8d; do medium to good, 6d to 7d; do inferior, 5d to 6d; merino—super, 7d to 8d; do medium to good, 6d to 7d; do inferior, 5d to 6d; crossbred—super, 7d to 8d; do medium to good, 6d to 6d; do inferior, 4d to 5d. Pieces and locks sold exceptionally well, the former bringing up to 5d, and the latter to 3d. Our catalogue comprised 201 bales, and of this we sold 176, the balance not reaching owners' reserves or our own valuations.

The last issue of the *Austral Light* (writes a Melbourne correspondent) completes its first year under its new management and as the recognised ecclesiastical organ of the archdiocese. During that twelve months its circulation has risen from a shade over 1000 to 3500 copies per month. The index for the year reveals the names of distinguished ecclesiastical and lay writers from every province of Australia and New Zealand. In the last number Archbishop Carr suggests that the *Catholic Record*, of Sydney, and the *Austral Light* should invite lists of the best 100 books for the young from laymen and ecclesiastics. It might not be a bad idea for a weekly Catholic paper to invite lists of favorite books from its young readers—not by any means 100 each each, any number from one to twelve would do—to see what the taste of young Catholic Australia really is, and how the combined information might be usefully assorted.