

FAT LAMBS—The lambs were of rather an improved quality, but freezing buyers at the opening sale would not bid up to the reserves, and about 900 were withdrawn and sent to the factory on owners' account; but later on they operated more freely, and about 1700 were taken for export at from 14s to 16s 10d. Small sorts sold down to 13s 6d.

STONE SHEEP—There was a fair demand for good young ewes and wethers, and these kept up the prices when sold, but over half the entry was withdrawn. Lambs showed the greatest drop. Four-tooth wethers brought from 16s to 17s 4d; two-tooth do, 14s 5d to 15s 1d; two-tooth ewes, 14s 5d to 16s 4d; six-tooth do, up to 17s 3d; aged, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; ewes and lambs (all counted), 9s; lambs, 11s 4d to 12s 3d for forward, and 8s 6d to 10s 2d for others.

PIGS—There was a fair yarding of stores, which were in great demand, 150 going to Timaru; but fats were slightly easier. Baconers realised from 35s to 47s, equal to 3½d per lb; porkers, 22s to 35s 4d, equal to 4½d per lb; stores, 15s to 23s; suckers and weaners, 8s to 10s 6d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALE YARDS.

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

There was an unusually large muster of horses for this week's sale, the largest since the annual winter fair last June, and there was a very full attendance of buyers and others interested in the business. The total number of horses entered was 118. The majority of horses offered were only of medium class, and a large proportion of them aged. The consignments submitted were from almost every district in North and Central Otago, and over 20 came from New South Wales. In the case of the best horses, both draught and light, there was fair competition, although for the former class prices are not quite equal to what they were three months ago. We consider even the best draughts are fully L5 per head cheaper now than then. Still, for first-class young draught horses there is excellent inquiry, and for the proper stamp of horse there are always customers forthcoming. Taking into account the state of the market and the quality of the horses submitted, we had an excellent sale, over 60 of one sort or another finding new owners. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, L45 to L50; extra good prize horses, L60 to L65; medium draught mares and geldings, L30 to L40; aged do, L20 to L25; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L35; well-matched carriage pairs, L70 to L80; strong spring-van horses, L25 to L30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L18 to L25; tram horses, L12 to L16; light hacks, L7 to L10; extra good hacks, L18 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2 to L5.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

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

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE—238 yarded, prices being somewhat easier than last week. Best bullocks, L8 to L9 17s 6d; medium, L6 10s to L7 15s; best cows and heifers, L5 5s to L6 15s; medium, L4 to L5.

SHEEP—1347 penned, prices being about the same as at the last sale. Best crossbred wethers, 18s 6d to 20s 3d; medium, 16s 6d to 18s; best ewes, 16s to 18s; medium, 14s to 15s 9d.

LAMBS—923 penned, prices showing a decline of about 1s per head. Best lambs, 13s to 14s 9d; medium, 11s 6d to 12s 9d.

PIGS—174 forward, all sorts meeting fair demand. Suckers, 5s to 8s 6d; slips, 7s to 14s; stores, 15s to 19s; porkers, 25s to 32s; baconers, 37s to 49s. Heavy pigs, up to 52s.

We regret that owing to the non-arrival of the process block the supplement containing a picture of the new Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch, is unavoidably held over until next week.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE DEAN CHERVIER.

Our Christchurch correspondent is indebted to Mr. Fay of Doyleston, for a copy of the *Ellesmere Guardian* from which the following report of the funeral of the late Dean Chervier, which took place on Thursday, January 31, is taken:—The funeral of the late Dean Chervier afforded the inhabitants of the Ellesmere District an opportunity of paying their last respects to one loved and respected by all who knew him. Not Ellesmere alone, but all the portions of the vast parish that he had once administered, sent forth representatives to show the general sorrow. Mourners were present from Rangiora and Kaiapoi, from Opawa and New Headford, Darfield, Sheffield, Springston, and from all parts of Canterbury. On the morning appointed the Catholic Church at Leeston was filled long before 11 a.m. with people of all classes, creeds, and ages. Each of these wore, more or less, some outward sign of the grief felt for the decease of one who had been the friend of all, rich or poor, man, woman, or child. The children of the Convent School sat in their usual seats, the older girls being attired in their blue school gowns with wreaths of white flowers over their veils. The boys all wore a badge of mourning. The altars in the church were draped heavily in black, and the walls were hung with the same sombre hue. In the open space before the altar at which he had officiated so long, lay the coffin of the dead priest, bearing a burden of wreaths of white flowers. The members of the Hibernian Friendly Society, with those of kindred societies from other places were on the right. A number of these had their sashes hidden with crape. Shortly after 11 a large number of priests entered, preceding the entry of Bishop Grimes. A Solemn *Requiem* Mass was then sung, the celebrant being Father Le Menant des Cheneais, V.G.; Dean O'Donnell, Ashburton, and Father Marnane, Christchurch, acting as deacon and subdeacon, respectively. Among the clergy present were the Very Rev. Father Ginaty, Rev. Father Regnault, Rev. Father Fay, a pupil of the late

Dean, and Rev. Fathers Aubry, Goggan, Walsh, Crotty, Price, Hyland, McDonnell, Richards, and Chastagnon. At the conclusion of the Mass his Lordship addressed the congregation, and said it would take hours to do justice to the life of that noble pastor. Some of those present could remember better than he (the speaker) could, how the deceased had come to New Zealand and worked in the early stages of the Church in Canterbury. It would take hours alone to give a list of all the good works that he had accomplished here. His Lordship then gave a short summary of the life of the late Dean, who left France for New Zealand in 1861. On his way thither, when passing through London, the late Father, then a young priest, was met by the preacher who, only a student, implored his blessing. This was given, and with it an invitation—it surely, by the light of later events, seemed a prophetic intimation—to follow him (Father Chervier) to the destined sphere of his labors. Father Chervier came to New Zealand, and when years after he (Bishop Grimes) came out here to take up his charge, the second priest to welcome him was Father Chervier, the very one that had given him his blessing in London so many years before. At first the late Father had been assistant to Father Chastagnier in a parish as large, if not larger than any diocese in Europe. He had to face all kinds of perils, to endure all kinds of hardships. There were the flooded rivers and the long unknown ways. He, his Bishop, would never have known of them had he not heard of the trials Father Chervier had undergone, from other lips than his, and what he learnt from the Father himself was told in his own simple, unaffected way, as if all the danger and trouble were as nothing. Father Chervier had received kindness from all, irrespective of creed, and he, his Bishop, standing there that day, had to thank those who had shown him kindness in the name of himself and of his clergy. Of the work that Father Chervier had done his churches and schools bore witness. He established and taught in the first school in Christchurch. He built schools and churches at Rangiora, Darfield, Oxford, Leeston, Southbridge, and other places. Once when, in the interests of the Church, he (Bishop Grimes) had resolved on severing from the Leeston parish the flourishing district of Darfield, he had consulted their pastor. What was his answer? 'It is in the interest of the Church, my Lord, though you take from me my best people, but it is for the good of the Church.' His Lordship then thanked those who had attended the late Dean in his last illness, and especially thanked the medical attendant who, the late priest had said, had attended to him as if he were his father. The coffin was then borne out of the church by the clergy, and the mournful procession to the cemetery was formed. At the head marched the school children under the direction of the Sisters, after which came the members of the Hibernian Society, the leading members of the Church, the Bishop and his clergy, and the long line of vehicles and horsemen. On arrival at the cemetery, Bishop Grimes himself officiated at the grave into which the coffin was lowered by Messrs. P. O'Boyle, J. O'Boyle, T. Greenan, M. Needham, P. McEvedy, P. Commons, M. O'Neill, and other members who had been associated with the deceased during his long connection with the Church in Canterbury.

At the two Masses celebrated at Shand's Track on Sunday last the Rev. Father Richards made feeling reference to the death of the Very Rev. Dean Chervier, so long and favorably known and revered by the parishioners. At 9.30 on the following morning (Monday) a Solemn *Requiem* Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Richards for the repose of the soul of the late Dean at which there was a large attendance of those to whom in years past he had so lovingly ministered. The exceptionally large congregation present at the Mass at a time when all are so much engaged at harvest operations testified eloquently to the high regard in which the late Dean Chervier was held by the people of the Ellesmere district.

WEDDING BELLS.

STAUNTON—FURMSTON.

At St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Monday, a quiet but pretty wedding took place, when Mr Michael Staunton, of Clyde (formerly of Dunedin), and Miss Florence Furmston, of Dunedin, were united in the bonds of wedlock. A Nuptial Mass was celebrated at an early hour by the Rev. Father Murphy, who also performed the marriage ceremony. The Hon. H. Gourley accompanied the bridal party to the Cathedral and gave the bride away. Mr Staunton had the attendance of Mr E. Power as best man, and the bride was attended by Miss E. O'Neill, of South Dunedin, as bridesmaid, and Miss M. Staunton, sister of the bridegroom. The bride was neatly dressed in a very pretty and serviceable costume. The gifts from the bridegroom to the bride consisted of a handsome gold watch and chain, and to the bridesmaid a gold cable bangle. At the conclusion of the happy event the party proceeded to the European Hotel, where the breakfast was provided. A number of useful and valuable wedding presents were received from numerous friends as expressive of the esteem and kindly feeling entertained for Mr and Mrs Staunton. The happy couple left by the South express, and were accompanied by the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

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