

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a large entry for this week's sale. The supply included one team of eight carrier's horses from Mr. John Drummond, of West Taieri, a shipment of 20 useful semi-draughts from New South Wales, a consignment of hacks and light harness horses from Timaru, and the usual collection of dealers' horses. Mr. Drummond's team commanded the most attention, the prices realized ranging from £32 to £51 10s. For all other consignments the sale was a dragging one, and although in the long run a fair number of horses changed hands, it was at prices decidedly lower than we have been accustomed to of late. First-class young and staunch horses, whether they be draughts or harness ones, are in strong demand, and find a ready sale at quotations. We have several inquiries for superior heavy draught geldings, four to six years old, and for first-class, well-matched pairs of buggy, wagonette, and carriage horses. We quote:—Superior young draught geldings, £45 to £55; extra good prize horses, £56 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £20 to £27; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £30; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £28 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £14 to £21; tram horses, £10 to £15; light hacks, £8 to £15; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £2 to £5.

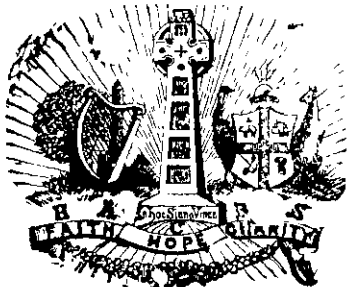
Mr. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 1s 4d to 1s 6d; milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d. Wheat: milling, 2s 5d to 2s 7d; fowls, 1s 9d to 2s 2d. Potatoes: New, local, 1s. Chaff: Good demand for prime up to £2 12s 6d; inferior, hard to sell; medium, £2 5s. Straw: pressed 37s, market fair; loose, 30s. Flour: Sacks, 200lbs, £7; 50lbs, £7 10s; 25lbs, £7 15s. Oatmeal: 25lbs, £9 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 5d; factory, 5½d. Eggs, 1s 4d; Onions: Melbourne, £9; Canterbury, £6 10s.

A beautiful human soul always suggests God, as the shining in the still waters at night makes us instantly aware that a star is above us. We do not need to look at it; we know that it is there.

When a great lord seeks hospitality of a poor countryman, with what eagerness does he not give him the place of honor in his house, taking the lowest place himself! Even so should the body treat the soul.

Like a morning dream, life becomes more and more bright the longer we live, and the reason of everything appears more clear. What has puzzled us before seems less mysterious, and the crooked paths look straighter as we approach the end.

It is said that Savonarola applied to St. Francis de Paul for counsel soon after entering the Dominican Order, and in a letter to a friend St. Francis alluded to this, and predicted that Savonarola would be 'a reformer in the Church, that he would convert many, and die the martyr's death.'



HIBERNIAN-AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY,
NEW ZEALAND DISTRICT, No. 3.

The Catholic Community is earnestly requested to support this excellent Organisation, for it inculcates a love of Holy Faith and Patriotism in addition to the unsurpassed benefits and privileges of Membership.

The Entrance Fees are from 5s to £4, according to age and time of Admission.

Sick Benefits: 20s per week for 26 weeks, 15s per week for the next 13 weeks, and 10s a week for the following 13 weeks. In case of a further continuance of his illness a member of Seven Years' Standing previous to the commencement of such illness will be allowed 5s per week as superannuation during incapacity.

Funeral Allowance £20 at the death of a Member, and £10 at the death of a Member's Wife.

In addition to the foregoing provision is made for the admission of Honorary Members, Reduced Benefit Members, and the establishment of Sisters' Branches and Juvenile Contingents. Full information may be obtained from Local Branch Officers or direct from the District Secretary.

The District Officers are anxious to open New Branches, and will give all possible assistance and information to applicants. Branches being established in the various centres throughout the Colonies an invaluable measure of reciprocity obtains.

W. KANE,
District Secretary,
Auckland.

Ashburton Residents

and the public generally are reminded that T. H. UNDRILL & CO., Tancred Street, Furnishing Warehousemen and UNDERTAKERS, deserve your patronage,

OBITUARY.

MR. AND MRS. GROVES, BALLYDWYER, KERRY.

Information has recently been received here of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Groves, of Ballydwyer, Kerry, Ireland, and parents of Messrs. George, John, and William Groves, Southland, and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald and Miss Annie Groves of Christchurch. Mrs. Groves died last November and Mr. Groves in January of this year. A Requiem Mass was said in the Christchurch Pro-Cathedral on Monday for the repose of the soul of the deceased. To the members of the family in this Colony we offer our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

A PUSHING FIRM.

Messrs. DWAN BROS.,
HOTEL BROKERS, VALUERS, AND FINANCIERS,
WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

MESSRS DWAN BROS. are the chief hotel brokers, etc., in New Zealand, holding that position for many reasons. Originally associated with their father, Mr. Thos. Dwan, sen., auctioneer, etc., the brothers, Messrs. T. B. and L. Dwan, founded in 1880 the above-named business, which has grown enormously. Under the able tuition of their father they gained invaluable experience, and the prosperity of the firm is emphatic proof that they have demonstrated more than ordinary ability and study during their career. The offices of Messrs. Dwan Bros. are situated in Willis street, Wellington, and there at one time and another a lot of business connected with New Zealand hotels has been transacted. Each branch of their business dovetails into the other, and the firm do not go beyond it in any particular, neither being agents nor financiers except in relation to the hotel trade. All their time is therefore devoted to their speciality, and in this they have an expert knowledge of it, which is frequently taken advantage of. There is hardly a hotel in Wellington that has not gone through their hands, while they do business in this branch throughout the Colony, having been brokers for hotels from Auckland to Invercargill. Some idea of the size of this branch can be gained when it is stated that they frequently manage a sale of 20 hotels a month, their principal connection being in the Wellington, Hawkes Bay, and Taranaki provincial districts. It is justly said of Messrs. Dwan, Bros. that they never fail to carry through a transaction that they undertake, and that their name never appears as suing for a commission. What with their close relations with the trade and intimate knowledge, to say nothing of the cash at their backs, they are able to bring a sale off where others fail. For instance, should a client wanting to take over an hotel not have sufficient funds for the purpose, Messrs. Dwan Bros. can arrange the matter successfully when others fail, in this regard frequently acting as financiers. They are not only hotel brokers, but are hotel owners, having hotel freeholds as far south as Invercargill, and even on the West Coast one of their main lines is hotel valuing, a department in which they can pose as experts with authority. Thus only a fortnight ago Mr. T. Dwan was engaged by the Government as an expert valuer to sit on a case at Nelson to decide upon the question whether or not the agent of the Public Trust Office had made a mistake and sold a hotel there under its real value. He was associated in the case with Mr. Ponyton, the Public Trustee. The firm are called upon to value hotels in remote places. The success of Messrs. Dwan Bros. has been commensurate with their special knowledge. Besides being decidedly the biggest people in their line in the Colony, they are owners of considerable house property in Wellington, having a large army of tenants of their own in the city. For push, persistency, and expert knowledge they are not to be surpassed.—*New Zealand Times*, December 29, 1900.—*

In our advertising pages Mr. E. O'Connor, of the Catholic Book Depot, Barbadoes street, Christchurch, has a list of recent and seasonable Catholic publications. Among these are 'Offices for the Holy Week,' and catechisms of various kinds, and 'The Catholic's Complete Hymn Book.' In addition he has a large assortment of religious books, and works of fiction by Catholic authors, pictures, etc. As the proprietor of the Catholic Book Depot is a direct importer of books, aids to devotion, pictures, and statues from Home, Continental, and American houses, patrons may rest assured of getting their orders executed at moderate rates.—*

Continued popularity is a great test of the value of any article. The public may be induced for a time to use a certain make of machinery, but if the results do not come up to expectations they discard it. Messrs. Reid and Gray, the well-known makers of agricultural implements, Dunedin, are in the position to claim that their single and double furrow ploughs have given the greatest satisfaction, and that consequently their output in this line alone has been unprecedented—13,000 in all. They have, also, been eminently successful in other directions, for farmers have come to fully recognise the merits of their harrows, chaff-cutters, rollers, seed-sowers, and grain-drills, etc., all of which have been tested by practical agriculturists and found to give the highest satisfaction.—*

Mr. A. R. Barclay, barrister and solicitor, has his offices at 27 Rattray street, Dunedin.—*

The clergy are notified that they can be supplied with baptismal and confirmation registers at the N.Z. TABLET Office.—*