

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

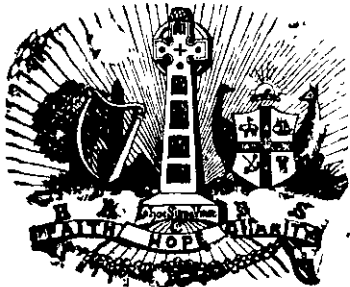
Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co. report as follows:—

Saturday, 23rd inst., being the anniversary of Otago and a public holiday, we held our weekly sale on Monday instead. For an off day the attendance of buyers was very large, and, taking into account the small number of horses forward, the sale was a satisfactory one. Mr W. G. Stewart's draft of light horses, unbroken, from Makarora, Lake Wanaka district, was the chief draw, and, as was generally anticipated, there was keen competition for the consignment. The following are the prices realised:—Four year olds, L23, L20, L16 10s, L15 10s; two year olds, L12 10s and L10 10s. Three upstanding four and five-year-old harness horses by Merrie Stanton brought L26 5s, L22 5s, and L20 respectively. A few other useful harness horses sold at from L12 to L16. There were only three draughts entered, and one of these changed hands at L35 10s. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, L45 to L50; extra good, prize horses, L52 to L60; medium draught mares and geldings, L30 to L40; aged do, L18 to L25; upstanding carriage horses, L25 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L60 to L80; strong spring van horses, L22 to L30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L16 to L21; tram horses, L12 to L17; light hacks, L8 to L10; extra good hacks, L20 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L3 to L5.

STRASBOURG'S FAMOUS CLOCK.

THE famous astronomical clock of Strasbourg Cathedral was constructed between the years 1388 and 1342, to replace an older clock made in 1574, says the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. It has a number of complicated devices for showing the astronomical changes of the year and contains a perpetual calendar, which shows the feasts that vary from year to year on account of their connection with Easter Sunday. The phases of the moon and the eclipses of the sun and the moon are calculated for all time. True time and sidereal time are indicated, besides many other astronomical changes. Precisely at quarter of 12 o'clock an angel standing on the topmost gallery of the clock strikes the third quarter on the bell. When the hands point to 12, one of the geni reverses an hourglass and death strikes the hour. Precisely at noon the apostles pass before the Saviour standing in a little temple. Each bows low as he passes, and when it comes to Peter's turn the cock crows thrice and the devil looks after him with a hideous grin.

When Archbishop Carr and the other prelates were visiting Christchurch for the purpose of assisting in the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of the new cathedral (writes our own correspondent) they, at the request of some of our people who were desirous of possessing a photograph of them, and also a memento of the occasion, very graciously granted Messrs. Wrigglesworth and Binns a sitting, and the result is an artistic work of exceptional merit. At the invitation of the firm I was shown a beautifully arranged, mounted and framed group representing the two Archbishops, Bishops Grimes and Verdon, and Monsignors O'Reilly, Mackay, and O'Leary. They have a very fine collection also of each of the dignitaries taken in cabinet size.—“*“



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.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN WALSH, DEEP STREAM.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Walsh, an old and esteemed resident of Deep Stream, who passed away on March 22, at the age of 74 years. The funeral took place on Monday, the remains being brought to the Dunedin Southern Catholic Cemetery for interment, where the Rev. Father O'Malley officiated.—*R.I.P.*

Captain Jackson Barry, a veteran Colonist of 82 years, has just left the Wellington Hospital where he had been confined for some weeks with a broken leg. Captain Barry, who has been over 70 years in the Australasian colonies, has had a varied and interesting career, and as an old whaler went through many hair-breadth escapes in his chase after the monsters of the deep. One of his latest exploits was a prospecting tour in the King Country in search of gold and other minerals, this in itself being a big undertaking for an octogenarian. Captain Barry landed in Auckland in 1837, so that he ought to have a thorough knowledge of the Colony. He has published several books of a historical and autobiographical character, and is now engaged on another volume of a similar nature.

A notice of considerable interest to town and country readers from the well-known hardware merchants, Messrs. Laidlaw and Gray, Dunedin, appears elsewhere in this issue. Messrs. Laidlaw and Gray, finding that they are overstocked, have decided to hold a stock-taking sale, which is to last only a month, when a big sacrifice will be made so as to ensure a reduction. That this is no ordinary sale can be judged from some of the examples of prices given. For instance, 'Raleigh' bicycles are reduced from £22 to £17 10s, and 'Imperials' from £20 to £13 10s. The firm have decided to give up the sale of sewing machines and in order to make a clearance of their stock, have reduced prices to a point which is sure to clear the lot in a few days. In addition to the above-mentioned articles the firm's large stock of silverware, bedsteads, ware tables, music stands, whatnots, etc., will be offered at rates which cannot fail to attract purchasers.—“*“

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. Ponynon, 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.—“*“