

Commercial

For week ending March 12

PRODUCE.

London, March 14.—The wheat markets are quiet, and there is a rather easier tendency. Cargoes are steadily held. Adelaide November and December shipments are quoted at 30s; Victorian parcels about at 29s 3d.

Butter, dull. New Zealand, 108s to 110s; Danish, 110s to 112s.

Cheese, very firm. New Zealand, 53s; Canadian, 55s. Supplies are short.

London, March 16.—Butter.—Cheapest Russian is selling in London at 100s to 104s.

Frozen meat.—Mutton: Crossbred wethers, maiden ewes, Canterbury, 3 9-16d; all other sorts, including River Plate, unchanged. Lamb, fair average (including Dunedin, Southland, Wellington, and Secondary Canterbury), 5 1-16d. Prime lamb and beef unchanged.

Messrs. Donald, Reid, and Co. report as follows:—

Oats.—Nearly all on offer was quitted at prices on a par with late quotations, but for large lines at country stations, for forward delivery, the demand is barely so keen. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; medium, 2s 1d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—We have good inquiry for prime milling of all sorts, which are readily saleable at quotations. Yesterday we offered a quantity of medium to good fowl wheat, which met with good competition at prices fully equal to late rates. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; medium and fowl wheat, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The supplies during the last week have been lighter than usual, and prices have advanced about 5s per ton. Nearly all on offer yesterday realised £2 10s per ton, which may be regarded as top market value. Medium quality is worth £2 to £2 5s per ton (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is barely supplied with prime oaten sheaf for which there is strong inquiry. Medium quality is still in fair supply, but is out of favor with buyers. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 10s to £3 15s; medium, £3 to £3 7s 6d; inferior, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (sacks extra).

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; milling, 2s 6d. Wheat: scarce. Milling, 3s 2d; fowls', 3s 1d. Potatoes. New Oamaru, £2 5s to £2 10s. Chaff. Inferior to medium, £2 10s to £3; good to best, £3 5s to £3 15s. Straw: Loose, 32s 6d; pressed, 30s. Flour: 200lb sacks, £8 15s, 50lb, £9 10s, 25lb, £9 15s. Oatmeal: 25lb, £14. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 10d to 11d. Cheese: Dairy, 4d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 1s 2d. Onions. Melbourne, new, £6.

WOOL.

London, March 12.—The wool sales opened with a strong demand. Prices as compared with last series ranged at from par to an advance of 7½ per cent.

London, March 13.—Messrs. Balme and Co., Buxton and Co., and Jacobson and Sons' joint catalogue comprised 10,206 bales, forming a good selection. There was a large attendance from all quarters, and brisk, general competition. Home buyers securing the bulk. Compared with the February rates, merinos were at par to 5 per cent. higher, and crossbreds 5 to 7½ per cent. higher, mediums showing the greatest appreciation.

London, March 14.—At the wool sales there is keen competition for fine merinos, which are slightly harder owing to Continental support. There was spirited competition and a hardening tendency.

The Bradford market is firm and unchanged.

LIVE STOCK.

THE ADDINGTON MARKETS

At the Addington market only 146 fat cattle, mostly mixed sorts, were sold at auction. Prices were inner by 1s 6d per 100lb, reaching 17s 6d to 22s 6d, steers, £6 5s to £9 7s 6d, heifers, £5 10s to £8 7s 6d, cows, £5 15s to £8.

Fat sheep totalled 3500, including some good lines of North Island ewes and wethers. Sheep fit for export 17s 1d, and unfinished wethers, 11s maintained the late rates of 15s to 14s 9d. There was good demand for the best ewes at from 12s to 14s 9d, up to 15s 9d for extra; secondary sorts were easier at 8s to 11s, and towards the close inferior sorts were almost unsaleable at 4s 6d to 7s 6d.

Fat Lambs.—2400 were yarded, including many unfinished, and only the prime upheld the late prices. Exporters took 1528 at 10s 6d to 13s 6d, the butchers 166 at 10s to 13s 9d, the graziers 270 at 8s 6d to 9s 4d, and 436 were passed at 8s 3d to 12s 3d.

Store Sheep.—12,616 of all classes were yarded, and met with an improved demand owing to the improved feed prospects after the late rains. Forward wethers brought 11s 9d to 13s 1d; others, 7s 6d to 11s 2d; good ewes, 11s to 12s 6d; full-mouthed, 6s 1d to 9s 10d, aged, 2s 10d to 3s 6d; mixed wethers and ewes, 9s 10d to 11d 2d; forward lambs, 8s 6d to 9s 11d; others, 5s 1d to 7s 3d; poor ewes and wethers 3s; merino ewes, 6s 6d; aged sorts, 2s 6d to 3s.

Pigs totalled 450, including a lot of unfinished sorts. Fats met with an irregular sale. Nearly 100 large stores were bought for Dunedin. Baconers brought 32s 6d to 46s, or 3½d porkers, 25s to 30s, or 3½d. Large stores, 17s to 23s, smaller, 8s to 12s, suckers, 4s to 7s.

A line of 500 wethers and ewes from Waipukurau, North Island, made 15s 8d to 16s 7d for wethers, and 11s 6d to 14s 9d for ewes.

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

There was a large entry of horses for this week's sale, draughts and useful harness horses being well represented. The sale was one of the best we have had for some time. The sale commenced with Mr. E. O'Fee's team of draught mares and geldings, and these were sold as follows:—Brown gelding, 6yrs., at £51; brown gelding, 7yrs., at £50, bay gelding, 5yrs., at £49 10s; grey colt, 4yrs., £43; and two aged horses at £31 10s and £40 respectively. Several other useful draught horses were offered, and sold at from £23 to £37. On account of Mr. Hugh McNeil (of Woodhead) we sold a pair of upstanding bay carriage horses (aged) at £67, and for a northern client we offered and sold a consignment of 20 light harness horses from Wairarapa at from £11 to £26 10s. The last-named price was paid for an exceptionally well-bred gelding, a perfect lady's hack, and fit for any show ring. The demand for useful harness horses is brisker than we have seen it for some time. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £45 to £51; extra good prize horses, £52 to £55; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £42; aged do, £22 to £30; upstanding carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £60 to £90 strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; tram horses, £12 to £17;

light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £4 to £8.

DENNISTON.

(From a Correspondent.)

Mr. and Mrs. Ormond, who had been in business here for 16 years have just retired, and are taking a trip to Europe. By their departure the Catholics have lost the services of two of their best and most generous workers. A meeting of Catholics was held here on the 10th inst. with the object of making a presentation and bidding farewell to Mrs. Ormond. Mr. Milligan occupied the chair, and in the course of a brief speech expressed his regret at the departure of Mr and Mrs. Ormond.

Mr. M. Connolly, president of the Hibernian Society, spoke in eulogistic terms of the lady whom they had met to bid farewell to that evening. Miss Milligan then read an address, which had been tastefully illuminated by the Sisters of Mercy, Westport, and which was in part as follows:—“We, the members of the Catholic Church in Denniston, sincerely regret your departure from our midst, because we know that in you we are losing a good citizen, a warm friend, and an ardent supporter of our Church. It is in the last-mentioned field you have always been conspicuous for your help and encouragement, and we could not allow you to leave us without assuring you of our high appreciation of your services. We beg that you will accept this small present as an earnest of our sincere esteem for you. It will serve to remind you of your steadfast friends at Denniston and keep green many pleasant memories of those you have left behind.”

Miss Move then presented Mrs. Ormond with a beautifully-fitted lady's travelling case. Mr. Murphy responded for Mrs. Ormond, and thanked the donors for the presentation and for the kind words of the address. He assured them that Mrs. Ormond would always regard the present as one of her most cherished possessions.

On the day of their departure a large number of friends assembled and gave them a grand send-off. Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Ormond proceeded to Auckland, and from there take their departure for Europe. They will visit St. Patrick's College, Thurles, Ireland, where their son is studying. It is to be sincerely hoped that the trip may improve Mr. Ormond's health, which has not been very good of late.

In connection with the Easter holidays excursion tickets will be issued on the Government Railways (Hurunui-Bluff section) from March 25 to March 31, and available for return up to April 29.—***

A further list of subscriptions to the Home for the Aged Poor, Dunedin, appears in this issue.—***

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