

Commercial

For week ending March 12.

PRODUCE.

London, March 21.—The wheat markets are firm, but business is restricted. Cargoes are dull. New South Wales, January-March shipment, 29s 6d; January parcels, 29s 3d.

Butter: New Zealand, dull, at 108s; Danish, firm, at 113s.

Cheese is in strong demand, but prices are unchanged.

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

The catalogue submitted was a moderate one, and, under fair competition from a full attendance of buyers, was cleared at satisfactory prices.

Oats.—There is steady demand for all good to prime feed lines, for immediate or forward delivery from country stations, at prices about equal to 2s 2d to 2s 3d per bushel ex trucks, Dunedin. Special milling and seed lines and other lines for local consumption are worth a shade more. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 3½d to 2s 4½d; good to best 2s 2½d to 2s 3½d; medium, 2s 1d to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—We have strong inquiry for all classes of prime milling wheat, either new or old season's, medium quality also meets with ready sale as fowl wheat, which is scarce, and for which there is steady demand. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; good whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s.

Potatoes.—There is good inquiry for new Derwents, but so far very few consignments have come to hand. Good kidneys and white potatoes are still meeting with steady demand, and, in the absence of heavy stocks, are readily quoted at slightly advanced prices. We quote: Prime quality, £2 17s 6d to £3; medium, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The wet weather experienced of late has caused a sharp advance in prices owing to the shortness of supplies. Prime quality meets with most demand, and nearly all classes are saleable. We quote: Prime old chaff, £4 10s to £4 15s; best new chaff, £4 to £4 10s; medium, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton (bags extra).

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; milling, 2s 4d to 2s 5d. Wheat: scarce. Milling, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; fowls', 3s 1d. Potatoes: New Oamaru and Taieri, £2 15s to £3; Chaff: Inferior to medium, £2 10s to £3; good to best, £3 15s to £4. Straw: Loose, 32s 6d; pressed, 30s. Flour: 200lb sacks, £8 15s; 50lb, £9 10s, 25lb, £9 15s; Oatmeal: 25lb, £12 10s. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 10d to 11d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 1s 3d. Onions: Melbourne, new, £6.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current.—Whole-sale.—Butter (fresh), 7d; butter (factory), bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 4d; bacon, farm, 7d; bacon (rolled), farm, 6d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £3 to £3 10s per ton; fowl wheat, 3s; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, £3 10s; flour, £8 15s to £9 15s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14; bran, £4; pollard, £4 10s. Retail.—Fresh butter, 9d; butter (factory), pats, 1s, bulk, 1s; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 6d to 7d; bacon (rolled), 8d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 4s per cwt; flour: 200lb, 19s 6d; 50lb, 5s 3d; oatmeal: 50lb, 7s 6d; 25lb, 4s; pollard, 8s per bag; bran, 5s; chaff, 2s; fowls' feed, 3s 6d per bushel.

WOOL.

London, March 18.—At the wool sales there was a good selection, keen competition, and an upward tendency. The Elderslie clip sold at 18½d.

London, March 19.—At the wool sales there was a brisk sale, buyers keenly competing. Prices are unchanged.

London, March 20.—At the wool sales the Totara clip sold at 5½d, the Acton at 4½d, and the Moeraki at 5½d.

At the Bradford wool market common sixties realised 20½d, super 21d.

The London wool sales are firm, with brisk competition for all classes.

The Brancepeth clip sold at 6d.

LIVE STOCK.

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

There was a moderate entry of horses for this week's sale, only some nine or ten medium draughts and about a score of useful hacks and harness horses being forward. There was a fair attendance, and, considering the class of horses in the yard, good business was done. Most of the draughts changed hands at from £25 to £37, and nearly all the light horses found new owners. There is a good all round demand at the present time for horses. There are buyers in the market for powerful cart geldings, four to seven years old, at from £42 to £50, and extra good sorts would bring even more than the last-named figure. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £45 to £50; extra good, prize horses, £52 to £55; medium draught mares and geldings, £35 to £44, aged do, £20 to £30; up-standing carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £80, strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; tram horses, £12 to £16; light hacks, £9 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £27; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £4 to £7.

ADDINGTON MARKETS

Fat Cattle.—149 yarded, but it was a very mixed entry. The small supply kept up late rates—namely, 17s 6d to 22s 6d per 100lb; steers, £7 5s to £9 7s 6d and up to £10 7s 6d; extra good heifers, £5 5s to £7 10s, and up to £8 10s for extra good; cows, £5 to £7 2s 6d and up to £8 2s 6d for extra.

Fat Sheep.—6794 penned. The entry was very mixed, mostly butchers' ewes. All classes were easier by 1s per head. The best freezers brought 15s to 16s, and up to 17s for extra prime; lighter, 14s to 14s 10d; unfinished wethers, 12s 6d to 13s 10d; best heavy-weight ewes, 14s to 15s 6d; good, 11s to 13s 6d; secondary, 8s to 10s 6d; inferior, 6s to 7s 6d.

Fat Lambs.—The entry totalled 2561, mostly unfinished. The market all round was easier by 9d to 1s per head: 1960 were taken for export at 10s 4d to 13s 5d, averaging 15s 3d; 343 went to the butchers at 8s to 12s 10d, and a few extra to 14s 3d; 258 passed in at 11s to 12s 9d.

Store Sheep.—The yarding of store sheep totalled 8828, very mixed, and mostly rough ewes. Forward wethers brought 12s 2d to 13s 4d; others, 10s 11d to 11s 11d; mixed ewes and wethers, 10s 3d to 11s 1d; good young ewes, 10s to 11s 3d; medium, 9s 3d to 9s 6d; aged, 3s 10d to 6s 6d; boilers, 2s 9d; lambs (forward), 9s to 11s 10d, others, 6s 6d to 8s 6d.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

March 20.

This year the gathering in celebration of the festival of St. Patrick

took the form of a social and concert. The Drill Hall was engaged for the occasion, and at eight o'clock every available seat was occupied. The Wanganui Garrison Band played several selections outside the hall. When the first part of the programme was finished, a pleasant half-hour was devoted to social intercourse and refreshments, which had been provided by a committee of ladies, were handed round. The ladies of the congregation and their willing helpers received great praise for the excellent way in which they managed this part of the entertainment. The following programme, of no less than 19 items, was provided:—Tableau, 'Erin,' Convent pupils; overture, orchestra; song, Mr. Leonard; dance, sailor's hornpipe; Convent pupils; song, Mrs. Le Batt; song, Mr. Fisher; song, Mr. Denton; Scotch reel, Convent pupils; song, Mrs. Meehan; tableau, 'All Nations,' Convent pupils; selections, orchestra, song, Miss Pinches; song, Mr. Fisher; recitation, Mr. Hogan; song, Mr. Lorrigan; dance, Irish jig, Mr. McGregor; part song, choir, 'God save the King.' The dances by the pupils of the Convent were well done, and their tableaux deserve special mention.

At the conclusion of the concert, the Very Rev. Dean Kirk thanked all those who had contributed towards the success of the gathering, and referred to the thoughtfulness of the Band, who had generously offered their services to play in front of the hall.

March 22.

Sub-Inspector Dwyer, who has been stationed in Wanganui with the rank of sergeant during the past three years, left for Dunedin on Thursday last, accompanied by Mrs. Dwyer and family. On Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Kirk, while referring to the approaching departure of Sub-Inspector Dwyer, congratulated him on his recent promotion, and expressed regret at losing one of his congregation one who had taken a practical interest in matters connected with the Church. In social circles Mrs. Dwyer will be greatly missed. She has made a number of friends, who, by many thoughtful souvenirs, have given expression to their regret at her departure from Wanganui.

At the conclusion of the concert last Monday night, the Very Rev. Dean Kirk presented Miss Pinches with a handsome brooch as a small token of the many services rendered by her to St. Mary's choir.

I regret to record the death of Mr. Archibald Cameron, of Parakearetu—who died at Mangahoe on Thursday last; aged 74. The deceased, who was third son of the late John Cameron, of Turakina, had been a resident of the district for upwards of 40 years. For many years he was a sufferer owing to an accident through a fall from a horse. Mrs. Cameron's death took place suddenly about two months ago. He leaves a grown-up family of four sons and four daughters.—R.I.P.

NEVER FORGET: Prevention is Better than Cure.—A dose of TUSSICURA administered when a person is suffering from a bad cold or a harassing cough, will not only give instant relief, but will also strengthen the organs affected, thus preventing more serious trouble in the future. No household should, therefore, be without a bottle of this mixture, as its timely administration will obviate suffering in after life and preserve the constitution from disease. One feature of this preparation should not be overlooked—namely, that it is applicable to both the adult and infant, all that is necessary being the adjustment of the doses to the circumstances, according to the directions.—Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co., Agents.