

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, June 29, 1915, as follows:—
 Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, July 5. Sheepskins.—We held our fortnightly sale of sheepskins to-day and offered a full catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was keen and prices showed an advance of fully 3d per lb on last sale's rates. Quotations: Best halfbred, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; best coarse crossbred, to 11½d; medium, 9½d to 10½d; best fine crossbred, to 11½d; medium, 10d to 10½d; best merino, 7½d to 8½d; medium, 6d to 7d; best pelts, to 9½d; medium, 7d to 8½d; inferior, 4d to 5½d; best lambskins, 10½d to 11½d; medium, 8½d to 9½d per lb. Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, July 1. Oats.—Offerings are light, and buyers are not operating to any great extent except for actual requirements, consequently the market is quiet. Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 2d; inferior and damaged, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Millers are still holding good stocks, and are not keen to buy at present. There is a good inquiry, however, for choice samples of prime milling velvet. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 7s 1d to 7s 2d; Tuscan, 6s 9d to 6s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d; medium, 6s to 6s 5d per bushel (sacks extra). Chaff.—There is a keen demand for both shipping and local requirements, and any samples of prime oaten sheaf meet with ready sale. Quotations: Best white oaten chaff, £7 5s to £7 10s; choice black oaten, to £7 12s 6d; good to best feed, £6 15s to £7 2s 6d per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—Export buyers are not keen to operate as they are uncertain owing to the Government restriction regarding exportation, and the market is quiet and prices are easier. Quotations: Best tables, nominally, £6 10s to £7; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 10s per ton (sacks in).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report: We held our weekly sale of grain and produce on Monday, when values ruled as under: Oats.—All good to prime lines suitable for export have met with fair demand during the past week, but generally the market is quiet at about late quotations. Choice seed lots are in request, while medium qualities meet with fair sale locally. Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 2d; inferior to medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—In local milling circles there is very little business to report. Many of the southern-grown lines now coming on the market are barely in milling condition, and are difficult to deal with to advantage. Choice milling lots are readily disposed of, but are offering sparingly. Fowl wheat is fairly plentiful, and meets moderate demand. Prime milling velvet, 7s 1d to 7s 2d; Tuscan, etc., 6s 9d to 6s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d; medium, 6s to 6s 5d per bushel (sacks extra). Potatoes.—The uncertainty as to the Government's action regarding the exportation of potatoes has had the effect of causing export buyers to suspend operations until they are more fully informed with regard to the terms. The market is therefore in a stagnant state at present so far as table sorts are concerned. Sound, well-picked seed have good inquiry. Best table potatoes, nominally, £6 10s to £7; others, £5 10s to £6 per ton (sacks included). Chaff.—Consignments are coming forward steadily, and all prime oaten sheaf finds ready sale at £7 5s to £7 10s; choice black oat, to £7 12s 6d; medium to good quality is also saleable at £6 10s to £7; oaten straw chaff, £3 15s to £4; wheaten, £3 10s to £3 15s per ton (bags extra).

A list of the provisional awards made in favor of New Zealand exhibits at the San Francisco Exposition has been received by the Prime Minister from Mr. E. Clifton (New Zealand Commissioner). The list includes six grand prizes, 39 medals of honor, 114 gold medals, 156 silver medals, 129 bronze medals, and 10 'honorable mentions,' making a total of no fewer than 454 awards.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES.

The following is a further list of Catholic soldiers, members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, who have fallen at the front, or have been wounded:—

LANCE-CORPORAL M. KEARNEY.

Lance-Corporal M. Kearney, whose death in action is recorded, was 22 years of age. He was a native of Maree, Galway, and arrived in New Zealand about four years ago. He was employed for about three years with a survey party on the Beaumont railway, and during that time was a members of the Territorials. He was one of the first to join the first contingent for Egypt. He was the nephew of Mrs. Patrick Treacy, of Evans Flat, and of Mrs. Randall J. Montgomery. He was well liked by all with whom he came in contact, and his death will be deeply deplored by his many relatives in Tuapeka and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Both his parents are still living in Ireland. His sister, Margaret Kearney, is living at Evans Flat. From a private letter, written from Cairo, dated May 10, 1915, received in Lawrence, it appears that Lance-Corporal Kearney must have been killed within a few days of the landing of our troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

PRIVATE JOHN HARGREAVES OWENS, ASHBURTON.

Private John Hargreaves Owens, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles, was employed on the railway at Springburn, where he was very popular. He had not been long out from England, where his father was a sergeant-major in the Imperial Army. He was one of the first to join the Expeditionary Force from here. Private Owens was 21 years of age at the time of his death.

LANCE-CORPORAL GEORGE HENRY BISHOP.

Lance-Corporal George Henry Bishop, of the Canterbury Battalion, died of wounds received at the Dardanelles on May 30. The deceased was well known in Nelson, where he had been for some time secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

TROOPER MALONE.

Trooper Terence Joseph Malone (Wellington Battalion, wounded) is the second son of Colonel W. G. Malone, who is commanding the New Zealand Infantry in the Dardanelles. Trooper Malone, with his father and three brothers (five in all), joined the colors on the outbreak of war, and are now, with the exception of the two youngest sons, who are in the training camp at Trentham, at the Dardanelles.

Old Boys of St. Patrick's College will regret to hear that the latest casualty lists from the Dardanelles contain the names of Eric Lynch and Oscar Lynch, both ex-students of the college. The former is in the hospital at Malta, and the latter at Victoria College Hospital, Alexandria. Private cable advices received, however, state that both are 'progressing splendidly.' They, with their two cousins, Kildare and William Lynch, left with the Main Expeditionary Force. They are cousins of the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm.

Patrick Sheerin, of Palmerston North, was killed in action. He was a member of the congregation of St. Mary's parish, Wellington.

Edward Leary, whose parents reside in Boulcott street, Wellington, is reported missing. He was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, Wellington.

Ernest James Murphy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Murphy, The Terrace, Wellington, died from wounds on May 27.

Leave of absence has been granted by the Wanganui Education Board to 14 teachers for illness and to eight to go to the front (says the *Manawatu Herald*). The question of the scarcity of male teachers is beginning to assume a serious aspect, and many of the schools will soon be staffed almost entirely with women assistants.