

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, July 27, as follows:—Rabbit-skins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, August 2. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, August 3. Hides.—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, 29th inst. Oats.—The market is still very quiet. Offerings are light, but owing to the lack of shipping space buyers are not keen to operate. Prime milling, to 4s 1½d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 0½d; medium, 3s 8d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—There is practically no business to report. Millers are holding full stocks and will not operate. Values are nominally, Tuscan and red wheats, 6s 7d to 6s 10d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 4d to 6s 6d; medium, 6s to 6s 3d per bushel (sacks extra). Chaff.—Consignments have been coming to hand freely, but owing to the lack of shipping and storage space, the local market is fully supplied, consequently values are a shade easier. Prime oaten sheaf, £7 to £7 5s; medium to good, £6 10s to £6 15s; inferior to medium, £5 10s to £6 5s per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—Small consignments have been coming to hand of late, and any well-graded lines meet with a good local demand. Inferior lots, however, are not so much sought after. Best tables, £6 15s 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.—Consignments are not coming forward freely, but offerings ex store are quite sufficient to supply the moderate demand at present. Prime quality is the only class wanted by shippers, and choice seed lots have rather better inquiry. Prime milling, 4s 1d to 4s 1½d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 1d; inferior to medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Millers have practically suspended buying operations, and, so far as milling quality is concerned, the market is stagnant. Fowl wheat is offering freely at quotations. There is a moderate demand for clean seed lots. Prime milling velvet (nominally), 8s 10d to 7s; Tuscan, etc., 6s 8d to 6s 9d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 7d; inferior to medium, 5s 9d to 6s 3d per bushel (sacks extra). Potatoes.—The market is fully supplied, and, owing to shippers' difficulty in securing space, stocks have accumulated to some extent. Many consignments now coming to hand are in rather indifferent condition, owing in some cases to being frosted, and in others showing signs of growth, which necessitate repicking. We have strong demand for good Southland-grown seed. Best table potatoes, £6 10s to £7; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 5s per ton (sacks included). Chaff.—The scarcity of shipping facilities has caused the market to be congested, and heavy stocks of both oaten-sheaf and straw chaff are now awaiting shipment. This has had an effect on local selling values, which show a reduction of about 5s per ton. Prime oaten-sheaf is the only class meeting any demand, straw chaff being almost unsaleable in any quantity. Best oaten-sheaf, £7 to £7 5s; medium to good, £6 10s to £6 15s; inferior to medium, £5 10s to £6 5s per ton (sacks extra).

From north to south, from east to west,
I tour the world with tireless zest,
Mid tropic heat or Arctic snow,
My health to simple means I owe.
Through all, I have one faithful friend,
In storm and stress prompt aid to lend,
That fortifies me to endure,
'Tis world-famed Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

WANTED KNOWN—That Billheads, Circulars, Memoriam Cards, Concert Tickets and Programmes, and General Printing of every description are executed at the TABLET OFFICE. Moderate rates.

ROLL OF HONOR

Mr. Michael Griffin, of Nairn street (writes our Wellington correspondent), has been advised that his son, Private Martin Griffin, of B Company, Third Reinforcements, was wounded in the right arm whilst in action at the Dardanelles. Miss M. Griffin, secretary of the ladies' branch of the Hibernian Society, is a sister of the wounded soldier.

RETURN OF NAPIER MEN FROM THE FRONT.

Three of our own boys (writes our Napier correspondent) returned by the Willochra. Privates James Knowles and E. T. Lynam were the first to arrive home, reaching here last Friday evening, and were accorded a hearty welcome. Private R. Aldridge arrived on Saturday, and was immediately taken to the hospital, where he now lies.

Private Knowles, who had a very enviable record as a life-saver before his departure, having saved upwards of sixteen persons from drowning, and is the proud possessor of the Royal Humane Society's gold medal, the highest award that body can give, is suffering from two wounds, although in all he received four.

Private Lynam has had pleurisy, but prior to being taken ill was for four weeks in the trenches. He is greatly improved by the trip home, and hopes soon to regain his former strength.

Private Aldridge, a son of Mr. T. Aldridge, of Awatoto, has been severely wounded in the knee, but is making a good recovery. It is his intention, when quite well, to go to the front again. All three are pupils of the Marist Brothers' School, and their school-mates are very proud of them.

PRIVATE LEO TASKER, ST. MARTINS.

Word has been received by Mrs. Nora Tasker, Linwood, late of Wilson's road, St. Martins, that her youngest son, Private Leo Charles Tasker (Canterbury Battalion), has been admitted to hospital slightly sick (writes our Christchurch correspondent). Private Tasker, who is the youngest of ten sons, is twenty-four years of age. He was born at St. Martins and educated at the Marist Brothers' School. He took up farming pursuits, and when war broke out was working for Mr. Parkinson, Kaituna. He joined the First Reinforcements. His brother, Mr. Stephen Tasker, of Gamblin's road, St. Martins, was through the Boer War with the First New Zealand Contingent.

The Hibernian Society of the archdiocese of Melbourne has decided to subscribe the sum of £1000 to the Catholic College fund.

The Very Rev. Father M. J. O'Reilly, C.M., Rector of St. John's College, within the Sydney University, will leave the Old Country by the R.M.S. Osterley on the 30th of this month.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, has received information that his nephew, Lieutenant J. F. Beirne, who is serving with the British Army, has been wounded in action in France. A brother is senior surgeon on the British battleship Gloria.

The Very Rev. Archpriest John Felix Marshall, V.C., who was recently appointed to the pastoral charge of Warrnambool, and took up duties there on Sunday, July 11, was born near Cahireonlish, County Limerick. He is nearly 70 years of age. He began his ecclesiastical studies in All Hallows' College, Dublin, in September, 1868, and was ordained there on St. John's Day (June 24), 1873. Amongst his college contemporaries and classmates were the late Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Archbishop of Adelaide, Very Rev. Dean Hegarty (Kyneton), Very Rev. Archpriest McKenna (Geelong), Very Rev. J. H. O'Connell (parish priest of Carlton), and Rev. Father Maurice P. O'Carroll (Flemington). He came in an old sailing vessel to Australia, arriving in Melbourne on January 3, 1874, after a voyage of about 113 days.