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PRODUCE

Messrs Donald Reid and Co. reports:—

Oats.—Samples of new grain are now offering more freely, and as merchants do not hold large stocks good business is being done. Prime Gartons and sparrowbills have most inquiry from shippers, while any medium samples are readily taken by produce merchants for local consumption. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 3d to 2s 3½d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2½d; inferior to medium, 1s 1½d to 2s per bushel, sacks extra.

Wheat.—Offerings are still heavy, and as millers are holding large stocks they are not keen buyers. We quote: Prime velvet, 3s 2d to 3s 3½d; velvet-ear and red wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 1½d to 3s 1d; medium to good, 2s 9d to 2s 1½d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 2s 8d per bushel, sacks extra.

Potatoes.—The market has been poorly supplied, and prices have firmed in consequence. The bulk of consignments are coming to hand in prime condition, and are worth from £3 15s to £4. Medium and unripe sorts are not plentiful, and are worth from £3 5s to £3 12s 6d; inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton, sacks included.

Chaff.—Consignments to hand are barely sufficient to supply the local demand, and the market is firm at quotations. New chaff in prime condition is inquired for, and brings prices equal to those ruling for old chaff. Medium and inferior samples are also readily taken by dairymen at full market rates. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 5s to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d; inferior and discoloured, £3 to £3 15s per ton, sacks extra.

Messrs Dalgety and Co. report:—

Oats.—There are now heavier offerings of new oats from the country. Good sparrowbills, suitable for seed, are in good demand, while duns and blacks have also attention. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2½d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel, bags extra.

Wheat.—The market shows no quotable change from last week. The wheats most in request are prime velvet and velvet-ear. Fowl feed is more plentiful, but has a fair inquiry. We quote: Prime velvet, 3s 2½d to 3s 3d; velvet ear and Tuscan, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; whole fowl feed, 3s to 3s 1d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 2s 1½d per bushel, bags extra.

Potatoes.—Consignments have eased a little so that prices are a shade better. Prime sorts, to £4; medium sorts, £3 5s to £3 15s; inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton, bags in.

Stronach, Morris and Co., Ltd., report for week ending March 14, as follows:—

Oats.—A large number of new season's samples are coming to hand and meet with good inquiry from shippers up to a price. Not very much business is passing, however. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 3d to 2s 3½d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 1½d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is very little competition from millers as they hold large stocks. Farmers are not very willing to sell at the prices offering. Fowl wheat is in good supply, and meets with ready sale. Quotations: Prime velvet, 3s 2d to 3s 3½d; velvet-ear and red wheats, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 1½d to 3s 1d; medium to good, 2s 9d to 2s 1½d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 2s 8d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is very firm, as small consignments are coming forward. Medium and inferior quotations are readily placed to dairymen and others. Prime oaten sheaf, £4 5s to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d; inferior and discoloured, £3 to £3 15s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments have been smaller and prices hardened a little. Prime quality are worth from £3 15s to £4; medium and unripe, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d; inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton (sacks in).

WOOL

Stronach, Morris & Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—We held our sale yesterday, when we submitted a very large catalogue. There was a large attendance of buyers, and competition was keen for all kinds.

The catalogue consisted of mostly off-season stuff, with very few lines of winter does. Quotations:—Winter does, 14½d to 17d; bucks and does, 12d to 14½d; spring bucks, 11½d to 13d; spring does, 8½d to 8½d; racks, 9d to 9½d; light racks, 8½d to 9d; milky does, 7d to 7½d; early autumns, to 11½d; weevilly, to 7½d; hawk-torn, to 6½d; cat skins, 4d each; horse hair, 17½d to 18½d.

Sheepskins.—We held our sheepskin sale to-day, when the usual number of buyers was present. We submitted a very large catalogue of all descriptions of skins and competition throughout was very keen. Pelts and lambskins sold exceptionally well. Best halfbred, 7d to 7½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6½d; best crossbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; inferior, 4½d to 5½d; best pelts, 5d to 5½d; good, 4d to 4½d; inferior, 2½d to 3½d; best lambskins, 6d to 6½d; good, 5d to 5½d; best Merinos, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 4½d to 5½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report, all coming forward being readily placed.

Mr. M. T. Kennelly, 217 Crawford street, Dunedin, reports as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Winter does, to 20d per lb; winter bucks, 16d to 18d; incoming autumns, 14d to 17d; racks, 8d to 10d. Horsehair, 16d to 19d; catskins, 4d to 6d each. Advices from London report a decline of 2d on all grades.

Sheepskins.—Halfbred, 6d to 8d per lb; fine crossbred, 5½d to 7d; coarse do., 5d to 6½d; pelts, 3d to 5d.

Hides.—Sound ox, 6d to 8d; do. cow, 5d to 6½d; damaged ox and cow, 3d to 4½d; calfskins and yearlings (sound), 6½d to 9d. Horsehides, 8s to 14s each.

Tallow.—Best in casks, to 26s per cwt; do., 24s; mixed, 18s to 20s; rough fat, 16s to 20s.

Prompt returns. No commission.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CLUB NOTES

(From the club correspondent.)

March 10.

At the weekly meeting, held on Tuesday last, the chaplain (Rev. Dr. Kennedy) reported that he had 22 entries from members for the competitions in connection with the Christchurch Literary and Musical Societies' Contests, to commence at the Theatre Royal on April 4. The item on the syllabus for the evening was a mock mayoral election, the following candidates expressing their views as to what they would do if elected to the position:—The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Messrs. J. P. Hayward, E. McKeon, C. Laferty, and J. P. Laurenson. The principal works advocated by the candidates were good roads, the municipalising of the gas works, fish and fruit markets, and a canal to Christchurch. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. McKeon for offering a prize of one guinea to the member bringing in the most members during the year, with a minimum of five. The president was also thanked for his offer of a similar amount for a series of debates, with a minimum of ten competitors. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy on behalf of a donor presented the club with two volumes on the French Revolution.

The following are the club's entries to the Christchurch Literary and Musical Competitions:—Literary.—Essay (amateurs), 'The Newspaper Press as a Factor in Education.'—Messrs. J. P. Laurenson, F. Quinn, and W. Raymond. Original poem, 'The Moa.'—Mr. E. Anderson. Speeches (impromptu).—Messrs. J. R. Hayward, E. McKeon, and J. P. Laurenson. Impromptu Debate in Pairs.—Messrs. J. R. Hayward and E. McKeon. Prepared Speech, 'Education and Crime.'—Messrs. J. P. Laurenson, F. Quinn, P. McNamara, and E. Anderson. Oratorical Display (own selection).—Messrs. C. Fottrell, J. P. Laurenson, F. Quinn, and P. McNamara. Elocution (recitation), 'Evelyn Hope.'—Mr. J. P. Laurenson; 'Paradise Lost,' Mr. E. Anderson. Prepared Reading, 'Chas. Lamb on the Tragedies of Shakespeare.'—Mr. E. Anderson. Reading at Sight.—Mr. E. Anderson.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

March 10.

The residence of Mr. Michael Hannan was completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday at midnight. The fire had complete control when discovered, and Mr. and Mrs. Hannan and family had only time to escape from the burning building. Mr. and Mrs. Hannan have the sympathy of the entire community in their serious loss, as the residence, which was one of the finest in Greymouth, was completely renovated only two or three years ago.

It is with extreme regret I have to record the death of Mrs. Trehey, wife of Mr. Patrick Trehey, of Cobden, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dinnan, of Cobden. Deceased, who had been in indifferent health lately, passed away suddenly on Wednesday morning, heart disease being the cause of death. The funeral took place on Thursday, and the remains were followed by a large number of mourners, including the members of the Hibernian Society in regalia. The Very Rev. Dean Carew officiated both at the church and at the Greymouth Cemetery.—R.I.P.