

Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce on Monday.

Oats.—Prime milling Gartons are in good demand, and sparrowbills of the same grade are saleable at quotations. Shippers are in the market for A and B grades, but require consignments to be well up to sample. Lower grades are in fair demand locally. Prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Velvet and velvet ear meet with good inquiry, the latter being at present most favored. Prime Tuscan is in rather better demand, and of this class a fair quantity has been sold during the past week. Fowl wheat is plentiful, and meets moderate demand. Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; Tuscan, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is well supplied. Only prime lots are readily placed, and these only at a reduction on late values. Best table, £3 5s to £3 10s; choice, to £3 12s 6d. Medium quality meets slow sale at £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags included).

WOOL

Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, July 29, as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—We offered an exceptionally large catalogue at yesterday's sale, the majority of the skins being winter bucks and does. Competition was very keen, and we topped the market with 40½d for a line of prime winter does. Prices all through were very firm at late rates. Quotations: Prime winter does, to 40½d; good winter does, 34d to 38d; prime winter bucks, to 28½d; good do, to 25½d; incoming winters, to 20½d; best autumns, to 19d; early autumns, to 17½d; summers, to 14½d; springs, to 12d; small, to 9½d; best racks, to 13½d; light racks, to 12½d; best silver greys, to 47d; winter blacks, to 40½d; autumn blacks, to 28d; fawns, to 23½d; hareskins, to 21d per lb. Catskins, 7½d to 13d each; opossum skins, 3s 6d to 7s 6d each. Horse hair, to 19d per lb.

Sheepskins.—Owing to the drop in the London market, competition was very slack and prices showed a heavy decline all through. The half-bred skins suffered most, the drop in some instances being fully 1d per lb. Quotations: Half-bred, to 8½d; fine crossbred, to 8½d; coarse crossbred, to 7½d; medium to good, 6d to 7d; best dead halfbred, 6½d to 7½d; crossbred, 5½d to 6½d; medium, 3½d to 4d; best merino, 7½d to 8½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6½d; lambskins, to 7½d.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

July 28.

Before the business was proceeded with at the meeting of the Borough Council on Friday night the Mayor said it was only right that the Council should take notice of the death of ex-Councillor Cagney, who had passed away since the last meeting. Mr. Cagney had taken an active part in public affairs, and it was only right that they should place on record the good service he had rendered while a member of the Council. He moved that the Council express its regret at the death of Mr. Cagney, and its sympathy with the family in their bereavement. The motion was carried.

At the theory examination held in June last under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, Rita Falconer (a pupil of the Dominican Nuns) was a successful candidate in the rudiments division, gaining 93 marks.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A social gathering in aid of the funds of the city stall at the forthcoming bazaar will be held in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening.

The Irish comedy-drama, 'A Bit o' Blarney,' will be produced in His Majesty's Theatre on the evenings of August 20 and 21, in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul stall at the Christian Brothers' School bazaar.

Ladies and gentlemen willing to take part in the spectacular display at the forthcoming bazaar are requested to meet Miss Hamann at St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening.

A most successful social gathering, with the object of helping to liquidate the debt on the Catholic Church, Kaikorai, was held in the Wakari Hall on Friday evening. There was a very large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

On Monday evening St. Joseph's Men's Club held a debate as to whether New Zealand youths were given too much to sport, to which the members of the Ladies' Club had been invited. There was a good attendance. The lady speakers did remarkably well. The affirmative side were declared the winners.

The arrangements for the grand bazaar in aid of the building fund of the Christian Brothers' new school, are well advanced, whilst the stallholders and their assistants are displaying commendable zeal in making and providing goods for their stalls. Everything points to this fair being the most successful yet held in Dunedin. The many friends of the Christian Brothers, not alone in the city, but throughout the South Island, recognise the necessity of providing a new school, and those who have been favored with books of tickets from the various stallholders are earnestly requested to dispose of them without delay, and return blocks, accompanied by cash, to the senders. The tickets for the art union, which are being distributed this week, will admit to the bazaar. As several valuable prizes are offered, it is hoped the tickets will meet with a ready sale.

Methven

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The weather in this district is, in the opinion of the oldest residents, the best experienced for many years. The winter season was in many respects a real spring time, and the fine weather gave the farmers every opportunity to attend to their religious duties. Mass is celebrated here every second Sunday, whilst on the evenings of Sundays on which there is no Mass there are devotions, consisting of Rosary, sermon, and Benediction. The attendance at the Sunday Masses is such as would do credit to any parish, the church being always so crowded, that it is necessary to have two Masses in order to accommodate the congregation.

The annual meeting of the parishioners took place a fortnight ago. The report of the first year's work was very satisfactory, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy congratulated his people on the work done during the year. The members of the church committee elected for the ensuing year are: Messrs. Denis McKendry (vice-chairman), T. Dowling, T. Twomey, H. Cullen, J. Cullen, D. McKendry, H. Kennedy, J. Poff, J. Buckley, J. Dolan, P. McMenamin. Mr. Val Cullen was elected secretary and church collector.

The school, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, which opened in February of this year, is well attended in spite of the distances at which most of the children live. On July 24 the school closed for the mid-winter holidays.

A very successful social, in aid of the church funds, was held last month. The ladies of the parish were untiring in their efforts, and succeeded in making a most enjoyable evening for every one.

A Catholic Truth Society library has just been established in the parish, and young and old avail themselves of the beautiful literature provided for them, while many also are subscribers to the *Tablet* and the *Australian Messenger of the Sacred Heart*.

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