

Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., report:—

Oats.—The demand for seed lines is absorbing most of the choice lots in store. Prime milling, Gartons and sparrowbills, have fair inquiry, but the demand for feed lines is not keen. Stocks, however, are not heavy, and most of those offering move off readily at quotations. Prime milling, 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1½d to 2s 2½d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The demand from millers is chiefly for prime velvet and velvet ear, the latter having most inquiry. Tuscan has had rather more attention during the past week, and we have quitted a considerable quantity ex store at top ruling values. Whole fowl wheat is in moderate supply and meets ready sale. Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; Tuscan, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be fully supplied, and only prime sound lots have any demand. Frosted and inferior lots are difficult to deal with. The demand for seed lines is somewhat easier as the season advances. Best table potatoes, £3 to £3 5s; choice, to £3 7s 6d; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (sacks included).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, August 12, 1913, as follows:—

Oats.—There is not much demand and prices remain about the same. Quotations: Prime milling, to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1½d to 2s 2½d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is a fair demand for prime velvet and velvet ear. Whole fowl wheat meets with a ready sale. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; Tuscan, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Large supplies are coming forward and prices are inclined to ease. Medium and inferior quality is hard to sell. Quotations: Best eaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; light and discolored, £3 to £3 5s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is fully supplied and there is very little demand. Quotations: Best table potatoes, £3 to £3 5s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (sacks in).

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd, report as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—We offered a very large catalogue at yesterday's sale to a good attendance of buyers. Competition was very keen and prices showed a rise of 1d to 2d per lb, except for prime does, which were firm at late rates. Quotations: Selected winter does, 39d to 40d; prime winter does, 32d to 37d; super winter bucks, 30d to 32½d; good, 25d to 26½d; second winter bucks, 20d to 24d; second winter does, 26d to 28½d; good do., to 24d; early winters, 19d to 21d; autumns, 17½d to 19½d; incoming, 19d to 20½d; early autumns, to 17d; racks, to 14d; light racks, to 13d; summers, to 13½d; hawk torn, 11d to 17½d; small, to 11d; blacks, prime winter, to 43d; autumn and incoming blacks, to 32d; fawns, to 24d; hareskins, to 22d per lb. Catskins, 8d to 14d; small do., 3d to 7d each. Horsehair, to 19d per lb. Opossum skins, from 3s 6d to 9s 1d each.

Sheepskins.—There was good competition at today's sale and prices showed a rise of ½d to 1d per lb. Quotations: Halfbred, 8d to 8½d; fine crossbred, to 8½d; coarse crossbred, to 8½d; medium do., 6d to 7½d; best dead halfbred, 6½d to 7½d; crossbred, 5½d to 6½d; medium, 3½d to 5½d; best merino, 7d to 7½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; lambskins, to 8d.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

On Sunday last a contingent from the Greymouth branch visited Kumara, for the purpose of attending the inauguration of a branch of the Hibernian Society at that town. The opening ceremony was performed by the acting-district deputy, Bro. Moyle, of Dennistown, assisted by Bro. T. Keenan, of the Greymouth branch. Bro. M. Keating (secretary of the Greymouth branch) acted as minute secretary.

The new branch, which takes the name 'Michael Davitt,' was opened under very auspicious circumstances, twenty-five full benefit members and thirteen honorary members joining. After the inauguration and initiation ceremony, the election of officers for the first term was held. The selection for the various offices was as follows:—President, Bro. J. O'Flaherty; vice-president, Bro. J. Gilbert; secretary, Bro. J. Cormach; treasurer, Bro. Murphy; warden, Bro. Ryan; guardian, Bro. O'Donnell; sick visitor, Bro. Johnston. After the installation, speeches of a congratulatory nature were made by the deputy Bro. Moyle, Rev. Father Clancy, Bros. Keenan and Smyth (Grey), and Warren (Hokitika). At the conclusion of the ceremony a pleasant half hour was spent, several songs and recitations being rendered by members. The first meeting of the new branch was held on Sunday evening, and nine candidates were proposed. The spirit of Hibernianism seems to have taken root among the rising generation, as we now have eight branches on this side of the ranges.

The St. Columba Hall was crowded on the occasion of the farewell social and presentation to Mr. P. J. Smyth, who has left for Christchurch. The proceedings opened with a musical programme, the following contributing items:—Mr. H. F. Doogan (song), Mr. O. Edgen (recitation), Miss K. Boyle (song), Mr. R. Harrison (song), Miss Chapman (recitation), Mr. K. S. Dillon (song), and Mr. Smyth (musical monologue).

At the conclusion of the programme, Very Rev. Dean Carew, in asking Mr. Smyth to accept a well-filled purse of sovereigns, said they were assembled that evening to bid farewell to one, whose good work was well known to everyone in the parish. During Mr. Smyth's residence in Greymouth he had won the respect and esteem of everyone with whom he had come in contact, and whilst regretting his (Mr. Smyth's) departure, he hoped that at no distant date he would again take up his residence in Greymouth. In presenting to Mr. Smyth the purse of sovereigns, he wished him every success and happiness in his future career.

Mr. T. Keenan, on behalf of the Hibernian Society, said he wished to express the deepest regret of every member at the departure of one of the society's foremost members. The great strides the Grey branch had made within recent years was in no small measure due to the energy and zeal displayed by Mr. Smyth, who had occupied every position of honor the society could bestow upon him.

Mr. A. McSherry, on behalf of the St. Columba Club, deeply regretted the departure of one of its most enthusiastic members. Mr. Smyth had taken a prominent part in the welfare of the club since its inception, and had occupied every position of honor with credit to himself and the club. His departure would be a great loss to the club, more especially in elocutionary matters.

Mr. Smyth, on rising to speak, received quite an ovation. He said he had often been asked to speak 'impromptu,' but he felt that on this occasion he had an even harder task, as words failed him to express his deepest gratitude. Since his arrival in Greymouth, over ten years ago, he had always taken a keen interest in the St. Columba Club and Hibernian Society. He never regretted the day on which he first joined the club, as the great benefits he had derived from it had more than recompensed him for any little he had done to further its position. He wished to express his deepest thanks to the Marist Brothers for the many acts of kindness shown him. He also thanked the Hibernian Society members for the good wishes extended to him. He would never forget the members of either society, and he would always look back with pleasure to that evening. The singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' brought the programme to a close.

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