

Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly sale of grain and produce on Monday, when values ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the week there has been more inquiry for prime Gartons and Sparrowbills for shipment, but so far little business has transpired. There is good local demand, chiefly for prime Gartons. Medium feed lots are not strongly in favour, and are mostly being quitted in small quantities. Prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1½d to 2s 2½d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime velvet and velvet ear continue to find ready sale. Other sorts are also looked on with more favor, but stocks of all kinds are light, and only moderate business is passing. Good whole fowl wheat meets with ready sale, but lower grades are not in request. Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 9d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, 3s 8½d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; medium, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Only well-conditioned lines have any demand. These have not been over plentiful, and are readily placed at quotations. Medium and indifferent lots are difficult to deal with. Best table potatoes, £2 5s to £2 10s; others, £1 10s to £2 per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf is in good demand locally, and nearly all consignments to hand during the past week have met ready sale ex truck. Medium and inferior qualities are not in favor. Best oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; choice black oat, to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and discolored, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

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

Oats.—There has been a fair inquiry for A grade Gartons, but buyers are considerably below vendors' limits. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1½d to 2s 2½d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is a good demand for prime velvet and velvet ear, but there is very little business passing owing to the small quantity offering. There is also a fair demand for whole fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s to 4s 2d; velvet ear, 3s 9d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, 3s 8d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; medium, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—There is a large quantity coming to hand but the demand is only for prime quality. Medium and inferior lots are hard to place. Quotations:—Best oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and discolored, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There is a fair demand for table lines but all other sorts are neglected. Quotations: Prime table lots, £2 5s to £2 10s; others, £1 10s to £2 per ton (sacks in).

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, September 23, 1913, as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—There was a good attendance at yesterday's sale, a large catalogue being submitted to the buyers present. Competition was not very keen and prices for all classes of skins showed an easier tendency. Quotations: Prime winter does, to 39d; good, 33d to 36d; second winters, to 27d; prime winter bucks, to 28½d; good bucks, to 25d; second bucks, to

21d; incoming winters, 18½d to 19½d; autumns, 17½d to 18½d; early autumns, 16d to 17d; outgoing winters, 16d to 17½d; best racks, to 13½d; light racks, to 12½d; best hawk torn, 16d to 17½d; medium, 10d to 12d; small, to 9d; spring bucks, to 13d; spring does, to 12d; best winter blacks, 45d to 48½d; second winter blacks, 30d to 36d; fawns, to 26½d; hareskins, 20d to 22½d per lb. Best catskins, to 12½d; good, 5d to 9d each. Horsehair, to 18½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale to-day. Bidding was very slack and prices, except for good lines, showed a drop of ¼d to ½d per lb. Quotations: Best halfbred, 8½d to 8¾d; good, 7½d to 8d; inferior, 5½d to 6½d; best fine crossbred, 7½d to 8½d; best coarse crossbred, 7½d to 7¾d; medium to good, 5½d to 7d; best merino, 6½d to 7½d; medium, 4½d to 6d; best pelts, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 2d to 3½ per lb; broken and damaged skins, 5d to 6d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is a very good demand for all coming forward, and prices keep very firm. Quotations: Best tallow in casks, 24s 6d to 27s; in tins, to 24s; medium to good, 22s to 23s 6d; inferior, 20d to 21s; best rough fat, 20s to 22s; medium to good, 18s to 19s 6d.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET HELEY, DUNEDIN.

On Tuesday morning there passed away at her residence, Lower York place, Dunedin, an old and highly esteemed member of St. Joseph's Cathedral congregation in the person of Mrs. Margaret Heley. The deceased, who was in her 79th year, was born in Kilkenny, and came out to South Australia about fifty years ago. She was a resident of Dunedin for the past thirty years, and during that time she was noted for her piety, devotion to her religious duties, and her kind and charitable disposition. Notwithstanding her age, she had enjoyed fairly good health until about three weeks ago, when she was seized with the illness which ended in her death. During that time she was regularly attended by the clergy of St. Joseph's Cathedral, and she died fortified by all the rites of the Church of which she was such a faithful member. She was predeceased by her husband by about three years, and there are left to mourn their loss two daughters—Miss Adelaide Heley and Mrs. P. Herbert—and one son—Mr. F. Heley. The remains were taken on Wednesday evening to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where a Requiem Mass was celebrated this morning. The family of the deceased have the sincere sympathy of a large number of friends in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

South Canterbury football (writes our Timaru correspondent) was brought to a close on Saturday last by the schools' seven-a-side tournament. The boys of the Marist Brothers' School succeeded in winning both the senior and junior grades of the primary schools' division. The seniors beat Waimataitai by 10 points to nil, Waimate by 5 points to nil, and Timaru Main in the final by 5 points to nil. The seven medallists are T. Sullivan, C. Lynch, P. Houlihan, C. Murphy, F. Darcy, D. O'Connell, and W. Hay. The junior played excellent football, and easily routed their opponents. Their names are P. Bergin, D. Croxford, T. Reilly, W. Mason, W. Angland, C. Leeming, and B. Kane. The senior fifteen has had a very successful season. They have won all their eight matches, scoring 275 points, and for the second year in succession have gone through the competition without having a point scored against them. They have also defeated the premiers of North Otago. The junior team has also won the cup for the second consecutive year. Not to be outdone by their brothers, the girls from the Convent primary school carried off the medals in the rounders' tournament, beating Waimate A, Waimate B, South School A, and in the final met and defeated by 24 to 22 the best six of the Timaru Main School. The names of the girls in the winning team are E. Feeley, M. Flynn, S. Schaab, L. Conway, K. Dennehy, N. Costigan.