

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs DRIVER, STEWART and Co. report as follows for the week ending February 25th:—

**Fat Cattle.**—80 head were yarded at the Kaikorai to day, but being for the most part of ordinary quality, only moderate prices were obtained, bullocks realising from £5 to £7 7s 6d; and cows, from £4 10s to £6 10s. We sold on account of Messrs G. M. Bell, Alex. Ironside, and others, 36 head; and have placed 40 head privately for forward delivery. We quote prime quality at from 20s to 21s per 100 lbs; ordinary to middling, 15s to 17s 6d.

**Fat Sheep.**—About 700 of various sorts were penned. 126 cross-breds were sold at 11s 6d, and 350 merinos at 7s to 10s; old ewes, at 5s. There were 200 merinos turned out unsold. We sold at the yards 300 at above prices, and have placed 500 half-breds and 250 merinos at 2d for former, and 2d for latter, which may be quoted as the present current rates.

**Fat Lambs.**—160 were penned, all of which we sold at from 5s to 9s 6d, according to quality.

**Store Cattle.**—No large lots have changed hands during the week. We have, however, placed privately about 120 head at £3 to £3 10s for cows, and £4 10s to £5 for bullocks. There is a good demand for quiet grown cattle at above rates.

**Store Sheep.**—There is a very large demand for almost every description of sheep, particularly young merino ewes from well-known flocks. We have during the week placed 7500 at the following rates:—Cross-breds, 2-tooth and upwards, 8s 6d to 10s; cross-bred lambs, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; merino wethers, 2, 4, and 6-tooth, 6s to 6s 6d; full-mouthed, 5s to 6s; young merino ewes, 6s 6d to 7s 6d.

**Wool.**—Since the date of our last, we have not held a public sale, but privately have placed several small lots at fair prices. On the whole, however, the market is languid, and buyers appear disinclined to operate save at a reduction in the rates ruling earlier in the season.

**Sheepskins.**—At our sale on 16th inst. there was a full attendance of buyers, and fair competition throughout. We sold 1075 skins, at prices as follows:—Full-wooled merinos, 4s 6d to 5s; medium do, 2s 7d to 3s 9d; pelts, 9d to 21d; lambskins, 17d to 21d.

**Hides.**—We catalogued and sold 178 on the above-mentioned date. The demand was, however, less active than lately experienced, and prices a shade easier. Light hides fetched 13s to 16s 6d; medium to heavy do, 17s 6d to 21s.

**Grain.**—Wheat is in good demand, as the market is now quite bare of old stock, and there is scarcely any of the new crop offering. Prime samples would fetch 4s 9d to 5s. Fowl feed and inferior grinding may be quoted at 3s 6d to 4s 3d. Oats are very scarce, and in demand, and fair samples of old crop are saleable at 4s.

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Tkts.	Prz.	Tkts.	Prz.	Tkts.	Prz.	Tkts.	Prz.
524	93	124	86	3350	46	4881	36
2538	57	2982	15	2733	14	2005	74
3214	33	2963	96	5359	65	3416	13
2945	81	5197	25	2110	17	775	10
3819	71	1284	21	4850	68	3316	37
5994	92	3100	42	8446	98	820	41
5271	12	2721	97	5579	5	4480	62
848	48	5441	89	5209	16	2338	1
2889	51	543	64	5521	73	755	77
2801	45	3855	37	2723	70	4527	26
4859	68	4516	19	977	29	2066	31
4100	40	5227	18	690	6	4800	24
4951	60	549	38	185	85	4352	79
3572	82	4528	59	5321	75	2590	39
5935	44	2633	91	472	22	4784	27
2799	88	5311	3	285	99	2172	32
3502	78	3414	54	2062	52	5546	94
5432	20	2562	7	5106	43	1819	83
4827	80	2915	2	3578	9	3034	61
733	67	354	34	4828	49	955	4
5404	66	421	90	5568	72	4299	56
468	58	4976	47	883	55	3515	53
390	69	5117	11	956	84	4215	23
5934	8	2382	76	2732	50	4255	28
2655	30	3220	100	2391	35	174	95

We, the undersigned, have examined the above, and found it correct.

W. HENDERSON,  
A. KAUFFMAN,  
JOHN OWENS,  
DAN. COGHLAN, } Scrutineers.

Ross, January 20, 1874.

1100 of the intermediate numbers unsold were not drawn.

OUR Agents and Subscribers are requested to bear in mind that the New Zealand Tablet Co. is regularly called upon to meet the liabilities of the paper, and that consequently it is necessary the amounts due to the company should be settled promptly and regularly. They will therefore confer a favor on the Directors if they will be good enough to forward to the Hon. Secretary the sums now due, with as little delay as possible.

BISHOP MORAN'S APPROVAL.

THE manner in which the NEW ZEALAND TABLET has been hitherto conducted is deserving of approval. I have no doubt the future management will be in accordance with the past, and that this journal will continue to be an excellent Catholic newspaper. Under these circumstances, I can have no hesitation in saying it deserves the generous support of all Catholics in this Colony. I beg to recommend it to them most earnestly.

Given at Dunedin, 15th July, 1873.

† P. MORAN,  
Bishop of Dunedin.

New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1874.

THE 'DAILY TIMES' AND THE OTAGO CLERGY.

OUR contemporary published on Monday last a Leader, which deserves a wide circulation. Modern ideas and progress are well exemplified in it. The writer, too, has the interest of religion at heart. At all events his words seem to say so. Here they are—"The trumpet of public opinion declares with no uncertain sound that the men who man our pulpits do not wield that power begotten of ability which, in the interests of religion, we could wish them to possess." This lamentable state of things is attributed to low salaries. The modern idea is that money is the great panacea for all evils spiritual and temporal. Christianity preaches and canonises poverty; but modern religious men have outgrown all that, and in the interests of religion, nothing less than two or three thousand a year should be the salary of a Minister, at least for the First Church. It is idle to expect to secure the services of a Minister, who can think, for less. But it would be a pity not to give the words themselves of the writer. They are unique, the latest, too, of modern progress. "We have men amongst us of irreproachable life, who carefully disassociate themselves from every church, not because they do not believe in religion, but because religion is so poorly expounded. Whether it be the cause or effect of this wide-spread and spreading indifference,