

COMMERCIAL.

DUNEDIN PRICES CURRENT.

In bond.

Brandy—Hennessy's bulk, 10s 6d to 11s; do case, 32s 6d to 33s
 Otard's bulk, 8s to 8s 6d; do case, 28s 6d to 29s
 Bisquit Dubuche, 8s to 8s 6d
 Associated bulk, 8s to 8s 6d; do case, 24s to 25s
 Geneva, 14s 6d to 15s
 Glenury whiskey, 5s 10½d to 6s 3d; Campbelton, 5s 6d
 Sheriff's Islay, 5s 6d; M'Murhey's 5s 6d
 Rum—Lemon Hart's and R.W.P., 4s 6d; Loundes's 4s 4d to 4s 6d
 Kerosene, 1s to 2s
 English ginger wine, 22s to 23s
 Stout, Byass's, 9s to 9s 6d; do, Blood's, 9s to 9s 6d; do, Guinness's, 11s to 11s 3d
 Arrol's ale, 10s to 10s 6d; do stout, 9s 9d to 10s
 Free and duty paid
 Hay, L6 10s per ton
 Straw, L2 5s per ton
 Oatmeal, L24 per ton
 Flour, L11 15s to L12 per ton
 Prime wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 9d per bushel
 Good fowls' wheat, 4s 2d to 4s 3d
 Oats, good feed, 4s to 4s 2d
 Bran, L5 per ton
 Chaff, L4 10s per ton
 New potatoes, L4 per ton
 Onions, 45s per cwt
 Bacon, 8½d per lb; ham, 11d; cheese, 7d to 7½d
 Pollard, L5 10s to L6 per ton
 Barley dust, L5 per ton; rather scarce
 Beef, 20s to 25s per cwt, 3d to 7 per lb retail
 Mutton, 3d to 5d per lb; veal, 4d to 6d per lb
 Turkeys, plentiful; fowls, per pair, 5s to 6s
 Apples, 4d to 8d per lb; oranges, 3s per doz
 Lemons, 3s per doz; currants, 4½d
 Rhubarb, 3d per lb; cabbage 2s per doz
 Carrots, L3 per ton; celer, 3s to 6s per doz
 Green peas 4d per lb; scarce
 Young turnips, 2d per bunch
 Grapes, 1s 6d to 2s per lb.

A. MBERGER reports for the week, retail prices only—

Fresh butter, in ½lb and 1lb prints, best quality 1s 10d per lb. Fresh butter still continues to be very scarce; the grocers are not getting nearly enough to supply their customers, and a slight advance has again taken place. Salt butter is selling well at 1s 6d per lb, and expected to rise. Cheese, only of the best quality, will sell at 10d to 1s per lb. Side and rolled bacon, smoked or otherwise, 10d to 1s per lb; colonial hams, 1s to 1s 2d per lb; English hams very plentiful, and not much in demand, at 1s 6d per lb. The market is very barely supplied with eggs at present; they are retailing at 2s 3d to 2s 6d per dozen.

DR. CRAWFORD, Consulting Surgeon and Accoucheur, begs to intimate to his old patients in the City, Suburbs and Country that he has resumed the practice of his profession (after his visit to the Home Country and Continent), and that he may be consulted in all the branches of his profession, at the New Medical Dispensary, corner of Princes and Walker-streets. Dr. C. need not remind the public that he is a specialist, and at the head of his profession in the following diseases, viz:—

- Diseases peculiar to women and children.
- „ of the throat, lungs, and heart.
- „ of the eyes, skin, and blood.

Advice Gratis from 9 to 12 a.m., and 6 to 10 p.m.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF BELL WARD.

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the request of several Rate-payers residing in various portions of the Ward, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages at the ensuing election.

I am Gentlemen,
 Your obedient Servant,
 RICHARD H. LEARY.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF HIGH WARD.

M R A L E X A N D E R B U R T
 Begs respectfully to
 OFFER HIMSELF FOR RE-ELECTION
 AS A
 COUNCILLOR FOR HIGH WARD.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF HIGH WARD.

As my term of office expires shortly, it is my intention to again seek your suffrages as a Councillor.
 Your obedient servant,
 ALEXANDER BURT.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND ADVERTISERS.

Mr WHEELER, Stafford street, and Mr MACEDO, Princes street south, are empowered to receive monies and orders for papers on account of the NEW ZEALAND TABLET.

DEATH.

SHEATH.—On the 18th inst., at Christchurch, Agnes Mary Goulter, wife of Joseph B. Sheath, aged twenty-three years.—R. I. P.

AGENTS FOR THE TABLET.

THE TABLET will be sent to any part of New Zealand by forwarding a Post Office order for 6s 6d to the Office, Stafford street, Dunedin; it can also be obtained from the following persons who are duly authorised agents in their respective districts:—

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New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1874

PARLIAMENT.

SINCE the opening of the present Session, some good measures have been proposed by the Government, of these the most important and urgent is the Forests Bill. The Premier in his speech introducing this measure gave evidence of foresight and statesmanship; but it is to be feared he spoke to an audience, of which many, if not a majority, either did not appreciate his views and arguments, or did not sympathise with them. It is said that Provincialists, who constitute a very strong party in the House of Representatives, will oppose this Bill, on the ground that it would, if enacted, curtail Provincial revenue. This is a misfortune. New Forests take a long time to come to perfection, and old ones once destroyed cannot be replaced for a century. For these reasons the Premier thinks, and thinks rightly, that in the interests of the country there is no time to be lost, more particularly when the fact is notorious that New Zealand forests are at this moment, and have been undergoing, a process of wanton and rapid destruction. Provincial Governments have been very useful, and they are still capable of effecting a great deal of good, but if Provincialism stands in the way of such measures as the Forests Bill, the serious question will arise if, all things considered, it will not be for the interests of the Colony at large to do away with Provincial Governments. No one would argue at this time of day that they are at all necessary. And it appears to be clear that, if Provincialists in the House of Representatives combine to defeat the Forests Bill in order to uphold provincialism, Provincial Governments ought to be abolished. But really there does not appear to be any reason why the measure of the Government should be considered in any way antagonistic to provincial institutions. The planting and conservation of forests certainly belong to the General Government, and are essential to the general interests. No merely provincial considerations, therefore, should be permitted to interfere with the duties and responsibilities of the General Government. Nor can any provincial interest be in reality endangered by a measure which cannot fail to be of the greatest utility, at the same time that it is necessary, to the well-being of the community at large. Some say, "There will be timber enough for all purposes during our day; why should we trouble ourselves or go to the expense to provide forests for people who shall come after us a hundred years hence?" With such, and they are, we regret to say, neither few nor without influence, it is useless to argue. But their views are not such as could be entertained for a moment by statesmen in charge of the government of a country. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the common sense of the country will discredit all factious opposition of a provincial character calculated to impede the enactment of this most useful and indeed necessary measure.

Our readers are, no doubt, well acquainted with the WARD telegrams, calling Mr VOGEL's attention to Judge