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Fat Cattle.—Seventy-nine head of cattle were yarded at the weekly sales to-day. This number being a moderate supply, were all sold at rather better prices than have been obtained during the last fortnight. Best bullocks brought from £9 to £14; ditto cows, from £7 10s to £11 10s—or equal to 30s per 100lbs for prime quality, and 25s for medium. At the yards we sold 30 head, and have placed 50 head privately.

Fat Calves.—Only about a dozen were penned, and brought from 30s to 50s each, according to size and quality.

Fat Sheep.—We are still obliged to report an over-stocked market. About 2,800 came forward for the sale to day, consisting chiefly of good cross-breeds. About one-half this number were sold, the balance held over for next week. It will therefore be seen that unless supplies come forward less freely the market cannot recover. Best cross-breeds brought from 10s 6d to 11s 6d each, and merinos from 7s to 10s 6d—or say 2½d per lb for the former and 2d per lb for the latter. At the yards we sold 500, and have placed a like number privately.

Fat Lambs.—130 were penned, and being for the most part of good quality, were all taken by the trade at prices ranging from 9s to 11s 6d. We sold 80 at above rates.

Store Cattle.—The market remains unchanged. Well-grown quiet cattle fit for grazing are in request at former quotations.

Store Sheep.—We have no alteration to make in our late quotations. Young sheep of every description continue in good demand, with but few offerings. During the week we have sold 4,500 of various sorts at prices about equal to following quotations:—Cross-breeds, four and six tooth, 9s to 9s 6d; ditto, two tooth, 7s 6d to 7s 9d; ditto lambs, 6s to 7s; merino wethers, two, four, and six tooth, 5s 6d to 6s; ditto, full mouthed, 3s to 3s 3d; merino ewes, two, four and six tooth, 6s to 6s 6d; ditto, full mouthed, 2s 9d to 3s 3d.

Wool.—Our London office reports by cable that the February sales closed flatly. Nearly all descriptions have declined ½d to 1d. Greasy, market easier. Lambs' wool unchanged. The sales comprised 107,000 bales; 40,000 have been taken for export. At our weekly sale, held this afternoon, we offered a small catalogue of wool, principally remnants of the season, which was taken by buyers freely at ½d per lb decline. Price catalogue annexed:—SM, 3 bags, 4d, greasy locks; ditto black, 1 bale, 8½d; merino and cross bred, 2 at 8½d; RK, scoured fleece, 2 bales, 14½d; Glen Nevis, 2 bales, 10½d; scoured locks, M, greasy cross bred, 1 bale, 8½d; W over Waikawa, Leicester rams, 17½d; EE, 2 merino, 8½d; ditto, 5 cross bred, 9½d; Y, cross bred and merinos, 4, 8½d; B and A, 1, 8½d; GS, 2 cross bred, 8½d; AAA, pieces, 1, 4½d; Glen Nevis, merino, 19 bales, 8½d; MML, cross bred, 10 bales, 9½d; merino, 6 bales, 9d.

Sheepskins were well competed for. Wool skins were lower in price. Pelts sold for money, 9d to 1s 6d each; full-wool merino, 1s 10d.

Hides.—Small supply. Green butchers' sold 22s; wet salted, in good condition, 4½d per lb.

Tallow.—none offered.

Grain.—Wheat continues in fair demand; good to choice milling, 4s 6d to 4s 8d; inferior, 4s 3d to 4s 4d. Oats are in better inquiry. New corn is selling for immediate delivery, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d; old, 1s 10d to 2s. Barley, no sales reported.

MR. SKENE reports for the week ending March 15, 1876, as follows:—The labor market is quiet, and will continue so till after the Race holidays. Masters will not make winter engagements, nor will servants make up their minds until then. Town work is healthy. Couples are very hard to move. Ploughmen and shepherds are quiet. Masons and carpenters are busy. Hotel and house girls are scarcer than ever. Shopmen and clerks seldom asked for. Wages—Female servants for hotels, 12s to 30s per week; house do., 10s to 20s per week; boys and girls, 5s to 10s per week; ploughmen and shepherds, £2 to £65 and £70; couples, £65 to £80; carpenters, 12s and 13s per day; shopmen and clerks from 36s to 60s per week; day labor—rail, bush, and road, 8s and 9s; dairy hands and useful people for farm or station, 15s to 25s per week.

As to nature, she is so powerful that she confounds us. Let one of you remain here, and let another betake himself to the opposite extremity of the earth's diameter, and let them both look at the same star; the lines which will set out from the eyes of these two spectators, who are so far apart, to end at the star, will form only one line. So that before these expanses of the heavens, a distance of 3000 leagues is nothing. Well! how poor has this nature, so powerful and so rich, been for us! Have we all air enough, light and heat enough? There are millions of stars which could give us the heat that we want; there are in this town hands which have not felt it for five months. What prodigality, and what avarice.—Lacordaire.