

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co., report for the week ending 16th August, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—There was a full supply, mostly of medium quality. 90 head were yarded, of which we sold 75 head at from L3 15s to L8. We quote prime quality 25s per 100lbs; medium do, 20s.

Fat Sheep.—496 were penned. We sold 186 half-breds, fair quality, at from 17s 9d to 18s 6d, and 80 merino wethers, middling quality, at 13s 6d. We quote prime half-breds, 4d per lb; do merinos, 2½d to 3½d. We also sold privately 500 half-breds, at 4d per lb.

Store Cattle.—We have inquiries for grown cattle for forward delivery. We sold during the week 96 head bullocks and cows, at L3 15s. We quote bullocks, 3 to 5 years, at L4; spayed cows, L3 5s to L3 10s; mixed lots, L2 10s.

Store Sheep.—Young sheep are in fair request, but holders generally are disinclined to accept rates offered. We sold 500 merino ewes, dry, at 7s. We quote half-bred wethers, 11s 6d to 12s; ditto ewes, in lamb, 16s to 18s; ditto hoggets, 10s; merino wethers, 7s 6d to 8s; ditto full-mouthed ewes, in lamb to Leicester rams, 8s 6d to 10s.

Horses.—There is a brisk demand for good heavy draught colts and upstanding coach colts. We quote first-class draughts, L50 to L55; medium ditto, L26 to L30; good saddle and light harness horses, L22 10s to L23; medium ditto, L11 to L14; light and inferior, L3 to L6.

Wool.—By the Claud Hamilton we have London telegrams, under date of 7th August, as follows:—"Wool has slightly declined. Foreign orders are slack. Antwerp sales opened on the 5th and showed a penny advance. Balme & Co. report combing sorts 2d to 3d above the price paid at the close of last series; clothing, 1d to 3½d; scoured clothing barely ½d better. Lambs is a shade dearer. Cross-breds are uncharged. 50,000 bales remain unsold. The sales close on the 16th.

Sheepskins.—We held our usual weekly sale on Wednesday last, when we offered 2000 green and dry station skins. There was a full attendance of buyers, but competition was hardly so keen as at our last sale, yet we cannot quote any decline in values. We sold station skins—merino, 2s to 3s; half-bred, 3s 6d to 4s 3d; green skins, merino, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; half-bred, 4s 4d to 4s 11d; Leicesters, 5s 5d.

Hides continue in but moderate request, at a decline of 2s to 3s on prices realised last month. We sold 60, light to medium weights, at from 15s to 22s each.

Tallow.—There is a fair demand for good parcels, suitable for shipment. We sold several small lots, inferior to fair quality, at from L25 10s to L32 per ton.

Wheat is not much in demand this week, and millers will only buy first-class samples, most of them having already large stocks on hand. We quote first-class, 5s 3d to 5s 6d per bushel; inferior, unsaleable. Oats continue in request, at 4s 3d for feed, and 4s 4d to 4s 6d for milling samples.

AUCKLAND SHARE MARKET, Wednesday evening.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Business done—National Bank 25s, South British Insurance 60s, Thames Gas Company 44s, Caledonian £18 10s, Key of Tokatea 4s, Golconda 2s 6d, Union Beach 29s, City of London 25s, 24s 6d, Bright Smile 89s, Moanatairi 40s, Tookey (double) 10s, Van 7s 6d, Eureka Hill 10s, Royal Oak 15s, Una 11s 6d.

BIRTH.

On the 7th inst., at Taranski street, Wellington, Mrs R. O'Connor, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Joseph's Church, Dunedin, on the 26th July, by the Rev. Father Coleman, Mr David Sinnott to Miss A. O'Connor.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisements intended for insertion in The TABLET, should reach the Publishing Office, MILLS, DICK, and Co.'s, Stafford street Dunedin, not later than 10 a.m., of each Friday for the town, and Wednesday evening for the country edition.

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The TABLET is delivered in Dunedin on payment of 12s 6d per half-year, in advance, to the Secretary.

Mr Macedo, Bookseller, Princes street south, has been appointed an Advertising Agent for Dunedin to the TABLET.

It is particularly requested that any irregularity in the delivery of the TABLET be made known to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that steps may be taken to prevent a recurrence of the annoyance.

HIBERNIAN AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

A SUMMONED MERTING of St. Joseph's Branch, No. 73, will be held on Monday evening, 25th inst. Benefit and honorary members who have been proposed are respectfully requested to attend, in order to be initiated. Persons wishing to join will be good enough to arrange for their nomination.

FRED. J. BUNNY, Secretary.

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.

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1873.

ROME.

By the latest news the Holy Father was well. He is now in his 83rd year, able to attend to his ordinary duties as Head of the Church. He has strong hopes that right and justice will overcome might and tyrannical oppression. He has on his side that Italy that was ever remarkable for justice, for regard for law and order, and for obedience to legitimate authority; and he has only the blood-thirsty Revolutionists and Communists against him. These proclaim themselves the promoters of "liberty, equality, fraternity," and prove their principles by the iniquitous spoliation and appropriation of the property of their fellow-beings. They wish to live and revel in their diabolical course of hatred and persecution of their inoffensive Christian neighbors. They are aided by a Government that frames wicked laws to authorize the plundering of the innocent, that these harpies—the scum of the nations of Europe—may the more easily carry out their wicked projects. That as their thirst for blood cannot be satisfied, at least they may gratify their love of plunder. It may please the Mighty God to grant this grand old heroic Pope the happiness of seeing his beloved Italy freed from her present sad and fallen state; of beholding the nations recognising their present injustice and cruelty to this noble head of the Universal Church—that Church that comprehends 200,000,000 people of every clime and race, one in faith with Christ's Infallible Vicar. If injustice cease, and peace be granted to the faithful, it will bring joy to the heart of our dear Holy Father. But if persecution continue, then its effects now, as ever heretofore, shall be to purify still more, and to prove the undaunted courage of her bravest children, and to wash away the filth and scum of society. As the heavy floods of Heaven feed and nourish the vigorous healthy plants, but wash away the lifeless useless refuse, so it shall be in fierce persecution. The brave shall still grow braver and more heroic, and the worthless shall quit the scene and be forgotten. It shall be now as in the time of Tertullian: "The blood of martyrs shall be the seed of Christianity." God give strength and courage to the noble head of the Church heroically to bear his trials and sufferings as becomes the vicar of a Crucified Master. He has the sympathy and devoted attachment of the whole Catholic world.

PRUSSIA AND THE CHURCH.

The Emperor of Prussia, with Bismarck's aid, seems inclined to establish a National German Church—the Head to be the Emperor, the Arch Priest Bismarck, and the suffragans the few university professors who have been cast off by the Catholic Church on account of their heretical doctrines. This would be a "New" Church of the Old Catholics—Dollinger and his adherents. It is the old story. Henry the Eighth, Cranmer, and their satellites. The Emperor issues his decrees, and the very Jesuits who stood on the battle fields of France for their country's honor, are driven forth as wanderers. The Redemptorists, by whose aid the spirit of religion and morality was kept alive among the people, are ordered to join in the procession. Then the properties of these societies, and of several others banned under the imperial persecuting decrees, have been seized by the plunderers. The Catholic Bishops, for acting in accordance with conscience and their duties of obedience to the Head of the Church in matters of religion and morality, are fined, proscribed, and deprived of their privileges and rights as subjects of the empire. The schools of the empire are to be conducted under the sole control of the Government—no religion to be taught in them except what is sanctioned and approved of as the teaching of William the spoliating Reformer.

At first sight this state of affairs in Germany would seem a misfortune. No doubt it is a cruel and tyrannical course entered on with spirit by the wily Bismarck, and brings many hardships with it; but our impression is that the Catholic