

having been rewarded, the foreigners departed amid cheers for Gladstone, leaving Mr. Cotton the happy possessor of his collection.

A majority of 2,385 at the last election did not make Colonel Tottenham ashamed to show his face in East Wicklow at the present election. He came up smiling for his punishment at the hands of Mr. Corbett. The same statement applies to Sir William Dick, who came up for another trouncing by Mr. Byrne at West Wicklow.

## Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ended September 22, as follows:—

**Fat Cattle.**—267 head were yarded at Burnside to-day for the week's requirements; chiefly medium to prime quality for the latter. The competition was fairly active, and realised prices about equal to last week's, while ordinary was somewhat easier. Best bullocks brought £9 10s to £12; medium, £7 to £9; light weights, £4 5s to £6 10s; cows in proportion.

**Fat Sheep.**—1,575 were penned. Of these 230 were merino wethers, good to prime, and the balance crossbreds, nearly all of good to prime quality, but scarcely up to last week's weights. Owing to this limited supply to hand, competition was brisk, and an advance of 1s to 1s 6d per head over last week's prices was obtained. Best crossbred wethers brought 14s to 15s; medium to good, 8s to 13s 9d; best crossbred ewes, 12s to 14s; ordinary to good, 8s 6d to 11s 6d; one pen shorn crossbred ewes brought 9s; merino wethers, 9s 9d to 11s 6d.

**Fat Lambs.**—67 were penned. These were very small, and realised low prices, ranging from 5s to 10s 6d.

**Pigs.**—235 were penned representing various descriptions. Competition was hardly so spirited, and prices rather lower than last week. Suckers and slips brought 2s to 11s 6d; porkers, 17s to 27s; baconers, 29s to 45s; one or two heavy weights to 60s.

**Store Cattle and Sheep.**—We have no alteration to note in the market for this description of stock, as few or no lots of any importance are offering, so that very little business is done in either description, and do not anticipate any large transactions until the appearance of spring grass and after shearing begins.

E. R. BRADSHAW, New Zealand Rabbitskin Exchange, Jetty street, reports:—At auction sales on Tuesday the 21st inst, 42 bales and 101 bags were offered, 13 bales and 13 bags of which were passed, vendors' limits not being obtainable. A line of 10 bales selected mountain greys in new bales ready for shipment brought 15½d, but with this exception prices were about the same as last week. Those passed were mostly good winters, and the prices offered for them were higher than the equivalent London values. My purchases during the last fortnight have been very large, at equal to highest market prices.

Mr. F. MEENAN, King street, reports—Wholesale prices, including bags: Oats, inferior to prime, 2s to 2s 6d; good seed samples in request. Wheat: milling, 4s 3d to 4s 9d; fowls' wheat, 3s 6d to 4s. Barley: malting, 2s 9d to 3s 3d; prime milling, 2s 9d; feeding, 2s 3d to 2s 6d. Chaff: straw, £2 15s to £3; sheaf, £4 10s to £4 15s. Straw, £2 per ton; hay, oaten, £5 10s; ryegrass (scarcely), £4 10s; bran, £5; pollard, £5 10s. Potatoes: Derwents, £3; kidneys, for seed, £3.—Butter: fresh, 10d to 1s 2d; best brands inferior, 8d; salt butter, best, 8d. Flour: £10 10s to £11; roller, £11 10s to £12 10s. Oatmeal, £12.

### CANTERBURY MARKETS.

THE NATIONAL MORTGAGE AND AGENCY COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, Limited, report on the live stock market for the week ending Friday, September 17, as follows:—At Addington on Wednesday, September 15, 6366 sheep were yarded. Fat sheep came forward in large supply, and the demand being entirely confined to local requirements, a considerable drop on last week's rates took place, prices receding from 2s to 3s per head. A few lines were passed in unsold, owners preferring to hold for shearing. We quote best mutton for the day at 2½d to 2¾d; other classes, 2d to 2½d; prime crossbred wethers, 15s, 16s, 16s 6d, to 18s; good medium, 12s, 12s 6d, 13s, to 14s; light, 10s 3d; mixed sexes, 9s 9d, 10s, to 12s 9d; fat 9d, crossbred ewes (best), 12s to 14s; medium and light, 11s 9d, 11s, 10s 10s 6d, 9s 6d, and 9s; merino wethers (prime), 10s 6d to 13s; light and medium, 7s, 7s 6d, to 9s; fat lambs (best), 10s to 14s; inferior, 5s to 7s. **Store Sheep.**—There being a larger entry than of late, met with a brisk demand, every lot changing hands. Sound hoggets, fairly grown, 7s 1d to 7s 7d; crossbred ewes in lambs, low condition, full-mouthed, 4s 11d; 2 and 4-tooth crossbreds, mixed sexes, 8s 3d; 4-tooth crossbred ewes in lamb, 9s; 4-tooth crossbreds, mixed sexes, 10s to 12s, the latter in very forward condition.—**Cattle:** 272 head yarded. An average entry of fat cattle sold at from 22s to 23s per 100lb for best, and 20s to 21s for others. A line of prime bullocks, shipped from Wanganui, sold at from £10 to £11. A small entry of store cattle met with a good sale at improved prices, three-year-old bullocks making from £4 10s to £5 15s, for very good; two-year-olds, £2 10s to £3; 18 months to 20 months, 45s to 47s.—**Pigs:** 112 penned, principally porkers, for which there was a better demand than of late, selling from 15s to 25s; stores made from 7s to 15s.

**CORN EXCHANGE.**—The following is the Corn Exchange report for the week ending Sept. 17:—With the exception of considerable shipments of potatoes, both by merchants and on growers' own account, the business in the grain and produce line has been uneventful, and trade generally has been exceedingly quiet. Wheat continues firm, and there are few sellers; consequently business has been limited. A good many interprovincial orders are being more favourably executed in the South. Prime Tuscan and pearl are changing hands freely at 4s 5d, and Hunter's at 4s 3d to 4s 4d.

Second quality lines are offering rather more plentifully, and have not more than maintained last week's quotations. Fowl corn is wanted at our quotation of 3s 7d to 3s 10d. Oats are without activity. Barley is without life or alteration in values. Beans and Peas: Plenty of Prussian blues for seed are offering, but find few buyers, at 4s to 4s 3d. Beans are also quiet at 3s 3d to 3s 4d.—Ryegrass has but few orders from the country districts as yet, but holders anticipate an improvement as soon as the weather becomes more congenial. Machine-dressed we quote at 5s 3d to 5s 6d; clean farmers' parcels at 3s 9d to 4s.—Cocksfoot has a demand for prime heavy seed (14lb) up to 4½d, but second quality is hard to quit over 3½d to 4d.—Potatoes: We hardly think that the state of the Sydney market warrants the heavy shipments, but as it is the only outlet of any magnitude, and as the season is getting late, it is difficult to make better arrangements. Locally prices are 40s to 42s 6d, with few buyers.—Dairy Produce is without change since our last report.—The above are prices paid to farmers and delivered f.o.b. Lyttelton, potatoes excepted.

### CONCERT IN DUNEDIN.

A CONCERT in aid of the Christian Brothers' School building was given at the Princess Theatre, under the conductorship of Herr Scherek, on Friday evening. The programme opened with the chorus "So merrily over the Ocean Spray," which was sung correctly and with much sweetness by the girls of St Joseph's School. The lady vocalists were Miss Conway, who sang Sullivan's "Once again" in an especially charming manner; Miss Woods, who gave the favourite "Kathleen Mavourneen" very sweetly; Miss Corrigan, whose rendering of Gottschalk's "O Loving Heart, trust on," with 'cello obligato, was in the singer's usual true and expressive manner, and who also with equal skill sustained a part in the trio "The Hawthorne in the Glade"; and Madame Morley, who had ample scope for florid execution in an aria from Donizetti's "Torquato Tasso," giving in response to an encore, "Home Sweet Home" with admirable feeling, and whose fine voice was again heard to great advantage in Blumenthal's "Remembrance." Signor Carmini Morley gave in a very effective manner Hodson's "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee," for which he received an enthusiastic encore. Mr. J. P. Harris created a most favourable impression by his singing of Mattei's "Never More," and Messrs. A.A. Corrigan and J. Blenkinsopp were heard to great advantage in the trio, "The Hawthorne in the Glade." The instrumental pieces were Mendelssohn's "Spring song," a 'cello solo performed in Mr. Waud's best style; a trio from Beethoven, for piano, clarinet, and 'cello, by Herr Scherek and Messrs. W. H. Corrigan and Waud, which was a very fine performance, and Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody," played on the piano, with delightful effect, by Herr Scherek.—The amusing play of "Mad as a March Hare" followed, and was carried through with intelligence and spirit by Messrs. P. Carolin, R. A. Dunne, W. Power, W. Pearson, J. P. Hayes, J. G. McKelvey, and J. B. Dundon. The house was well filled by an appreciative audience, and the whole resulted in a marked success.

### PRESENTATION TO MISS TOBIN.

THE following addresses, accompanied by some handsome gifts, have been presented to Miss Mary Tobin, a young lady who has long been an active and most deservedly esteemed member of the Dunedin Catholic congregation, on the eve of her departure for the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy at Hokitika:—

"Dear Miss Tobin—We, the Children of Mary of Dunedin, could not allow you to go from our midst without showing you our appreciation of your long services as one of our most active members, and beg you to accept the small token of our love and esteem. Wishing you all success in your new sphere of life, and trusting God will give you strength and perseverance to carry you through your great labour of love,

"We remain, dear Mary, your fond sisters in Mary.

"Signed on behalf of the Children of Mary.

"MRS. CONNOR, President.

"MRS. LENNON, 1st. Assistant.

"MRS. CONWAY, 2nd. Assistant.

"ADA CONWAY, Secretary."

"To Miss Tobin, Dunedin.

"Dear Miss Tobin,—On behalf of the Choir of Port Chalmers Catholic church, which you have so efficiently conducted during the past twelve months, we, the undersigned, have much pleasure in conveying to you the good will and best wishes of its members, on the occasion of your severing your connection with us.

"We beg your acceptance of this little present, as a token of our regard, and we one and all wish you success and happiness in your new sphere of duties.

"We shall always remember you in our prayers, and most respectfully ask you not to forget us in yours.

"We remain, dear Miss Tobin, sincerely and gratefully yours,

"NOBA LYNCH, JULIA BURKE,

"KATIE O'DEE, EMILY MILLER,"

"KATIE BURKE,

The Philadelphia *Medical World* for July brings out the fact that it is unsafe to bite off the tips of cigars of Cuban make. It is found that 37 per cent. of the cigarmakers there are afflicted with scrofulous or infectious maladies, and Cubans always cut off a liberal piece of the tip with a knife. General Grant never bit off the tip of a cigar after visiting Cuba, and we would advise our readers to profit by this information unless willing to chance it for catching a loathsome disease.