

PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF DUNEDIN.

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you heartily for this recognition of my sentiments in this respect, and am proud to be rightly understood in reference to these subjects.

You also speak about the NEW ZEALAND TABLET. This is a point on which I have some delicacy in speaking. But as this paper has not been entirely my work—as others have really had more to do in making it a success than I—it may be permitted to me to say a few words in reply to this part of your touching and beautiful addresses. The NEW ZEALAND TABLET is all you say; it is Catholic above and before everything else—the unflinching advocate of Catholic education, and true as steel to the cause of Irish nationality. As to the ability with which it has been conducted, it is unnecessary for me to say anything. You are yourselves witnesses of this, and so is all Australasia. But, I may add, that what the NEW ZEALAND TABLET has been in the past, it will be at least in the future, and that it depends entirely on the Catholic laity of New Zealand whether it will not be better. Give it greater support than ever, and it will be better than ever. And now, in conclusion, first apologising for having detained you so long, I have to thank you most sincerely and heartily for your eloquent addresses and splendid testimonial, and to say that every shilling of this shall be spent in promoting the interests of religion and education.

His Lordship (as reported by the *Daily Times*) went on to say:—That is my reply to the addresses that have now been presented to me, and although you have been kept a considerable time this evening it strikes me you may not perhaps be disinclined to hear a few words with reference to my recent visit to Australia particularly as regards the position of religion there and the state of Christian education. I avail myself, in the first place, of this opportunity to express my great thanks for all the kindness and hospitality I experienced during my absence, and I desire to say that nothing could exceed this, and I trust it will not be forgotten by you on every suitable occasion. After having visited three of the colonies, and travelled extensively through them, I am enabled to say that religion is flourishing there. You meet with fine churches in every direction, and numerous and efficient Catholic schools; and I assure you though you have fought the battle of Christian education bravely, you have not excelled your brethren in Australia. They have had a similar fight, and fought as bravely as you if not more so. It was also my privilege to examine the children on many occasions at the request of one of the chief dignitaries. I have visited many schools in company with his Grace of Melbourne, and have come to the conclusion that the children are admirably taught there, and that nothing can exceed the manner in which they have been instructed in their holy religion. Instruction has been given in such a manner as to develop their minds and literary tastes. With regard to secular subjects, I have come to the conclusion that our schools, to say the least of it, are not inferior to any in the country. I am also happy to bear testimony that I found all engaged in teaching our holy religion and in the performance of the ordinances they were not only such as they should be, but were exceedingly hard-working and devoted to their duties. Altogether, therefore, I am pleased to tell you that my visit has not only served me in health considerably, but has become a source of the greatest pleasure bringing me consolation and instruction, and strengthening me in many ways for the fight still before us. I was desirous of saying these words from gratitude for all the kindness I have received, and because I felt called on at the first public opportunity to give expression to my feelings as to the state of religion and education in Australia. I thank you all for coming here this evening, for this magnificent demonstration, and for the large and munificent testimonial presented to me. I cannot thank you sufficiently in words, but will try by greater zeal than heretofore, and more energy in labour to prove to you that I am a little grateful for all your kindness.

The congregation which was densely crowded then dispersed.

The Bishop, accompanied by Archdeacon Coleman, left Dunedin on Thursday morning for Oamaru.

Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending October 26, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—A full supply came forward for to-day's market, viz. 196 head, a fair proportion of which were good to prime, the remainder being down to ordinary store quality. With the exception of one or two pens extra prime all were sold at rates below those of last week. Best bullocks brought £7 to £8 15s; two pens heavy weight, £9 12s 6s to £10 10s; light and medium quality, £4 to £6 12s 6d; cows from £3 10s to £7 15s.

Fat Calves.—8 were yarded, young and small, which sold at 2s 6d to 5s each.

Fat Sheep.—2429 were penned, nearly all crossbreds, only about 120 merinos. The former comprised several lots of excellent quality. There was a large attendance of the trade, and there being a good demand for export the sale was animated throughout and values improved again to the extent of 1s per head, all kinds participating in the advance. Best crossbred wethers brought 16s to 18s 6d; ordinary, 12s to 15s 6d; best crossbred ewes 15s to 16s 3d; ordinary, 11s 3d to 14s 6d; a few shorn crossbred wethers, up to 12s 3d; no do ewes, 9s to 11s; merino wethers in the wool, 9s 3d to 10s. We sold on account of Mr. Daniel Clarke, Waipahi, crossbred wethers to 15s 3d; Messrs. Ross Bros., Bushy Park, do ewes, 15s; Mr. W. McLaren, Milton mixed crossbreds at quotations.

Fat Lambs.—372 were penned. There was only a moderate demand; small and inferior were poorly competed for, and even for the best there was very little improvement in value. Inferior, brought 4s 6d to 5s 6d; good to best, 6s to 8s 6d; a few extra up to 10s 3d.

We sold on account of Messrs. Ross Bros., Bushy Park, one pen at 8s to 8s 6d.

Pigs.—There were only 6 penned. All except baconers were in improved demand. Suckers brought 10s to 12s 6d; stores, 13s to 26s; porkers, 25s to 30s; baconers, 33s to 41s.

Store Cattle.—There is a fair demand for all descriptions under this head, while large-framed bullocks, well-bred, quiet, in forward condition, are in most request; mixed sorts are also inquired for. The unfavourable turn in the weather is against the early growth of feed, which no doubt somewhat interferes with business.

Store Sheep.—Business in this line still continues quiet, and pending shearing operations there will be nothing of any consequence passing.

Sheepskins.—At our regular weekly sale held on Monday, as usual we submitted a lengthy catalogue, comprising the usual varied assortment to hand of both dry and town butcher's green skins to a full attendance of buyers. There was a good demand, resulting in a keen competition for all the lots on the catalogue, green skins receiving special attention, prices on the average being higher than those of last week. Country dry crossbreds, low to medium, brought 1s to 3s 4d; do do merino, 1s 2d to 3s 2d; dry palts, 4d to 9d; butcher's green crossbreds, 4s, 4s 3d, 4s 6d, 4s 8d, 4s 10d, 5s, 5s 1d, 5s 2d, 5s 3d, 5s 4d; do do merino, 3s 6d, 3s 9d, 3s 10s, 4s, 4s 1d, 4s 6d; lambskins, 6d to 8d.

Rabbitskins.—The quantity of these coming forward now is very much reduced, the supply being almost destitute of really good skins. The bulk of the offerings are made up of spring takings and mixed weather-stained inferior sorts. There is little or no alteration apparent in the tone of the market. Competition continues very keen, but there is no improvement in values for best, the demand being merely speculative. We offered a few lots on Monday, when all the buyers were present, and competed with spirit, more animation being displayed than we have noticed for weeks past. Prices realised, especially for medium sorts, were decidedly better. We give marks and prices:—P, 1 b. l. e. 17½d; ZO, 1 do, 17d; N and W, 4 bags, 17d; Q, 1 do, 13½d; M, 1 do, 13d; N and W, 1 do, 7d; JK in triangle, 4 do, inferior to medium, 3½d to 10½d; M, 1 do, do, 3½d per lb.

Hides.—There being no inducement for shipping, the business done is chiefly confined to the operations of our local manufacturers, and the supply being equal to their requirements, with no outlet for export, the market in consequence continues flat, and no indications of an immediate improvement. We quote inferior and bulls, 1½d to 2d; light, 2½d to 2½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; heavy, 3½d to 3½d per lb.

Tallow.—The market continues firm, with a fair local demand existing prices are steady. We have some inquiry for shipment coastwise, but stocks here being low parcels are unobtainable at a price to leave any margin. We quote inferior and mixed, 10s to 12s; medium to good, 13s to 15s; best mutton, scarce, 17s to 18s; rough fat, inferior, 5s to 7s; medium to good, 8s to 9s; best caul, properly sewed, 10s to 11s per cwt.

GRAIN AND SEED REPORT.

MESSRS. SAMUEL ORR AND CO., Stafford street, report for the week ending October 26 as follows:—Wheat: Our market is in much the same position as last week, millers only buying from hand to mouth as their requirements necessitate them. Prices are certainly easier, as our friends North are pushing sales. We sold, however, several parcels of Taieri grown red straw, etc., at from 3s 9d to 3s 11d. Ruling rates may be said to be: For prime milling, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; ordinary, 3s 6d to 3s 7d.—Oats: As anticipated by us last week, there has been a sort of dragging in the market during the last few days, sales not being so easily effected, consequent on the advices received from Melbourne and Sydney. Harvesting will be on in the former in the course of a week, which will, of course, stop the demand for these for a while at least, and from all accounts it promises well, indeed. All lots coming forward meet sale, but at easier rates than last week, but nothing to speak of. We quote: Prime heavy milling, 1s 9d; ordinary, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; heavy feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; dark and discoloured, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d, and difficult to quit.—Barley: Nothing to speak of offering.—Chaff: Good oatens sheaf still maintains its price, but low quality is a terrible drug, as the grass is beginning to come away. Values as last week.—Potatoes: Market maintains the firm attitude reported by us last week, but it is a question as to keeping so, as North new ones are already on the market, which, of course, will tend to weaken the demand.—Seeds.—Ryegrass: Demand off, with heavy stocks on hand, which must be carried over till next season unless an intercolonial demand springs up.—Cocksfoot: If anything, prices are lower, the demand being slow indeed.—Clovers: Demand pretty well over.—Turnips: There is a slight demand, but the boisterous weather we have been getting has materially retarded breaking-up operations for them. As the weather settles we may expect a brisk demand. Prices at Home are firmer, and ere the season closes it may affect this market.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports—Wholesale prices, bags included: Oats, medium to prime, 1s 5d to 1s 8½d. Wheat: milling, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; fowls', 2s 9d to 3s 3d. Barley: malting, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; milling, 3s 6d; feed, 3s. Chaff: best, £2 15s. Straw, £2; hay, oat, £3; rye-grass, £3. Bran, £2 15s. Pollard, £3 10s. Potatoes: Derwents, £1 10s. Butter: fresh, 4d to 8d; salt, nominal, 5d. Cheese, 3d to 4½d. Eggs, 7½d. Flour: sacks, £9 10s; 50lb, £10. Oatmeal, £8 5s. Roll bacon, 6d; sides, 6½d; hams 8d.

SKINNY MEN.—"Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigour; cures dyspepsia. At chemists and druggists. Kempthorne, Prosser and Co., agents, Dunedin.

Susan Colly, of Ansonville, Pa., arose in her sleep, climbed upon the cow-catcher of a Philadelphia and Erie engine, and took a ten-mile ride at thirty miles an hour before she awoke.