

in these respects as you will presently see. You may try, ladies and gentlemen, to keep your money as fast as you like, but they or some one else will have it out of you—that is if you will only come and let them try (laughter). Why, we have endless ways and means of diving straight into your pockets and getting at the cash. We have music, and song, and wit, and humour, and the electric light, and the magic dissolving views, and the mechanical bear, and the great fire eater, and what not (laughter). Besides we can furnish your house for you, supply your families, make your nurseries wild with joy, replenish your larder, stock your poultry yard, refresh your palate, gratify your stomach, inspire your patriotism, tell your fortune, improve your most refined tastes—aye, and delightfully ease your pockets (laughter), causing you to practice economy and retrenchment, now the order of the day, in a way which will suit us and make us happier. For the wisest mouth that ever taught mankind used to say "it is happier to give than to take." But I perceive I am launching out into a speech, the very thing I had made up my mind not to do. I suppose the *genius loci* is affecting me. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I know not how you feel, but I feel desperately in earnest here this afternoon. I have got some money in my pocket, so have you no doubt, and plenty of it too I hope, and I am determined to spend it. So without further preamble I declare this grand bazaar open to the public and I mean to be, if possible, the first purchaser (prolonged applause).

The bazaar was entered from Manners street by the centre door, a raised platform being run from the door to the stage, over the stalls.

No. 1 stall was the first which the visitor reached on the left as he entered the market. It was presided over by Madame la Comtesse de Jouffray D'Abbaus and Mrs. Grace, assisted by the Misses Grace, Maud Grace, Ida Johnston and McClean. A beautiful bassinette completely furnished, presented by the Comtesse de Jouffray D'Abbaus stands immediately outside this stall, and a handsome hand-painted fire screen, and some plaques also hand-painted, were worthy of notice. No. 2 stall was in charge of Mesdames Sharp, Holcroft, and Segrave, with as assistants, Misses Chambers, O'Kane, Power, Loveday, Segrave, Leslie and Grenner. In it was a vast variety of beautiful articles, some of the most noticeable being an admirably worked chair, the back in wools on a dark ground, a large model of a ship, a well made bassinette, and two Swiss scenes handsomely framed. No. 3 stall was under the management of Mesdames O'Meara, and Maginity, assisted by the following young ladies from the Convent High School: Misses M. and N. Cimino, T. McDonald, J. Davis, J. Skerritt, O'Dwyer, Devine, Donovan, Cullinane, Scully, Maginity, Collins, (who was dressed as Mary Queen of Scots) and J. Reid. This stall was filled to repletion with most beautiful articles, mostly fancy goods, a great deal of which were manufactured by convent pupils. A chair and music stool to match, the design of which was passion flowers on white velvet (hand-painted,) a pair of foot-stools, wool-work mounted in claret-coloured plush, and a hand-painted mantel drape, the design of which consisted of water lilies on a crimson satin ground, stood out prominently amongst a profusion of other beautiful articles. No. 4 stall was under the guidance of the following children of Mary: Misses McManaway, Sberidan, and McCarthy, with their assistants, Misses Moss, Ryan, Swan, Bowden, Weetman, O'Neil, O'Connell, O'Brien, Harding, Duffy, and Leitschendel. Miss Anna Stewart Parnell, a life-sized doll dressed in a white silk evening dress, was entitled to special mention at this stall. She was dressed by Miss O'Beirne with great taste, and reflects great credit on that young lady. A full set of vestments worked in wools on a white velvet ground is also on this stall. There are, besides, a set consisting of a cushion, brackets and wall pockets, hand-painted white marguerites on crimson satin, a chair worked in arascene on a groundwork of crimson and peacock-blue plush, a pair of framed photos, one of Archbishop Redwood, and one of Father McNamara, a Spanish work gold lace brackets etc. etc. No. 5 stall is conducted by Mesdames Nidd, Hewitt, and Krown, with Misses Nidd, Hewitt, Fraser (2), Weybourne, Tabri (2), Seagrave, and Bohan, as assistants. Amongst the more notable items in this stall were an ottoman in black silk with a hand-painted floral design, a miniature bride and bridegroom in a dress suitable to the occasion, a portrait in oils of Michael Davitt, a pair of oil paintings representing Italian scenery, and numberless other choice articles. No. 6 stall the produce stall was conducted by Mesdames Redmond, Burn, and Brown, assisted by Misses Bergin, Marshall, Brown and Burn. Besides a large stock of edibles there are on this stall also for disposal, a model schooner, a pair of parrots, a coop of game fowl, a wedding cake, etc. In No. 7, stall which is managed by Mesdames Crosbie, Green, Freeman, and Redwood, assisted by Misses Lawson, (3) Saunders, Ellwood, Lovegrove, Reid, and Whittaker, were to be found a variety of goods, priests stoles, point lace cushions, brackets in crevel and other work, hand painted milking stools, and dolls of every variety from the ethereal fairy, to the Maori chief. The flower stall already mentioned was No. 8, and was in charge of Mesdames Gardner and Fisher assisted by Misses Kane, Gillon, M. Gillon, Fisher, M. Fisher, Tompkins, Shannon, Brandon, Gardiner, and Kingdon. The idea of a flower stall was a novel one, and was a great attraction in the bazaar. But, perhaps, the most attractive stall in the bazaar was that managed by Mrs. McDonald—the refreshment stall—where a most tempting array of eatables was displayed. Mrs. McDonald was assisted by Misses M. McDonald, L. McDonald, M. Gibbs, and G. Holcroft. There were also a number of "side shows" carried on in conjunction such as gipsy tents, polling booths, etc., and in fact it may be said that no service for unconsidered shillings was left untried. The St. Patrick's College Band, Garrison Band, Grey's Band, and Hibernian Band, gave their valuable services throughout the bazaar, and were much appreciated. The electric light was supplied by Messrs. K. A. Ashcroft and Co. by contract and was very successful. The first day's takings at the bazaar realised the handsome sum of £180, and the second (Wednesday's) reached £140.

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## Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending November 2, as follows:—

**Store Cattle.**—Business in this class of stock is slightly on the increase. The offerings are more numerous. A moderate demand exists, which will no doubt become stronger should reasonable weather prevail. Hitherto feed has been rather backward, which has caused less activity in operations.

**Store Sheep.**—The market continues inactive. Odd lots are occasionally changing hands, but until after shearing transactions will not be of any magnitude. During the week we placed 2,000 merino wethers, mixed ages, at a satisfactory price.

**Wool.**—As regards the Home market, we have nothing of any importance to report. From Melbourne we have advices of proceedings there which up to the present do not seem to be satisfactory to the grower. Competition is said to be spirited, caused no doubt by the large number of buyers in attendance. Comparing the quantity sold with that catalogued, it will be found far short of the quantity placed at these sales in previous seasons, and points to a material difference in sellers' and buyers' ideas of value. Good light-conditioned wools, both crossbred and merino, are apparently in better demand, while inferior and heavy earthy sorts receive but scant attention. Very little (if any) of the new clip has reached here yet; but, should the weather continue favourable, small farmers' consignments will shortly be coming forward rapidly; and, as usual, we will (weather permitting) hold our first sale about the second week in December, when we anticipate good competition for all lots that may be offered, and that a large amount of business will be done if growers are only content to accept fair and reasonable prices.

**Sheepskins.**—We had a good attendance of buyers at our regular weekly auction on Monday. Competition was active, and the catalogue (which consisted of a large number of butchers' green skins, in addition to a numerous collection of country dry skins) was all cleared under a good demand for all sorts at prices quite equal to last week's, quality considered. Country dry crossbreds, low to medium, brought 1s 1d to 3s 5d; do do merino, 1s to 3s 3d; dry pelts, 3d to 8d; butchers' green crossbreds, 4s, 4s 4d, 4s 6d, 4s 9d, 4s 11d, 5s 1d, 5s 2d; do do merino, 3s 9d, 4s, 4s 3d, 4s 6d, 4s 8d; lambskins, 9d, 10d, 12d, 13d.

**Hides.**—The supply is still in excess of requirements for local manufacturers, and with no outlet for export the market is void of animation. We cannot report any improvement in values, which remain as last week—viz, for inferior and bulls', 1½d to 2d; light, 2½d to 2¾d; medium, 2¾d to 3¼d; heavy, 3¾d to 3½d per lb.

**Rye-grass.**—Seed: With the season now almost over there is very little show for the satisfactory disposal of the stocks on hand, which are pretty considerable. Even the best is now almost unobtainable, while inferior cannot be disposed of at any price. Cocksfoot continues in fair demand. Sales are made on the basis of late quotations:

### GRAIN AND SEED REPORT.

MESSRS. SAMUEL ORR AND CO., Stafford street, report for the week ending November 2 as follows:—Wheat: There is little or no change to report in the market for this week, millers still being content to buy as requirements necessitate. Prices are unaltered, and may be quoted: For prime milling, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; ordinary, 3s 6d to 3s 7d.—Oats: Since last week a re-acton has taken place to the extent of about ½d per bushel, while sales are not so easily effected, consequent on prices having receded slightly in Melbourne through large shipments being sent there. We quote: For good ordinary, 1s 8½d; (though for extra prime 1s 9d might be got); heavy feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; dark and discoloured, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d, and difficult of sale.—Barley: There is still nothing to speak of offering.—Chaff: Good oaten sheaf still maintains its price:—namely, £2 15s to £2 17s 6d; but inferior quality is very difficult of sale.—Potatoes: These still maintain the firm attitude recently reported, good Derwents being worth from 30s to 35s.

**Seeds.**—Ryegrass: The demand is now completely off; cocksfoot also is in very little demand, with prices easier if anything. Clovers: The demand is almost over for these. Turnips: As the weather has now settled these are in good demand. We shall be pleased to send quotations to any of our friends who may desire them.

**Wool.**—Owing to the unusually open spring, clipping is now pretty general north of Dunedin, which is earlier by a couple of weeks than last season. Judging from country reports, wool will be fairly light and well-grown, the only regret being the low range of prices ruling in London, especially for merino and the lower qualities of crossbred, which may be quoted down from 15 per cent. to 20 cent, as compared with last year's prices. Light, well-grown, and good-conditioned greasy halfbred and crossbred may be quoted at par, but all washed and scoured wools have fallen seriously. A very important point, hitherto sadly neglected by farmers, is the get-up—viz., properly skirting and docking of their fleeces before being packed for market. It is a shortsighted policy to leave bellies, saggs, or any kind of dirt on the fleeces, as good bellies and pieces will fetch as much as fleeces; but when left on it depreciates the value of both.—Note: As the wool season is now on we intend giving a weekly resume of all transactions effected.

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: milling, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; milling, 3s 6d; feed, 3s. Chaff: best, £2 15s. Straw, £2; hay, oat, £3; rye-grass, £3. Bran, £2 10s. Pollard, £3 10s. Potatoes: Derwents, £1 10s. Butter: fresh, 3d to 8d; salt, nominal, 5d. Cheese, 3d to 4½d. Eggs, 7½d. Flour: sacks, £9; 50lb, £9 10s. Oatmeal, £3 5s. Roll bacon, 6d; sides, 6½d; hams, 8d.