

From Mr. Hogan's Book Irish Catholics will learn with pride that to Irish people and to them alone is due the great advance which Catholic education and the Catholic religion have made in Australia and New Zealand. The credit is given to French missionaries for having planted the seed of faith in New Zealand, but to the Irish people is due the credit of having nurtured that seed until it has grown into the "tall stem, and broad leaf, and golden tasselled flower" which constitutes the Church in New Zealand to-day.

Reference is made to Dr. Moran, who is described as "an able and fearless prelate of the controversial order, whose voice and pen have been occupied for more than thirty years in defence of Catholic rights." This is true; no Catholic ecclesiastic on this side of the line has made a braver or more fearless fight than Dr. Moran has done for justice for the Catholic people. He has, indeed, had a hard fight, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that no Catholic ecclesiastic in Australia has done more than him to advance the cause of Catholic education, and by a natural sequel the cause of the Catholic religion. Not only in defence of his Church have his controversial powers been brought into play; again and again, with "voice and pen," he has lashed the slanderer of his country, thereby rendering his debtor every Irishman who loves his native land, and values its honour.

## Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending June 27, as follows:—

**Fat Cattle.**—165 head were yarded at Burnside for this days sale, the greater proportion of which were only ordinary quality, the rest fair to prime. There was a good attendance of the trade, and competition fairly active for prime beef, medium also brought slightly better prices, best bullocks brought, £8 15 to £10 5s; medium, £6 5s to £8; inferior, £3 15s to £5 17s 6d; cows in proportion. We sold on account of Messrs Aitken and Latham, Gordon, Mr. A. McLaren Milton, and others drafts at quotations.

**Fat Lambs.**—111 were penned medium to good quality, and sold at 4s to 10s. We sold on account of Mr. D. Kean, Otaria, 16 at quotations.

**Pigs.**—137 were penned. The demand for porkers and baconers was raised to-day and prices lower. Suckers brought 8s 6d to 11s 6d; stores, 16s 6d to 25s; porkers, 27s to 34s; baconers, 36s 6d to 49s; extra heavy, 60s; We sold one pen on account of Mr. G. Baird, Gore at quotations.

**Fat Sheep.**—3957 were penned including about 550 merinos, good to prime, the balance crossbreds, the greater portion ewes representing all qualities. Wethers and maiden ewes fit for export were in moderate demand. Heavy weights of all sorts sold at almost equal to last week's, while inferior quality and medium weights suffered a considerable decline. Best crossbred wethers brought 13 to 14s 6d, one or two extra pens up to 15s 9d; ordinary, 8s to 12s 6d; best do ewes, 11s to 13s 6d; ordinary, 6s 9d to 10s 6d; merino wethers, 7s to 8s, a few quarterbacks to 10s. We sold on account of Mr. Allan Maclean, Waikakahi, 180 nice quality ewes at 9s 9d to 10s 9d; Mr. John Duncan, Cherry Farm, 74 mixed crossbreds at 9s 9d to 10s 3d; Mr. D. Kean, Otaria, 36 small crossbred ewes at 8s; Messrs. Ross Brothers, Bushey Park, 41 small crossbred wethers at 10s, and 98 merino wethers at 7s; Messrs. J. and T. Kemp, Moeraki, 199 crossbreds at 8s 6d to 9s; Mr. D. Hughan, Waibola, 21 mixed crossbreds at 10s 6d; Messrs. McColl, Tapanui, 25 crossbred wethers at 13s, and 34 do ewes at 11s 9d.

**Store Sheep.**—There is no business of importance transpiring in this class of stock, and with the exception of small lots of young crossbreds occasionally changing hands the market is almost at a standstill.

**Hides.**—There has been no fresh feature in this market during the week, a fair demand for local requirements exists. Shippers, however, are still indisposed to operate, even at present low rates, which are as follows, inferior and bulls 1½d to 2½d; light, 2½d to 2½d; medium 2½d to 3½d; heavy and free from scars and offal, 3½d to 3½d; exceptionally good a shade more.

**Tallow.**—Notwithstanding the weak tone of the London market a good demand exists here, and as the supply hardly comes up to actual requirements for local consumption, the market continues steady, all coming forward being easily placed. Recent quotations continue firm, and are as follows, prime mutton, 18s 6d to 20s, medium to good, 15s 6d to 17s; inferior, 13s to 14s 6d; rough fat has a good demand and in eager request by renderers, at for inferior 4s to 9s; medium to good, 9s 6d to 11s 6d; fresh mutton tallow, 12s to 13s per cwt.

**Sheepskins.**—These continue in good demand, and with the increasing growth of wool prices for green skins are improving. On Monday, our regular weekly sale day, we offered a lengthy catalogue to a very full attendance of the trade, when competition was keen for all lots brought forward, especially so for green skins, crossbreds and halfbreds realising prices in advance of last week's. Merinos also had good attention, no doubt in sympathy with the favourable wool news from Home. Country dry crossbreds, low to medium, brought 1s 3d to 3s 7d; do do merino, 2s 9d to 4s 2d; dry pelts, 2d to 1s 1d; butchers' green crossbreds, best, 4s 11s, 4s 8d, 4s 6d, 4s 4d, 4s 2s, 4s, 3s 9d; medium, 3s 6d, 3s 3d, 3s 2s 9d; green merinos, 1s 4d, 1s 3d, 1s 2s, 2s 1d, 2s 3d, 2s 6d, 2s 9d; lambskins, 2s 9d to 3s 4d.

**Babbitskins.**—Cablegrams to hand during the week report the London market easier, and prices lower. This is somewhat disappointing, as a fall at the last sales was hardly expected, and will doubtless have a tendency to weaken competition in the local market. This week's sales, however, were well attended, and a very good demand experienced, but, nevertheless, it was apparent that the adverse reports had an effect on the bidding, and quality considered prices realised were not so satisfactory. The offerings are still small, the supply coming to market falls

very much short of requirements. On Monday we offered all to hand for the week, and under moderate competition all the lots were disposed of at the following rates. E.J. 1 bag winter greys, 14½; do, 2 do early May do, 11d; do, 1 do autumn, 9d; do, 1 do black and; fawn, 7½d; A over A, 1 do winter grey, 14½d; do, 1 do autumn, 10½d do, 1 do summer, 7d; S.L., 1 do autumn, 11d; do, 1 do mixed grey, 6½d; C.A.H., 1 do winter greys, 14½; H., 1 do mixed, 6½ per lb.

**Grain Wheat.**—A slightly better demand is experienced but only for prime quality, which is in somewhat more request by millers. Inferior and fowl's wheat have a fair demand at 2s to 2s 4d; (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms). Oats.—The market continues strong with a fairly active demand, sales are daily made nearly of all descriptions, on the basis of last week's quotations. Short oats, especially good bright sparrowbills and sutherlands have the most attention. Danish and long Tartars are only in moderate request, buyers are not disposed to give prices asked by holders, at the same time sales are occasionally effected. The demand for black Tartars has been somewhat disappointing, doubtless owing to the supply being much heavier this season, prices offered now being only equal to those ruling for ordinary feed. We quote prime milling, bright, 1s 8½ to 1s 9d; extra good, a shade more; best stout feed, 1s 8d to 1s 8½; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 7½; inferior, 1s 3d to 1s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, nett cash)—Barley: We have no improvement to note in this cereal, extra good and bright samples of malting are saleable, but no other. We quote prime malting 4s to 4s 3d; medium, nominal, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; feed and milling, when sales can be made, 2s to 3s 6d (ex store terms).

**Grass Seed.**—Small sales of Poverty Bay ryegrass seed are occasionally made, but for provincial or cocksfoot seed there is little or no demand. Quotations nominal.

**Potatoes.**—The market is bare. Good Derwents would sell readily at 47s 6d to 52s 6d. Kidneys are also wanted for seed.

### GRAIN AND SEED REPORT.

MESSRS. SAMUEL ORR AND Co., Stafford street, report for the week ending 20th June as follows:—

**Wheat.**—The market is without any alteration since last week, millers buying on the hand-to-mouth principle, as their requirements necessitate. Stocks in the North are being reduced by further shipments Home, which are all coming out of store, deliveries from the country now being over, and ploughing in full swing. Notwithstanding present low quotations and dull markets, a large acreage is being put under this cereal for next year. We quote prime milling of all grades up to 3s 2d; medium, 2s 4d to 2s 9d; inferior, 1s 9d to 2s 4d.

**Oats.**—These are now in very good demand, latest advices from Melbourne being of an encouraging nature. All consignments coming forward are quickly taken up, the arrivals not being at all equal to the demand. We quote prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 9½; light short feed, 1s 8d to 1s 8½; medium, 1s 7½ to 1s 8½; inferior, 1s 6d to 1s 6½.

**Barley.**—The dull market reported by us for the past few weeks continues, as millers are all but full up, while samples of inferior quality (unfit for malting or milling) are offering, but without eliciting even offers. Prices are only nominal so withhold quotations.

**Potatoes.**—A much better demand now exists for these outside orders beginning to come to hand more freely, but principally for Northern grown at up to £2 15s; Southern, £2 5s to £2 10s.

**Chaff.**—The market is fairly well supplied, and a good demand exists for well cut oat sheaf at up to £2 17s 6d; ordinary, £2 10s; inferior, 3s to 4s.

**Seeds.**—Ryegrass: Still a few orders coming forward and being filled up at late quotations. Cocksfoot: Present low prices are causing a small demand, but in the course of a few weeks, we hope to report a brisker inquiry if the weather keeps anything fine at all.

MR. F. MERRAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices, bags included: Oats, medium to prime, 1s 6d to 1s 9d. Wheat: milling, 3s to 3s 3d; fowls', plentiful, 1s 9d to 2s 3d. Barley: malting, 4s to 4s 6d; milling, 3s 6d; feed, 3s. Chaff: best, £2 15s; medium, £2; Hay: oat, £3; rye-grass, £3. Bran, £3 10s. Pollard, £3 10s. Potatoes, Northern, £2 5s; Southern, £2 5s. Butter: fresh, 10d to 1s 2d; salt good demand, prime, 9d. Cheese, 3d to 4s. Eggs, 1s 3d. Flour roller, £8 10s to £9; in 50lb stone, £7 15s to £8 5s. Oatmeal, £8 11s to £8 5s. Roll bacon, 7d; sides, 7½d; hams, 9d, both scarce.

Those requiring the services of a dentist, should call on Messrs MYERS and Co., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee the best class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth gives general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read—[ADVT.]

Mr. A. J. Adams has taken the Alliance Hotel, Oamaru, which he will conduct in the superior manner for which the house has long been distinguished. Mr. Adams' charges are remarkably moderate. It is hardly possible to find elsewhere such good accommodation at so low a rate.

Messrs. Speight and Co., Dunedin, continue to supply their famous brews on the most favourable terms to those who deal with them.

People desirous of erecting monuments to their deceased friends would do well to inspect the choice stock of Mr. James Jones, High street, Timaru. His imported monuments of marble and granite are everything that can be required, and his prices are extremely moderate.

All those whose business or pleasure involves the use of horses will find the best accoutrements and harness of every description provided at the lowest possible prices by Mr. John Price, Main South Road, Timaru. A large stock of saddlery and harness is always on hand to select from.