

which was the consolation of our days of suffering, and which is yet, please God, destined to play an ennobling and blessed part in the coming triumph of our country (loud and prolonged cheering).—The speech was as noble an effort of self-devotion as it was of oratory.

The London *Tablet*, it seems, notwithstanding its high moral tone and its systematic reproval of sinners, can rap out a whopper as well as the worst of us all when the occasion offers. Our exalted, not to say swell, contemporary categorically denied a few weeks ago that there was any such thing as anti-Irish intriguing taking place at Rome. How does that square, we should like to know, with Archbishop Walsh's openly published declaration that such has been the case? Or how can the *Tablet*, the organ of the arch-intriguers, escape the reproach due to an organ that publishes wilful and deliberate falsehoods. Tell the truth, high and mighty friend, and shame the devil. Aye, even though the Duke of Norfolk, and all his company, should blush themselves blue.

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 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.]

Messrs. Samuel Orr and Co., Dunedin, advertise the receipt of a first-class consignment of grass, clover, and turnip seeds, inspection of which they invite. Their seeds of all kinds are specially tested, and there can be no failure made by them. The firm are sole agents for the Deering harvesters and binders, orders for which had better be sent in at once as only a limited number will be forthcoming.

Mr. A. J. Cribb has opened a tailoring establishment in Bidgway street, Wanganui, where gentlemen will find all their wants satisfactorily attended to at the most reasonable prices.

Mr. Thomas Cody's Railway Hotel, Tanpo Quay, Wanganui, affords excellent accommodation to boarders. Travellers whose business or pleasure takes them to the neighbourhood will find this house a most comfortable and convenient place of stay.

Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending July 18, as follows:—

F. Cattle.—236 were yarded. Best bullocks brought £8 15s to £10 17s 6d; medium, £6 2s 6d to £8 2s 6d; others, £4 to £5 5s; cows in proportion. We sold drafts on account of Mr. William Quinn, Makikihi, Mr. Andrew McLaren, Milton, and others, at quotation.

Store Cattle.—Very few are now offering, besides the demand is comparatively inactive, most buyers are in the meantime supplied. Odd lots are occasionally offered at the Burnside market, which are invariably fairly well competed for, and realise prices comparing favourably with those obtaining for fat.

Store Sheep.—Little or no business has been done lately, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the season for the transaction of business of this class of stock may now be considered over.

Wool.—Latest advices regarding the progress of the sales now being held in London are not, on the whole, so favourable. Cross-breds are reported to have declined 5 per cent., while the market for merinos is weaker. Up to the 5th inst. 177,000 bales had been sold, and the sales would probably close on the 18th. The Antwerp sales will open on the 24th.

Sheepskins.—This week a fair demand has been met with. On Monday, our regular weekly sale day, we offered a full catalogue, both station dry and town butchers' green skins, when there was a good attendance of buyers, and competition fairly active; but, doubtless owing to the continued downpour of rain last week, which caused some damage to fellmongers, and also retarded the drying of skins for export, combined with the unfavourable reports of the progress of the wool sales at Home, prices for crossbreds, both dry and green, suffered a decline, except in the case of a few small lots, particularly suited for mat-making, which brought up to last week's rates. Merinos had more attention and realised full prices. Country dry crossbreds, low to medium, brought 1s 3d to 3s 3d; do do merino, 1s 4d to 2s 9d; medium to full-wooled crossbreds, 3s 9d to 4s 8d; do merino, 3s to 4s 2d; dry wethers, 4 to 1s 1d; butchers' green crossbreds 3s 1d, 3s 6d, 3s 9d, 1s 11d, 4s, 4s 1d, 4s 8d; do do merino, 2s, 2s 2d, 2d 6d, 2s 8d, 2s 10d 3d; lambskins, 2s 1d to 4s.

Rabbitskins.—The market continues firm, and an active demand experienced. The auction rooms are well attended, and competition spirited, particularly for latest secured and well saved, thin wether greys; indeed, all sorts are briskly inquired for, and the supply, although coming forward more freely, is not by any means equal to requirements. Exceptionally good lots are realising advanced rates. We quote suckers, 1½d to 3d; inferior and mixed, 4d to 6d; summer, 5d to 8d; autumn, 9d to 1s; black and fawn, 8d to 1s; early winter greys, 1s to 1s 2½d; best winter greys, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½d; picked doe skins, up to 1s 5d per lb. We had a full attendance of buyers at our sale on Monday, when we offered a good catalogue of medium quality, every lot of which realised full prices.

Hides.—The market continues steady, and all coming to hand are freely taken up, but in the absence of a demand for export prices show no improvement, if any the tone is weaker, more especially with

respect to indifferently flayed and light hides. We quote—Heavy, free from scars, in faultless condition, 3½d to 3¾d; mediums, 2½d to 3¼d; light, 2¼d to 2½d; inferior and bulls, 1½d to 2d per lb.

Tallow.—We have no improvement to report in values, the demand continues fairly active for local requirements, and stocks limited, but while prices continue on so low a scale in the London market we can hardly look for any advance in this, at the same time we are pleased to note that the market continues firm, late quotations being almost unchanged. We quote prime rendered mutton 18s to 19s; medium to good, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; inferior, 13s to 14s 6d; rough fat, inferior, 8s to 9s; medium to good, 9s 6d to 11s 6d; mutton tallow, clean and fresh, 12s to 13s per cwt.

Grain.—Wheat the past week has been marked by dullness, and even now, with the exception of extra good samples of Tuscan, prices show a tendency to further ease. Compared with the last two seasons the stocks of medium and inferior stores in town are unusually large, and so far, there hardly seems to be much apparent prospect of their being placed to holders' advantage. So long as millers are able to replenish their stocks with Northern wheat, in suitable condition, at from 2 10d to 3s, they decline to use second-rate quality at any price, and is only saleable for feeding purposes. We quote prime milling, white velvet and red straw, 2s 10d to 3s; extra choice samples of Tuscan in moderate quantities fetch 3s 3d; medium about 2s 6d; inferior whole, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; broken, 1s 9d to 2s; (ex store, sacks weighed in.) Oats: There has been a moderate amount of inquiry for these during the week and several lines have been disposed of chiefly for local requirements. A fair demand is also experienced for both intercolony and coastwise orders but holders are now indisposed to accept prices ruling lately, and buyers for shipment not being fully prepared to meet sellers' demands, less business has been done, in the meantime, however, the market shows more firmness, and in some instances last week's quotations have been topped. We quote prime milling, 1s 10d to 1s 10½d; short bright feed, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d; medium, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; Danish, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; long tartans, 1s 9d to 2s; black do, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; small lots, 2s; (ex store sacks weighed in.) Barley: While good malting, bright malt, and full could be placed at late rates, discoloured or in anyway second rate has no attention, whatever, from malsters are only saleable for milling at a considerably reduced price, feed is not much enquired for. We quote prime malting, 4s to 4s 5d; medium nominal, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; feed and milling 2s to 3s 3d (ex store).—Ryegrass and Cocksfoot Seeds: There is some little inquiry springing up now for these, but there is not much business passing, but no doubt, as the season advances the demand will become more pronounced, in the meantime, quotations would only be nominal.

Potatoes.—A fairly good demand exists, and supplies continue on a limited scale, prices are in consequence hardening, best Northern are worth 57s 6d to 60s; Southern, 50s to 55s; according to quality.

Dairy Produce.—The market for butter is assuming a firmer tone quotations for prime samples 9½d to 10d. Factory made cheese is also firmer and advancing.

GRAIN AND SEED REPORT.

MESSRS. SAMUEL ORR AND CO., Stafford street, report for the week ending July 18, as follows:—Wheat.—We have nothing whatever to add to what we reported last week with regard to this cereal, the market still being without any animation, and only prime quality being saleable. Fowl feed, which was in good demand, is now a little easier, and of this quality stocks are heavy as a large quantity of fair wheat can only be sold under this heading on the face of prime being so low. We quote prime milling, redraw, Tuscan, or velvet, up to 3s 2d; medium, nominal, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowlfed, 1s 10d to 2s 4d.—Oats: A decided change has come over the markets during the week, and it may now be assumed that oats have seen their lowest, at least for a season, for during the week some were placed at 2s per bushel—a tip-top sample—while for a fairly bright sample offered we got 1s 10d on account of J. B., Waikoi, As pointed out by us last week, however, our market could be ruled by those speculators who hold heavy stocks and short deliveries, and those who have parcels in agents' hands holding back, their position will be backed up and better prices may still be looked for. The market on the other side have not responded to the full advance here, but we have often seen this the case, and time alone will bring this about. We quote, for prime bright sample of Canadians, 2s; milling, 1s 11d; bright feed, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; medium, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; black oats unsaleable.

Chaff.—The arrivals recently have exceeded the demand, and as a result, several good lines had to be quitted at under value, but now that the weather has broken, a much better spirit will be introduced, and prices will improve.

Potatoes.—It is now being recognised, as we pointed out some time ago, that the crop would be a short one, and what with this and the frost—which seems to have been general both North and South, and cut them up terribly—supplies will be scant, and barely sufficient for all requirements, as some of the markets on the other side are also bare. Prices during the week have improved, and Northern may be quoted at £3 5s; Southern from £2 10s to £2 17 6d—according to quality.

Seeds.—Ryegrass: We sold several lots of Poverty Bay from old pasture, but local grown is without sale.—Cocksfoot: Prices are without change, and during the week we sold several large lines, at late quotations.—Clovers: Our supplies for the season are now to hand, and we will be pleased to forward samples and quotations to any wishing to purchase.

Mr. F. MENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices, bags included: Oats, medium to prime, 1s 6d to 1s 10d. Wheat: milling, 3s to 3s 3d; fowls', 1s 9d to 2s 6d. Barley: malting, 4s to 4s 6d; milling, 3s 6d; feed, 3s. Chaff: best, £2 15s; medium, £2 5s. Hay: oat, £3; rye-grass, £3. Bran, £3 5s. Pollard, £3 10s. Potatoes, Northern, £3 15s; Southern, £2 3s. Butter: fresh, 10d to 1s 2d; salt, good demand, prime, 8½d. Cheese, 3d to 4d. Eggs, 1s 2d. Flour, roller, £8 10s to £9; in 50lb stone, £7 15s to £8 5s. Oatmeal, £3 10s to £8 5s. Roll bacon, 7d; sides, 7½d; hams, 9d, both scarce,