

made a start in getting up the entertainment to be given by them on the seventh of next month. The proceeds are to be applied in liquidating the debt still remaining due on the St. Leonard's Church, which is in the district of their Rev. President, and no doubt the effort of the members to give some practical proof of their esteem for this gentleman will be heartily responded to by the Catholic community.

We (*Catholic Press* June 23) have reason to believe that the Holy See will shortly issue an explanation of the recent Rescript which will considerably surprise the theologians of the *Times* and the *Tablet*.

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.]

## Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending August 15, as follows:—

**Store Cattle.**—The market for these in the meantime continues comparatively quiet, while odd lots are occasionally disposed of both privately and at auction. The demand is not by any means brisk, at the same time suitable lots offering would find buyers at prices showing a small margin for fattening.

**Store Sheep.**—There is some inquiry for young crossbred ewes and good two, four, and six-tooth crossbred wethers, but as hardly any of these are now offering business is virtually at a standstill.

**Wool.**—There are no further advices from London from which any idea of the feeling at present prevailing, nor of the future of the market can be gathered. So far the prospects have been considered favourable, partly owing to stocks of the raw material in manufacturer's hands being limited, also to the fact that the quantity of wool likely to be presented at the next sales, opening the 18th of next month would be short of the usual supply. On Monday we offered a few lots both greasy and scoured fleece which realised satisfactory prices.

**Sheepskins.**—The usual brisk demand was experienced at our weekly sale on Monday, when we offered a lengthy catalogue comprising a variety of sorts. There was a full attendance of the trade, and, under the influence of better weather, competition was spirited. Fine crossbreds and heavy merinos were in good demand, all others as well had good attention, prices realised being fully up to last week's. Country dry crossbreds, low to medium, brought 1s 4d to 3s 8d; do do merinos, 1s 2d to 2s 9d; medium to full woolled crossbreds, 3s 10d to 5s 3d; do do merinos, 3s to 4s 7d; dry pelts, 2d to 10d; butchers' green crossbreds best, 4s 10s, 4s 9d, 4s 7d, 4s 6d, 4s 3d; others, 4s, 3s 9d, 3s 7d; green merinos, 2s 10d to 3s 2d.

**Rabbitskins.**—A fair demand continues to exist for all sorts, but more especially for carefully saved and well-classed full-furred winter greys, and for these prices nearly up to late rates are obtained, while summers and inferior sorts are selling more in favour of buyers. Quotations are—for suckers, 1½d to 3d; inferior and mixed, 4d to 6d; summer, 5d to 8d; autumn, 9d to 13d; black and fawn, 8d to 11d; early winter greys, 12d to 13½d; best winter greys, bucks and does, 15d to 16d; does, prime, 16½d to 17d per lb. On Monday we submitted a moderate catalogue, when, as usual, all the buyers in the trade were present, and competed spiritedly, the whole being disposed of (none of which were very prime) at about equal to last week's prices. Full-furred bucks and does brought 16d to 16½d; medium, 14½d to 15½d; summer and late autumn, 8½d to 12½d; black and fawn, 10½d per lb.

**Hides.**—A steady demand continues to be experienced, but without any apparent improvement in price, and considering the depressed state of both the London and Australian markets the outlook is certainly not very bright. Nearly all the business passing is with local manufacturers, who give prices which leave no margin to shippers. Quotations are—for heavy weights, 3½d to 3¾d; medium, 3¼d to 2¾d; light, 2½d to 2¾d; inferior, 1½d to 2d per lb.

**Tallow.**—There is no change to report in the operations of the past week. The supply being moderate, local manufacturers are open to purchase pretty freely, so that all offering finds a ready sale. It is satisfactory to no ice the Home market firm and advancing, more especially when the large stock in first hands is taken into consideration, and should the present tone continue for a time values of necessity must improve in the local market. Quotations are—for prime rendered mutton, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 15s 6d to 17s; inferior and mixed, 13s to 14s 6d; rough fat is in better demand and firmer, for inferior, 8s to 9d; medium to good, 9s 6d to 11s 6d; best, 12s to 13s per cwt.

**Grain.**—Wheat: The favourable turn in the value of this cereal at Home has influenced this market to a slight extent and buyers are now quietly increasing their stocks evidently persuaded that they cannot do better by further delay, several lines of the best northern wheats have been placed during the past week and at enhanced value, but after all it does not take much to satisfy our requirements and now that most of the millers are supplied, for the time being, we may expect a lull during the next week or two, meantime quotations are for Tuscan, 3s 3½d to 3s 5d; other prime sorts such as velvet and red straw, 3s 1d to 3s 3d, medium nominal, 2s 5d to 2s 9d; whole fowls wheat is in improved demand at, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; inferior and broken,

2s to 2s 3d; (ex store sacks weighed in). Oats.—The market is quieter with less demand, and while odd lots are occasionally placed at equal to last weeks quotations, sales are not so easily effected. The tone of the Australasian markets continues firm but at the prices at present ruling, shippers are unable to operate. Quotations are for prime milling, 1s 11½d to 2s; short bright feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; medium and discoloured, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; Danish and long Tartars fit for seed, in small lots, 1s 10d to 2s 3d; black, slow sale, 1s 11d to 2s (ex store, sacks weighed in).—Barley: There is very little business passing in malting, prime, bright, samples only are saleable. Milling is inquired for, but holders of the class are indisposed to accept prices offered. Quotations are for prime malting, 4s to 4s 8d; extra choice a shade more; medium only saleable for milling, 3s to 3s 3d; feed, 1s 9d to 2s 3d (ex store).

**Byegrass Seed.**—A few sales are being made, but the business doing is still on a limited scale. We quote machine-dressed, 2s 6d to 3s; undressed, 1s 9d to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra).—Ockfoot does not sell freely. Late quotations are unaltered—viz, 3½d to 4½d per lb.

**Potatoes.**—Owing to an increased supply, prices at the moment are easier. At auction during the week prices ranged from 75s to 82s 6d per ton.

**Dairy Produce.**—Butter: The market is over-supplied with inferior and second-rate quality, which is almost unsaleable, while prime is scarce and hardly any coming to hand; 9½d to 10d could be obtained still for such.—Cheese of prime quality is also scarce, but medium is more plentiful, selling at 3d to 4d per lb, according to quality.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices, bags included: Oats, medium to prime, 1s 10d to 2s. 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. Pollard, £3 10s. Potatoes: Northern, 4s; Southern, £3 15s. Butter: Fresh, 10d to 1s 2d; salt, prime, 8½d. Cheese, 3d to 4d. Eggs, 11d. Flour, roller, £8 10s to £9; in 50lb stone, £7 15s to £8 5s. Oat meal, £10. Roll bacon, 7d; sides, 7½d; hams, 9d, both scarce.

## Diary of the Week.

WEDNESDAY, 8th.

AUCKLAND Chamber of Commerce passes resolution in support of San Francisco mail route.—Death announced of Native chief Wiremu Kingi.—Bridges in Geraldine County pronounced unsafe, including one at cost of £14,000.—Carnot unveils statue of Mirabeau at Montargis.—Serious riots of strikers at Amiens.—Sentence on John Dillon confirmed.—Ignatieff declares Russia advancing eastward despite Austrian opposition.

THURSDAY, 9th.

Settlers at Pukekoke, Auckland, urge Government to reduce public expenditure, taxation being unbearable.—Recent breakage of cables ascertained as due to volcanic action.—Destructive storm at Valparaiso.—Communist riots renewed in Paris.—American Senate adopts Chinese prohibition Bill.—Government officials summoned for illegal action at recent Kilmish evictions.—Russo-German Press urge Czar to proceed in Asia, Germany controlling Europe, England being deposed from position as leading power.

FRIDAY, 10th.

Sperm whales smash Maori boats off Pakotakiwo, one man drowned, three whales captured.—Iron barque Kate Tatham, collier, from Newcastle to Napier, wrecked at White Bluff.—Clear loss to Colony by emigration for six months ending June, 5,139 persons.—Indignation meetings reported as held in China to protest against treatment of Chinese by Australia.—Rich silver discovery at Mount Zeehan, Tasmania.—First pocket English hop-crop sold at £15 per cwt.

SATURDAY, 11th.

Arrival of s.s. Brunner celebrated at Greymouth.—Police and troops subdue rioters in Paris.—Cardinal Moran welcomed on arrival at Dublin by Archbishop Walsh.—O'Kelly, M.P., Roscommon North, sentenced four months, inciting witnesses to refuse evidence.—Cross, Tory, returned unopposed for Liverpool.—Tibetans massing at Gelapla to attack British; Lamas reject conference.

MONDAY, 13th.

Swanson village settlers, Auckland, petition for relief works.—Electric light works completed at Reefton; results satisfactory.—Dr. McGregor, Brisbane, receives order in council proclaiming British sovereignty over New Guinea.—200 people drowned by floods in Chile.—Imperial Parliament adjourns till Nov. 6th.—France denies Italy's right to annex Massowah as Egyptian territory; protests against taxation of Greeks, and seizure of Zulla, threatens reprisals. Hamburg company undertakes new Australian line of steamers for beginning of year.

TUESDAY, 14th.

Meeting at Port Albert, Auckland, pass resolutions in favour of retrenchment and condemning taxation.—Sydney syndicate who purchased Ngawakau coal leases arranging for extension of railway.

Messrs. B. Anderson and Co.'s Raven Blacking will be found the best in the market. It produces a splendid polish and is extremely economical.

Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Co.'s advertisement will be found elsewhere. The testimony borne to the excellence of their "K" jams is unexceptionable.

A writer in *Science* points out the fact that if one holds his breath, wasps, bees and hornets can be handled with impunity, inasmuch as holding the breath closes the pores of the skin,