

Why do the Irish people dislike the tune of "God Save the Queen?" (says the *Pall Mall Gazette* of August 30th). The first turn which Mr. Balfour gave on Monday to the Coercion screw should remind the world for the hundredth time of the answer. "God save the Queen," so far as it is a political song at all, is a psalm in praise of the existing order. In England, people generally are on the side of that order. In Ireland they are against it, for the simple reason that it is against them. Hence it is that when the brothers Redmond were arrested as criminals in the Queen's name, they expressed their "high satisfaction" at being thought worthy of Mr. Balfour's prosecution; and that when Father Kennedy was similarly taken off to gaol, the whole population of Cork turned out to do him honour.

We have received from the Rev. Father O'Hallahan the sum of £25, subscribed at Nelson Creek in aid of the National funds. We shall forward the money to Dublin without delay. The continued generosity of their friends on the West Coast cannot fail to give valuable help in sustaining the spirit of the men engaged in the great struggle.

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest 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 STROBACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending October 31, as follows:—

**Store Sheep.**—Enquiry is already setting in for good sound sheep off the shears. Business in this direction will be active in the course of a little while, but meantime buyers are feeling their way. It is generally supposed that prices will this year rule much higher than last for all classes of surplus stock.

**Store Cattle.**—A moderate enquiry exists for suitable lots for fattening, while young stock are always readily saleable at comparatively good prices. At Mosgiel, next Tuesday, we will offer an extremely choice lot of cattle from the North.

**Sheepskins.**—We submitted a very large catalogue at our usual sale on Monday, when exceptionally good prices were obtained. The recent combination among certain of the buyers, has induced outside orders, which make the selling auctioneer entirely independent of the few local buyers who still refrain from operating. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, brought 1s 10d to 3s 10d; do do merino, 1s 6d to 3s 8d; medium to full-wooled crossbreds, 3s 10d to 4s 11d; a few extra rams realising up to 7s; do do merino, 3s 8d to 4s 3d. Butchers' greasy crossbreds, medium quality, 5s 2d to 5s 7d; fair to medium, 4s 1d to 4s 7d; merinos, medium, 4s to 4s 3d. Lambskins, in good demand at 10d, 11d, and 1s. During the week we placed a number of skins at the Freezing Works at up to 6s for prime heavy half bred.

**Rabbitskins.**—The season is now fairly well over. Only small quantities are now coming to hand and for the most part holders prefer to consign all shipping parcels to the Home Market. We sold a small catalogue of only medium quality skins on Monday, prices realised ruling from 8½d to 15½d, according to quality, and also a farmer's parcel of good ordinary winters mixed at 16d for shipment.

**Tallow.**—There is a strong demand and the tendency is upwards, though meantime without quotable change. Our last cable from London advised the market irregular. Good mutton tallow is worth 30s 6d; and beef, 29s 3d per cwt.

**Grass Seed.**—Byegrass: There is very little doing, and the balance of stocks, which, however, are not considerable, will have to be carried over to next season. Poverty Bay has been most enquired for, and very fair samples are obtainable at 3s 3d to 3s 7d for undressed. Locally grown is for the present not saleable.—Cock-foot: Stocks are now all but cleared, and the business passing is only trifling.

**Dairy Produce.**—Butter: It is yet early for butter to arrive in this market in large quantities. Prime potted is worth at the moment 8d to 9d, while the Australian markets are temporarily depressed owing to full stocks. Prices here will not rise materially, but it seems evident that the demands from Australia will later on be more extensive than usual, and our market will no doubt be benefited accordingly.

**Grain.**—Wheat: This market is still very quiet. Locally millers are pretty well stocked, and only operate at tempting prices. Tuscan is most in demand. We quote—prime milling, velvet and Tuscan, 3s 7d to 3s 10d—the latter kind realising most money; medium to good, 3s 4d to 3s 6d, and slow of sale. Fowls' wheat has a better inquiry. Buyers, however, cannot look at anything high-priced, but up to 3s 4d may be got for good whole wheat. Medium and inferior is readily saleable at relatively lower prices.—Oats: The demand reported last week still continues, and although buyers aver that they are in advance of outside markets, having regard to the attendant transit expenses, etc., it is undeniable that they exhibit no inclination to buy at current rates. Milling sorts have a slightly better demand than previously, although prices are somewhat stiff. All feed oats are eagerly inquired after, medium and inferior being most readily saleable at their

lower range of values. We quote prime milling up to 2s 4d, while a shade more might be got for extra choice parcels; good heavy feed, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; medium, 2s 1d; inferior, 2s (extra store, bags weighed in).—Barley: There is no change to report. We quote last week's nominal quotations.

### GRAIN AND SEED REPORT.

Messrs. SAMUEL ORR AND CO., Stafford street, report for the week ending October 31, as follows:—

Wheat.—But little business has been transacted here during the past week. We quote extra prime milling, velvet or Tuscan, 3s 10d to 4s; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 9d; inferior and fowls' feed, 2s 6d to 3s; with an increasing demand.

Oats.—During the week a few truck loads arrived which were readily placed, while enquiries have been made for large parcels, but which it is impracticable to get hold of, as the stocks here are so bare and arrivals so small. Our Australian markets since last report have advanced 3d to 4d a bushel. We quote prime milling at up to 2s 4d, at which price we sold several parcels during the week off truck, medium to good stout feed, 2s 1d to 2s 3d; inferior and off colour sorts, 1s 8d to 2s.

Barley.—Sales are now few, and then only for prime Northern. Feed and milling is entirely neglected. Quotations nominal, say for prime malting, 3s 10d to 4s; feed, 2s; milling, 3s.

Chaff.—Late prices have been maintained during the week. We quote—tip-top oaten sheaf, if well cut and screened, at £3 10s; medium, £2 17s 6d to £3 5s.

Potatoes.—The market has been a little easier during the week, so that Northern are not worth more than £3 10s, and Southern from £2 10s to £3.

Wool.—Latest Home advices say that on September 18, the market was firm, at about the closing rates of the June-July series, but before the first week was over, an advance took place quoted at from 1d to 1½ per lb, on good scoured merinos, and about 1d on good greasies and more ordinary scoured.

Messrs. ARTHUR McDONALD AND Co., auctioneers, report for the week ending October 31 as follows:—

Wool.—Cablegrams to hand to-day from London report an advance of a halfpenny per lb.

Sheepskins.—At our sale this week we brought forward a catalogue of 2472 skins. Butchers' crossbreds, best lines, 6s 1d to 6s 4d; some extra large lots, 7s; medium do, 5s 3d to 5s 9d; small do, 4s 8d to 5s; butchers' merinos, 4s 8d to 5d; pelts, 10d; lambs, 1s to 1s 4d; full woolled country skins, 5s to 7s; inferior to good, 1s 6d to 4s 9d.

Rabbitskins.—At our usual weekly sale on Tuesday we sold all forward under excellent competition, and prices lately obtained by us were fully maintained.

Wheat.—We quote prime Tuscan, 4s to 4s 2d; prime velvet, 3s 10d to 4s; medium milling, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; inferior and chick, 2s 6d to 3s 3d.

Oats.—Owing to the continued drought being experienced in Australia there is every prospect of a keen demand for feed grains from this colony.

Hides.—Extra prime heavies in faultless condition and well trimmed, 3½d to 3¾d per lb; prime heavies, 60lb and over, in good condition and well trimmed, 3½d; medium to good, 2½d to 3½d; calf-skins, free of cuts, are worth 4½d per lb.

Tallow.—14s 6d for good lots of butchers' rough fat, and 12s to 13s 6d for medium do.

Chaff.—For really prime heavy bright lots £3 10s is easily obtainable. Inferior to medium sell at £3 to £3 2s 6d (bags extra).

Freezing Sheep.—A good business has been transacted during the week at 2½d per lb (skins and fat extra).

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices, bags included: Oats, medium to prime, 2s to 2s 3d. Wheat: milling, 3s 6d to 4s; fowls', 3s to 3s 2d. Barley: malting, 4s to 4s 6d; milling, 3s 6d; feed, 2s 6d to 3s. Chaff: medium, £3 to £3 5s. Hay: oaten, £3; r.g., best, £3. Bran, £3 10s. Pollard, £3 10s. Potatoes: Northern, £3 10s; Tairi, £3 5s; Southern, £3. Butter: fresh, 6d to 8d; salt, 7d. Cheese, market bar of factory, and up to 5d obtainable for best brands; medium, 4d. Eggs, plentiful, 7d. Flour, stone, £9 10s to £10; roller, £10 10s to £11 5s. Oatmeal, firm, £11.

Messrs. Samuel Orr, and Co., Stafford street, Dunedin, offer increased advantages to wool growers of disposing of their produce. They are also booking orders for Dearing's reaper and binder, of which a limited number can only be obtained.

Visitors to Christchurch for the races will find Barrett's Family and Commercial Hotel a most convenient and agreeable sojourn. The house is large and commodious, containing 70 bedrooms, and in every respect well-furnished and fitted with every convenience. Mr. Barrett also, the proprietor, possesses the knack of making his guests comfortable. The situation of the house, moreover, is in the centre of the city, and commanding ready access to all the chief points of public resort or convenience, makes it a most desirable establishment for visitors to put up at.

We publish in our present issue the amended prospectus of the Wakatipu Gold Mining and Sluicing Company,—to which we would draw the particular attention of our readers. There can be no doubt about the bona fide nature of the investment thus offered to the public. We may add that we have seen a specimen of the gold taken from the field, and nothing better has been seen anywhere. No enterprise ever undertaken in the colony has seemed more promising than this, and there can be little doubt that the promise will have its complete fulfilment.

Newark has a genuine "gusher" in the shape of a natural gas well, that gives a flow of 750,000 feet a day.