

these Bills. This is a practice which ought not to prevail, and which does not exist in any other country in which there are two Houses of Legislature formed on the British model. It is the House of Representatives that is really to blame, and not the Legislative Council, which has in no instance acted either illegally or unconstitutionally. But it would appear that this easy, plain, common sense view of the matter does not recommend itself to either of the dominant parties in Victoria. It does not suit their merely party purposes.

Their party squabbles, therefore, are a matter of no interest whatever to the Catholic body, which holds itself aloof from both, so long as both ignore or oppose their just claims to a fair share of the public funds, set apart for education, in aid of their own schools. Both parties were warned in turn that Catholics would have recourse to impartial hostility to both and all parties, so long as they refused to do them justice on this most important question. But they heeded not the warning, and the result is, both the liberal and constitutional parties, each in its turn, have been punished alike. The block-vote, therefore, which New Zealand politicians have affected to despise, has proved itself an efficacious instrument, a sharp rod, and an apt means of chastising injustice, and the contempt with which supercilious politicians when in power are accustomed to treat Catholic claims. Godlessness has once more overreached itself, as Mr. SERVICE now perceives to his cost.

A few more lessons of this sort will not be without their effect. Politicians who are now so blind will soon recover their eyesight. The block-vote will, without doubt, work not a few political miracles. But a few more lessons will be required.

Occasional Notes.

THE Dominican Sisters acknowledge the receipt of the following remittances towards their Art Union:—Per Miss Falconer; Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, Speargrass Flat.

THE Dominican Convent Schools, Dunedin, broke up for mid-winter holidays on Friday last. They will re-open on Monday, August 2.

WE learn with regret that the Rev. Father Chastagnon met with a severe accident on the 9th inst. The rev. gentleman was riding on horseback across the Wairoa Bridge, near Drury, when he was thrown from his horse and seriously hurt, sustaining fractures of the collar-bone, the right arm, and some of the ribs.

THE Christian Brothers' School Football Club (past and present) played a scratch match on Saturday last, from sides chosen by the captain and secretary. The game was well contested throughout, and resulted in a victory for the captain's side by two goals to their opponent's one. Another match will be played on the Asylum ground next Saturday, and sides will be picked on the ground.

THE Christian Brothers' Schools, Dunedin, separated for the mid-winter holidays on Friday last. They will resume business on Monday, August 2nd.

THE Rev. Father Connolly, a clergyman who arrived in Auckland lately for the benefit of his health, died there on Friday, 9th. His funeral took place on Sunday, and was very largely attended. A Requiem High Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral, His Grace Archbishop Steins acting as celebrant, and the Rev. Fathers Walter McDonald and O'Dwyer as Deacon and Sub-Deacon respectively. The Very Rev. Father Fynes, V.G., and the Rev. Fathers Downey and O'Gara were also present. The following sketch of the deceased priest is given by the *New Zealand Herald*:—"The Rev. Father Francis Connolly was born near Clogher, County Tyrone, Ireland. He made his preparatory course in the Monaghan Seminary, and completed his theological studies in the College of Louvain, from whence he returned to his native diocese, where he laboured for many years, under the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, with great zeal. His unobtrusive manner and many Christian qualities had gained for him the esteem and goodwill of all with whom he came in contact. He arrived in Auckland about six months ago for the benefit of his health, having been advised by his medical attendant to try the milder climate of New Zealand, as he was suffering from consumption. Unfortunately, the fatal disease had taken too firm a hold upon him to be shaken off, and he expired on Friday, as above stated, at the early age of 40." R.I.P.

A champion American rifle team will leave America early in June, and do battle with an Irish team. Major Leech, the time-honoured veteran of Irish rifle shooting, has, of course, been chosen as captain of the home team, and will carry out all the preparations for the match.

Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited), reports for the week ending 21st July, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—In consequence of the full supply of 245 head at Burnside to-day, the demand was not very spirited, and prices gave way to the extent of about 2s 6d per 100lbs. Bullocks realised £7 to £10 5s per head, and cows £5 to £7 10s 6d. Quotation for prime beef, 25s, and for medium, 22s 6d per 100lbs.

Fat Calves.—Only three were offered, which sold at 52s to 56s per head.

Fat Sheep were in very large supply, 3396 head having been penned, consisting of 1000 merinos and 2396 cross-breeds. The former description sold at from 7s 3d to 14s, and the latter at from 9s to 17s 6d per head, but a considerable number were turned out. Last week's prices were not maintained by about 1s to 1s 6d per head. On account of Messrs J. C. Gilchrist, T. and M. Henderson, Thomas Murray, Walter Miller, Paton, and J. and J. Sutherland, we disposed of 687 cross-breeds at from 14s to 17s, and 108 merinos at 14s; and on behalf of Messrs Smith and Vezey, of 540 merinos at 7s 3d to 8s 6d. We quote prime mutton barely 3d and medium 2½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We cleared a good catalogue with fair competition at our weekly auction on Monday, prices being well maintained. Butchers' cross-bred skins realised up to 4s 7d, and merinos 3s 4d each. Station and full-wooled skins sold at from 1s 5d to 4s 11d; pelts, 6d.

Hides.—Demand unabated at our late quotations of 3½d per lb. for wet salted, and 20s each for butchers' green hides.

Tallow.—We report sales of well-rendered tallow up to 27s, and of rough fat up to 18s per cwt., at which there is a fair inquiry.

Grain.—Wheat: The demand for medium to prime continues good, but supplies coming to hand are not large. We repeat our quotations of last week, viz., prime milling, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; medium, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; fowl feed (nominal), 2s 3d to 2s 9d. Oats: Market continues firm. Good quality milling would fetch 1s 6d without difficulty, and feed oats up to 1s 5d for prime—the latter figure is, however, hardly up to holders' ideas. Barley: No improvement to report. 3s per bushel might be obtained for prime malting samples, but the bulk of this cereal in the market consists of medium quality, for which we cannot quote above 2s 6d, whereat we have made sales during the week.

MR. F. MEENAN, Great King street, reports:—Wholesale prices: Oats, 1s 4d to 1s 5d per bushel; milling wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 11d per bushel; fowls' feed, 2s to 3s; barley, feed, 1s 6d to 2s per bushel: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; malting, 3s 6d; pollard, £4 per ton; bran, £3 5s per ton; flour, £9 10s to £10 per ton; hay, £3 per ton; chaff, £3 per ton; straw, £2 per ton; onions, £6 to £7 per ton, Hams, 11d per lb.; bacon, 10d per lb. Fresh butter, 1s 4d; salt, 10d. Potatoes, £2 5s per ton.

PRODUCE MARKET—JULY 21, 1880.

MESSRS. MERCER AND McDONALD, Rattray street, report:—Fresh butter (in 1lb. and ½lb. prints), best and favourite brands, 1s 5d per lb.; good ordinary butter, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per lb.; Eggs, 1s 2d per dozen (plentiful). Roll bacon, 9½d per lb. Good salt butter, in kegs, 10d per lb; cheese, 5½d per lb.

THE LABOUR MARKET, JULY 21, 1880.

MR. SKENE reports a quiet week; indeed, July is always a dull month in business of all sorts, but there are symptoms of an increased demand with the lengthening days. Spring work will soon occupy all farmers' attention, and they must not despond, for prices will soon revive again, and cheer their drooping spirits. The rabbits seem to occupy the attention of the squatters more than the sheep. It is a serious matter for capitalists who have risked large amounts on stations. But the rabbits are not altogether an unmixed evil, for the plague has created a lot of work for trappers and poisoners, &c., also an extensive trade in skins; in truth it will take more men to extirpate the rabbits than to tend the flocks. The building trade is very busy in town, but there are so many petty contractors that they spoil one another. Dairy people, station smiths, cooks, and couples, are always wanted, also female servants for town and country. Wages:—Day labour, 6s, 7s, and 8s; couples, £65 to £80; ploughmen, £52; shepherds, £60; milkers, 15s to 20s; boys and girls for milking, 10s, 12s, and 15s; waiters, cooks, boots, grooms, gardeners, 20s, 30s, 35s, and 40s; message boys, 5s to 10s; ordinary female servants, 10s, 12s, and 15s; upper female cooks, 20s to 40s; barmaids 30s; waitresses, £40; laundresses, &c., £40 to £80.

Mr. O. O'Neil, of Bannockburn, advertises for a man capable of undertaking the management of a farm. A competent and suitable person will find the engagement a desirable one.

Messrs. Glaister and Cunningham, Market street, Dunedin, are prepared to execute promptly, and with the utmost skill, all commissions connected with the coach-builder's, wheelwright's, and general blacksmith's trade.

Professor Gusscott continues to produce evidence of the cures effected by him.

Mr. Francis Fulton, Crawford street, Dunedin, offers for sale several valuable city allotments.

Messrs. Shand and Worth, of West Taieri, are about to establish a butchery in Dunedin. The firm are exceptionally situated for the production of meat of the best possible quality, and promise that the prices charged by them shall be moderate in the extreme.

Mr. W. H. Hutton, Market street, Dunedin, undertakes horse-shoeing and all manner of blacksmith's work. Commissions from country customers meet with all attention from him. Mr. Hutton's customers will find their work most satisfactorily executed.