

fort of the tenants. Throughout the architect has sedulously determined, so far as possible, to employ in the internal fittings New Zealand woods alone, and the effect, as might be anticipated, is both pleasing to the eye and satisfactory to the tenants. Throughout the establishment paperhangings have been eschewed, and in their place the eye is relieved by encountering pretty, fresh, and bright natural pictures, obtained from the polished red and white pine and other woods in the district. The ceilings are lofty, and are also formed of native forest timber, highly polished. Messrs. Whittaker Brothers have recently imported, direct from London, Paris and Belgium, a large stock of stationary, books, school requisites, and fancy goods, of the latest pattern and devices, and these are really well deserving of more than a passing glance.

OUR contemporary the *Lyttelton Times* betrays an imperfect knowledge of the nature of the anti-Jewish movement in Germany when he speaks as follows:—"Two of Prince Bismark's most characteristic strokes of policy have been his encouragement of the Jews to harass the Catholics, and his more recent apathy while the Catholics have had their revenge upon the Jews." It is quite true that the Jews took an energetic part in the institution of the Kulturkampf, but the Catholics of Germany have sought for no revenge. On the contrary, the anti-Jewish agitation has been condemned by several dignitaries of the Catholic Church, and the ecclesiastic who takes a leading place in it is Herr Stockner, a minister of the Evangelical communion. So far from being Catholics, those people who are now engaged in attacking the Jews were their allies in their undertaking against the Church. Our contemporary, then, seems strangely mis-informed as to the matter in question.

HUNTING in Ireland appears to be now more than ever a "mimicry of noble war." While the sportsmen are pursuing their vermin they are in some instances themselves pursued by the peasantry who are bent on preventing the chase. The scene must be extremely lively. But in those cases where "fish-hounds" lead the run something was evidently needed to add to the excitement.

THE *Nelson Colonist* describes the school at Rikawa as infected with a contagious scorbutic disease of a serious nature, and which, when it attacks a child cannot be eradicated, at least for many years. Our contemporary thinks that, if the report be true, of which he has little reason to doubt, the utmost precautions should at once be taken in the matter. In this we fully agree with him, and the more since the whole colony may be greatly concerned in preventing the spread of the infection.

An individual who had twice before attempted to drown himself, jumped off the bridge at Wanganui with a similar intention yesterday week. If his friends can at last prevail upon this gentleman to die in his bed, it will be a proof that it is not only those who are born to be hanged, that, as the old proverb affirms, fail to obtain a watery grave.

THE *Mount Ida Chronicle* very reasonably complains, that while there is no money available for immigration, and the nominations of their friends by settlers are in consequence refused, an immigration staff of seven men continues to be maintained in London, at the cost of £3500 yearly.

SIR HENRY PARKES made a speech the other day at a banquet given him at Sydney, prior to his leaving for England, in which he played upon the first personal pronoun as fully as did even Mr. Downie Stewart in his late election speech. Sir Henry said he dealt thus fully with himself to show how any man with the use of his hands and a brain would get on in the world. He made reference likewise to the almighty "cheek" without which both hands and brain would frequently profit nothing, and which we so often find to do service for both. Sir Henry, however, being in genteel society and desiring to avoid slang, spoke of the quality in question under the euphemism of "sufficient bravery."—It has stood him in good stead, and he owes it a high-sounding title.

THE latest craze that appears in the emigration line is a proposed exodus for the cultivation of the cinchona tree in Jamaica. It has been discovered that the climate is delightfully salubrious, and the yellow fever a mere bugaboo that no one ever in truth encountered there. What do they not find out when they have the will!

SERIOUS bush fires, resulting in the loss of property to a considerable amount, took place last week near Oxford, and Akaroa in Canterbury.

MR. JAMES REDPATH reports the eviction of a woman with a child one day old at her breast, and who died in consequence of the treatment given her. Yet the Land Act is perfect, and all Ireland should be on their knees imploring the blessing of Heaven on their deliverers Gladstone and Forster!

THE debt of Victoria amounts to over £20,000,000, of which £15,000,000 have been invested in railways, receipts from which show a progressive increase. Sir Bryan O'Loughlen desires to float another loan of £4,000,000 on the English market.

THE Rev. Father Sheridan has written to the *Argus* relative to the reported disturbance in the cemetery at Ballarat. It seems the woman who was buried had received the Sacraments of the Church on her deathbed, and died in the Catholic faith, notwithstanding

which her body was conveyed to the Presbyterian burial ground, and a minister was in attendance to conduct the service of his communion over it. At this sight the dead woman's father and brothers were filled with indignation, and resented with a warmth of language that could not be approved of, although everything considered it could hardly be looked upon as totally unpardonable, the outrage offered to the wishes of the deceased, and their own religious beliefs. As usual, the bigoted Press of the colony exaggerated everything unbecoming that took place, and concealed all the extenuating circumstances.

## Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending January 11, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—182 head of fat cattle were yarded at Burnside today in addition to 212 stores. For the former the trade demand was dull, but prices ruled somewhat better than at last market. Bullocks realised from £7 7s 6d to £10 12s 6d, and cows £6 10s to £8 2s 6d. We sold drafts on account of the New Zealand and Australian Land Company (Limited), from their Edendale estate, bullocks at £8 5s to £10 7s 6d, and cows at £6 10s to £8 2s 6d; and on account of Mr. William Shand, bullocks at £7 7s 6d to £8 7s 6d, and cows at £6 15s per head. We quote prime beef 22s 6d per 100lbs.

Fat Calves.—24 head yarded, and sold at up to 24s each.

Fat Sheep.—The supply was a fair average, consisting of 2055 head, but biddings were slow at scarcely last prices. Cross-breeds realised from 8s to 12s per head. We sold as follows:—On account of Messrs. T. and M. Henderson, 80 at 9s to 9s 6d; Messrs. Samson and Little, 308 at 10s to 10s 6d; Mr. James Macandrew, 50 at 8s; and Mr. Andrew M'Laren, 80 at 10s 9d to 11s. We quote prime cross-bred mutton, 1½d to 2d per lb.

Fat Lambs.—582 were offered and sold at about previous rates, realising up to 12s per head. We disposed of a draft on account of Mr. James Gibson, Papakaia, at 8s.

Fat Pigs.—The market was over supplied with 189 head. Prices ranged from 4s 6d to 38s. We sold a few on account of Mr. William Shand.

Store Sheep.—There is still an almost unlimited inquiry for good young merino wethers and ewes, and also for cross-breeds of all ages, but the numbers offering are quite unequal to supplying the demand. Since last report we have placed 11,000 head.

Store Cattle continue in good demand. We report sale at Burnside to-day of 27 head of bullocks and steers in very forward condition, on account of Mr. Thomas Geary, at £5 4s per head, and shall offer at Mosgiel yard on 26th January about 150 head, principally bullocks and steers in forward condition, on account of Messrs. M'Kay Brothers.

Wool.—Our second regular wool sale of the season was held at the Otago Wool Store on Tuesday, 10th instant. We report for merinos and fine cross-breeds a firm demand at last prices; heavier and coarser sorts were dull at about same quotations, but for such descriptions the competition was uneven. We sold 468 bales at the following prices:—Cross-bred greasy, 7½d to 10½d; washed, 8½d; and scoured, 12½d to 18d; merino greasy, 6½d to 10½d; and scoured, 16½d to 22½d.

Sheepskins.—We cleared a large catalogue at our sale on Monday under fairly active competition from a good attendance of buyers. Prices ruled about same as at our previous sale on 29th December. Butchers' green cross-breeds fetched from 4s 8d to 5s 6d; dry, 2s 10d to 3s 9d; butchers' merinos, 3s to 4s 11d; dry, 1s 9d to 3s; lambskins, 1s 1d to 1s 8d; pelts, 7d to 1s 3d each; greasy skins in bales, 4½d to 6d per lb.

Tallow.—Market unchanged, trade demand being good at the following quotations, at which we cleared our catalogue on Monday:—Fairly rendered tallow, 28s to 30s per cwt.; inferior in proportion. Butchers' rough fat, 19s to 20s per cwt.

Grain.—Wheat: As we have for some time reported, good to prime milling can be placed without difficulty at our quotations, although millers manifest no anxiety to lay in stocks. We quote prime milling, 4s to 4s 3d; medium, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; inferior and fowl feed, 2s to 3s 3d. Oats: There has been considerable inquiry for feed oats for shipment, and some transactions have resulted, without, however, any tangible improvement in prices. We quote prime milling, 2s; bright feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d per bushel. Barley: Nothing to report.

### PRODUCE MARKET—JAN. 12, 1882.

MR. F. MEENAN, Great King street, reports:—Wholesale prices: Oats, 1s 8d to 2s per bushel; milling wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 6d per bushel; fowls' feed, 2s to 3s; barley, malting, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; feed, 1s 6d to 2s 6d per bushel; hay, £4 per ton; chaff, £3 15s per ton; straw, £2 per ton; bran, £3 15s per ton; pollard, £4 10s per ton; flour, £10 to £10 10s per ton; oatmeal, £10 to £10 10s per ton; butter, fresh, 6d to 8d, salt, 6d to 7d; eggs, 1s; bacon, in rolls, 7d to 7½d; side, 7½d; hams, 10d; fresh pork, 4d per lb.; potatoes old, £2 to £2 10s per ton; new, 4s to 6s per cwt.

MESSRS. MERCER AND McDONALD, Rattray street, report:—Fresh butter, best and favourite brands (in 1lb. and ½lb. prints), 8d; good ordinary butter, 6d; eggs, 11d per dozen; roll bacon, 7d per lb. Good salt butter, in kegs, no demand; cheese 4d per lb, new cheese 4½d per lb.

Mr. J. Plank, late of Oamaru, has taken the Queen's Arms Hotel, Princes street, Dunedin, where his friends and the public generally will find him prepared to sustain his well-earned reputation as a host. Boarders and visitors will receive in the establishment in question all possible attention at moderate charges.