

Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending September 12 as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—This week's supply was a small one, only 112 head having been yarded, consisting of a few very good pens and the balance but medium. This number being under the requirements, competition was brisk and prices show an improvement on last week's. Bullocks brought from £8 17s 6d to £13 10s. and cows £6 15s to £9. We quote prime beef 27s 6d, and medium 22s 6d to 25s per 100lb.

Fat Sheep.—3989 were penned, of which 1357 were merinos. This number proving in excess of trade requirements, prices showed a decline of 1s 6d to 2s per head, and the demand was slow. Cross-breds fetched for medium 11s to 14s 6d, prime heavy weights from 15s to 18s 9d, and merinos 6s to 14s 3d. We sold drafts on account of Mr. William Calder (Gore) and Messrs. Wilson Bros. (Waiholo), at quotations; and quote mutton at 8d per lb.

Fat Lambs.—30 were penned to-day, the quality being only medium, and sold at 8s to 9s each.

Fat Pigs.—60 were penned, and under good competition all sold well at from 12s to 72s each.

Wool.—The daily reports which have reached us by telegram of the progress of the auction sales in London are not so favourable. Continental demand is weak, the effect being a dull market, thereby preventing a recovery from the decline established at the opening of the series.

Sheepskins.—We submitted a moderate catalogue at our weekly sale on Monday to a fair representation of the trade, when competition was brisk, but prices secured hardly so firm as last week's rates, cross-breds suffering most; merinos being in better demand prices keep more on a level. Butcher's green cross-breds sold at from 3s 1d to 3s 8d, dry do 1s 9d to 8s 3d; green merinos 2s 10d to 3s 10d, dry do 1s. 9d to 3s 5d; pelts 2d to 6d.

Rabbitskins.—The demand for these is increasing; there is good competition for all lots offered when carefully prepared. We sold on Monday 5 bags suckers, at 2½d to 3½d; 3 do mixed, at 10½d to 1s 1d; 7 do medium, at 1s 2d to 1s 4d; 13 bales medium, at 1s 2½d to 1s 4d; and 6 do prime, at 1s 5½d to 1s 6d per lb.

Hides.—There is no alteration to report. Recent quotations apply—viz., 3d to 3½d for light and medium, 4½d for heavy, 4½d for extra do in good sound condition.

Tallow.—We report a fair trade demand, competition for medium quality brisk, and late rates maintained, but prime in shipping condition is not so eagerly competed for. We quote prime, 31s 6d to 32s 6d; medium, 27s 6d to 30s; inferior and mixed, 17s 6d to 25s; rough fat at 19s to 23s per cwt.

Grain.—Wheat: There is no change to report in the aspect of the market. Millers show no very great desire to increase stocks, although parcels of really prime quality could, however, be placed without difficulty, whilst soft and otherwise inferior find no outlet at present. We quote, as before, prime velvet and Tuscan, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; do red straw, 4s to 4s 2d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; inferior and fowls' wheat, 1s 9d to 3s. Oats: Owing to the absence of outside orders the demand this week is dull, but as stocks on hand are not excessive, and sales not being pressed, prices remain unchanged at last week's rates—stout milling, 1s 11d to 2s; short bright feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; medium, 1s 9d; mixed and discoloured, 1s 5d to 1s 8d. Barley fit for malting is inquired for, and saleable at—for prime, 4s 6d to 4s 9d; medium, 4s to 4s 3d. Rye-grass seed is only in limited demand, and unless machine-dressed, almost unsaleable. We quote farmers' lots, 3s to 2s 6d, and machine-dressed, 4s to 4s 6d.

PRODUCE MARKET, SEPT. 13, 1883.

MR. F. MEENAN, Great King street, reports:—Wholesale prices—Oats, 1s 6d to 1s 10d per bushel; milling wheat, 3s 6d to 4s 3d per bushel; fowls' wheat, 2s to 3s; barley, malting, 4s to 5s; milling, 3s to 3s 6d; feeding, 2s to 3s; hay, oat, £4 10s per ton; rye-grass hay, £4; chaff, £3 10s to £4; straw, £2 5s to £2 10s; bran, £4; pollard, £4 15s; potatoes, £2 to £2 5s; oatmeal, £10 10s; flour, £10 to £10 15s; fresh butter, medium to prime, 1s to 1s 3d per lb., salt, easier, 8d per lb.; eggs, 9d per dozen; bacon, sides, 8½d per lb.; rolls, 8d; hams, 10d; pork, 6d; cheese, 6d.

Messrs. MERCER BROTHERS, Princes street, report:—Fresh butter (in ½lb. and 1lb. prints), best quality, 1s 2d per lb.; ordinary butter, 10d per lb.; eggs, 8d; roll bacon, 7½d per lb.; good salt butter, in kegs, 8d per lb.; cheese, 6d per lb.

Says the New York Tribune's "Broadway Lounger" incidentally in his chatter "Judge Gedney tells me that on the first of this month he signed no less than two hundred and fifty warrants of dispossession against poor tenants. His district includes many blocks of the most squalid variety of tenement-houses, and he has fully as much unpleasant work of this kind as any of his judicial brethren. The first of May is, of course, the heaviest field-day of the year for such business, but there are generally at the beginning of every month at least one hundred warrants granted. And to those who fret about the minor miseries of life, no more wholesome cure could be administered than an enforced attendance in a district court on such occasions. The lowest depths of misery are sounded. Judge Gedney says too, that in the worst cases the suffering is more generally caused by misfortune than by idleness or dissipation. A man gets a felon on his hand, which keeps him at home until his savings are gone and all his effects are in the pawnshop, and then his children fall sick or his wife dies, and the agent of the house, under instructions from the owner, who is perhaps in Europe enjoying himself, won't wait for the rent, and serves him with a summons."

FROM THE POPE TO THE BISHOPS OF THE WORLD.

ILLUSTRISSIME ET REVERENDISSIME DOMINE.—Neminem profecto latet populum fidelem potentissimo B. Mariae Virginis patrocinio insignia a Deo beneficia semper et ubique fuisse assequutum. Praecipue vero singulare praesidium per pium Sanctissimi Rosarii exercitium experti sunt Christifideles quoties vel haereseos vel vitia impie grassarentur, vel gravissimae Ecclesiae calamitates ingruerent. Hinc factum est ut Romani Pontificis rosariae preces, cum Christi grex gravioribus premeretur angustiis, coelesti indulgentiarum thesauro ditaverint ac fideles ad huiusmodi exercitium hortari atque excitare nunquam destiterint. Haec animo suo recolens SS. D. N. Leo Div. Providentia PP. XIII. ad copiosius et promptius a Datore omnium bonorum auxilium impetrandum in tot ac tam gravibus necessitatibus, quibus Christiana respublica in praesens versatur, Praedecessorum suorum vestigiis inhaerens, Beatissimae Virginis opem ab universa quanta est Ecclesia impensius postulandam censuit et imminente solemniori Rosarii celeberritate nonnulla ad rem instituit atque indulisit, quae Amplitudini Tuae per hanc Sacram Congregationem significari praecipit. Praescripsit autem:

1. Ut peculiari devotione et solemnitate festum Sanctissimi Rosarii hoc anno celebraretur;

2. Ut a prima die mensis Octobris usque ad secundam sequentis Novembris in omnibus ecclesiis, in quibus animarum cura exercetur, quinque saltem decades Sacratissimi Rosarii cum Litanis Lauretans recitentur.

Id etiam servabitur in aliis ecclesiis seu Oratoriis Beatissimae Virginis dicatis iuxta modum quem Ordinarii locorum magis utilem et opportunum iudicaverint. Optandum vero est ut, ubi id commode fieri possit, praeter rosariae preces sacrosanctum Missae sacrificium celebretur, vel Sanctissimi Sacramenti benedictio populo Christiano impertiatur.

Quo vero alacrius et maiori fidelium fructu haec peragantur idem Sanctissimus D. N. sequentes indulgentias de thesauro Ecclesiae benigne concessit:

1. Indulgentiam plenariam iis omnibus qui die festo Sanctissimi Rosarii, vel, ubi necessaria Sacerdotum copia ad excipiendas sacramentales confessiones non suppetat, in quocumque alio insequentis Octavae Poenitentiae Sacramento expiati et sacra communione refectioni aliquam ecclesiam visitaverint, ibique pro Ecclesiae necessitatibus iuxta mentem Sanctitatis Suae pias ad Deum preces fuderint;

2. Indulgentiam septem annorum ac totidem quadragenarum, quam singuli fideles lucrari poterunt, quoties in aliqua ecclesia praedictum Sancti Rosarii exercitium devote peregerint orantes ut supra iuxta mentem Sanctitatis Suae. Iis vero qui aliquo detenti impedimento memorato pio exercitio interesse in ecclesiis non poterunt, Sanctitas Sua benigne concedit, ut eandem indulgentiam lucrari valeant, dummodo rosariae preces et Litanias privatim recitent iuxta intentionem Sanctitatis Suae.

3. Qui vero per id tempus, quod est inter primam Octobris diem et secundam Novembris, decies praedicti Sanctissimi Rosarii exercitio interfuerint, vel, quatenus impediti, privatim illud persolverint, iidem rite confessis et Sacra Eucharistia refectionis et, ut supra, iuxta mentem Summi Pontificis orantibus Sanctitas Sua aliam concedit plenariam indulgentiam, quam quisque die sibi benivolens, intra tamen praefatum temporis spatium, poterit lucrari.

Non dubito quin pro tua sollicitudine in exequendis Summi Pontificis mandatis et curando Ecclesiae universae bono ac spirituali fidelium tibi commissorum fructu, haec omnia iisdem tempestive significare satagas, quo singuli, si fieri poterit, indulgentiarum beneficio fruantur, et Omnipotens Deus universorum fidelium preces per B. Mariae Virginis intercessionem benigne excipiens, coeleste, quod Ecclesia praestolat, auxilium largiri dignetur.

Interim Deum rogo ut te sospitem diutissime servet.

Romae ex Aed. S. Congr. de Prop. Fide die 16 Iulii 1883.

Ut Frater Addictissimus
IOANNES CARD. SIMONI, Praefectus.
D. ARCHIEPISCOPUS TYBENSIS,
Secretarius.

[We shall give a translation of this letter next week,—not having had time to translate it for this week's issue.—ED. N.Z. TABLET.]

HOW A WOMAN WAS SURPRISED.

LAST Saturday afternoon, says the *Cape Ann Advertiser* of Gloucester Mass., a young man in this city, who occasionally gets under the influence of intoxicants, told his wife that he intended visiting the dentist to have some teeth extracted. Not returning at the time anticipated, fearing that he might have poured too large a quantity of spirits down to keep his spirits up during the trying ordeal of tooth-pulling, she went in search of him, passing down the railroad track near the Blue bridge. Here she saw in the dim light a man lying directly across the track. Not paying particular attention, and fearful of being molested if she troubled him, she walked on. Just then the whistle of the train at West Gloucester was heard, and knowing that if the man was not instantly removed from his perilous position he would certainly be killed, she overcame her fears of being molested, and immediately went to the rescue. She was obliged to roll him over by main strength, and succeeded in getting him into the water course alongside the track, and had just time to get into a safe position herself when the train came thundering by. Upon further examination of the man imagine her surprise on finding him to be her husband. Her feelings at this disclosure cannot be imagined as the thought came into her mind how unwittingly she had come so near passing him by, and what a fate would have been his had she not, upon hearing the whistle listened to the impression which its startling sound made upon her hearing and turned back just in time to save his life. It was a trying ordeal, and with our informant, we unite in the hope that the lesson may result in making the man a staunch teetotaler during the remainder of his earthly pilgrimage.