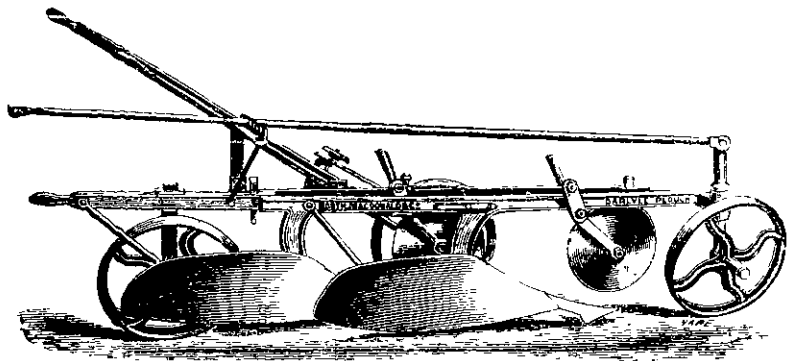


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though more in number than in the preceding period, had not the same magnitude. The county appeared to have no history, and that was a proof it was peaceful.

Mayo.—There is a great want of employment in Ballina, and a public meeting was recently held in Mr Muffeny's Hall. Mr Muffeny spoke as to the cutting of Barneyderrig Hill.

Ballina, in Mayo, is called in the Book of Lecan Bel-atha-antheadha (Bellahana), which signifies the ford mouth of the wood. This name, in the lapse of time, was shortened to Ballina.

Queen's County.—The Spring Assizes for the Queen's County were opened last week by the Lord Chief Baron, who presided in the Crown Court. The Lord Chief Justice sat in the Record Court. The Lord Chief Baron addressing the Grand Jury said: "I am happy to inform you that the criminal business of the assizes is of a very light character. In all seven bills will be sent before you, but in two cases, there are two separate bills against each of the prisoners charged, so that in fact you have but five prisoners to deal with. I have had the advantage of having a conference with the County Inspector, who informs me that the county is in a very peaceable and satisfactory condition, and on his statement, and the character of the calendar, I am very happy to congratulate you on the state of the county."

Roscommon.—The small town of Ballintubber derives its name from a well in the neighbourhood, which our pagan forefathers revered as a divinity, and which, on the coming of St Patrick, was blessed by him, and it is called, in the annals of the Four Masters, Ballintober Patrick, the town of Patrick's Well. The well itself has parted with its old interest, and is known by the name of Tobarnore, or the great well. In the year 1216 an abbey was built at Ballintubber by a king of Connaught, named Cathal, of the Red hand. It is still used as a place of worship, and being roofless, that want was supplied recently through the exertions of the Rev T. Beedy, O.C., formerly of that parish, but now of Claremorris.

Tipperary.—Mr Michael Waters, who was evicted from his holding in Kilkenny, was last week prosecuted for trespassing thereon. The case is causing much excitement, and has not concluded.

The Judge at the recent assizes held in Tipperary for the North Biding of the county complimented the Grand Jury on the few cases to be tried. The compliment is rather for the people.

Tyrone.—Uriah Black was recently fined by the Cookstown magistrate for cheering for Home Rule. Of course, this is just what one expects in Cookstown.

Waterford.—The trustees of the Holy Ghost Hospital, through Mr John Slattery, have recovered from the Christmas family a very valuable interest in premises in Paul's square and Barley's New street.

A meeting in support of the Irish political prisoners was held in the Town Hall, Waterford, a few nights ago. The meeting was got up by the local Amnesty Association, and Mr A. Blaine, ex-Member of Parliament, was the principal speaker. Mr Edmund Harvey, president of the Waterford branch of the association, presided, Mr Strange, solicitor, also addressed the meeting.

Westmeath.—Extensive sales of farms are about being effected in this county, situate at Kinnegad, Corralstown, and Griffinstown, near Killucan Station, on the Midland line.

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Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LAND ASSOCIATION LIMITED, report for week ending May 23, as follows:—

Store Cattle.—The business done in this is a good deal less extensive, a moderate number still change hands, but there are fewer buyers now in the market and only those who have more than a sufficient supply of winter feed show any disposition to purchase. The present demand is chiefly confined to grown cattle in forward condition.

Store Sheep.—The market is now much quieter and the tendency towards lower prices, well-bred crossbreds, wethers and ewes, when young and sound sell readily and at very full prices, but aged and mixed sorts are not so easily moved. The offerings lately are confined principally to odd lots, no lines of any consequence or merit being presented.

Sheepskins.—Our sale at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday passed off fairly satisfactory. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, brought 1s 9d to 2s 9d; do do merino, 1s 5d to 1s 9d; medium to full-woolled crossbreds, 3s to 4s 9d; extra heavy, 5s 3d to 6s 3d; full-woolled merinos good, 2s to 2s 10d; best do do, 3s to 4s 3d; dry pelts, 1s to 1s 4d; best green crossbred skins, 3s to 3s 5d; extra heavy, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; medium to good, 2s 6d to 2s 10d; green merinos, 1s 4d to 1s 9d; do lambskins, best, 3s to 3s 6d; medium, 2s 3d to 3s each.

Rabbitskins.—The supply is still limited, a very much larger number could be easily placed. Buyers are displaying a very considerable amount of animation in their bidding at the auction rooms, and as the skins are improving prices are steadily advancing. This week at our auction sale best skins show an advance of 1/4d to 3/4d per lb on the price obtaining last week. On this occasion late autumn skins brought 9 1/2d to 10 1/2d; early do, 7 1/2d to 8 1/2d; summer do 4 1/2d to 6 1/2d; suckers, half-grown and mixed, 2 1/2d to 4 1/2d per lb.

Hides.—A moderate demand exists for these, more particularly well dried and properly flayed heavy weights. Quotations for heavy, 2 1/2d to 3 1/2d; extra do, 60 lbs and over, 2 1/2d to 3d; medium, 1 1/2d to 1 3/4d; light and inferior, 1d to 1 1/4d per lb.

Tallow.—Market quiet. A fair demand exists for all coming forward, but buyers are less disposed to give prices lately quoted owing, doubtless, to the weak tendency of the market at Home. We quote best rendered mutton 19s to 21s; medium to good, 16s to 18s 6d; inferior to medium, 13s to 15s 6d; best caul fat, 13s to 13s 6d; medium to good, 12s to 12s 9d; inferior to medium, 10s to 11s 9d per cwt (ex store).

Wheat.—A fair amount of business has transpired during the week chiefly medium quality at values on a line with those recently quoted. The Home market still remains unsatisfactory and at the moment most sellers would rather not quit at present somewhat unprofitable rates and display less readiness to meet the views of buyers. We quote prime milling, velvet, 2s 10s to 2s 11s; medium to good, and Tuscany, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; medium to good red wheat, 2s 5s to 2s 8d; inferior to medium, 2s to 2s 4d; ex store, sacks weighed in, terms.

Oats.—There is no change of any consequence in the position of the market with regard to these since we last reported, a moderate demand is experienced for both good short feed and bright stout milling, which are being disposed of in medium sized lines at about equal to last week's rates. Quotations for best milling, 1s 6 1/2d to 1s 7d; prime feed, bright and stout, 1s 5 1/2d to 1s 6d; medium to good, 1s 4 1/2d to 1s 5 1/2d; inferior, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; ex store, sacks extra, net.

Barley has some slight attention, but not very much. Buyers for malting are not disposed to purchase except at a considerable reduction on the prices ruling earlier. There are very few really prime malting samples now offering, the bulk being second rate quality, but of such, small sales are being effected. Quotations for prime malting, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; medium to good, 3st 0 3s 3d; milling 2s 3d to 2s 7d; feed 1s 6d to 1s 9d; ex store, sacks extra.

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