

Hides—Prime heavy sorts and clean met with a very good sale, while light and inferior sorts command less attention. Quotations for best, 60lbs and over, 2½d to 3d; medium weights, 1½d to 2d; inferior and light, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Best rendered mutton, 18s 6d to 20s; medium to good, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; inferior to medium, 12s 6d to 15s; best mutton calf fat, 13s to 13s 6d; medium to good, 12s to 12s 9d; inferior to medium, 10s to 11s 9d per cwt (ex store).

Wheat—The market shows little or no change since date of our last report, while all sorts are saleable and prices remain firm, buyers are not disposed to advance, being suitably supplied from the North at prices on a par with our quotations. For prime milling, velvet, 2s 11d to 3s; extra choice, a shade more; medium to good do and best Tuscan, 2s 9d to 2s 11d; good to best red wheat, 2s 7d to 2s 9d; medium to good whole fowls' wheat, 1s 5d to 2s 6d; broken and inferior, 2s to 2s 4d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—There is no animation of any consequence as yet pervading the market, while there is a small amount of business passing there is nothing of any importance to record. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; choice, 1s 6d; best stout bright feed, 1s 4½d to 1s 5d; medium to good, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½d; inferior and musty, 1s 1d to 1s 2½d; odd lots of long oats fit for seed occasionally fetch from 1s 5d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—There is some inquiry for good, bright, stout malting for export, but no business of any importance is at the moment transpiring. Quotations for prime malting, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; choice, 4s; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d; milling, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; feed, 1s 9d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra).

Grass Seeds—Rye grass seed has some inquiry, and a little more business is being done, though not to any great extent. As the season advances, however, we look for an improvement in the demand, and as stocks are light prices should remain firm; good to best machine dressed is held for 3s to 3s 6d; choice perennial, 3s 9d to 4s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cocksfoot seed best dressed held for 5½d to 6½d; medium, 4d to 5d per lb.

Potatoes—The market for these continues rather sluggish, there being no demand beyond requirements for local consumption; prices show no change, last week's are again applicable, say for best Derwents, L2 2s 6d to L2 5d; choice, L2 7s 6d to L2 10s; medium, L1 12s 6d to L2 per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Chaff—Deliveries during the week being quite in keeping with requirements, prices obtaining show but little difference, say for prime L2 12s 6d to L2 15s; medium to good, L2 5s to L2 10s; inferior to medium, L1 12s 6d to L2 per ton (ex truck, sacks extra, net).

Dairy Produce—There is no speculative demand, the market in consequence is quiet, sales confined to retail lots. Quotations for prime salt butter, dairy made, 6d to 7d; medium, 4½ to 5d; factory made steady at 9d to 10d per lb. Factory made cheese, medium size dull at 4½ to 4¾d; loaf shape, 4½ to 5d; dairy made, 2d to 3½d per lb.

Flax—There have been no consignments forward lately. Quotations nominal, say for medium to good, L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L19 to L12 per ton (ex store).

Messrs DONALD BEID AND Co. report as follows:—

Rabbitskins—Winters mixed, 8½d to 11½d; early winter mixed, 5d to 8½; autumn, 4d to 8d; summer, 3d to 5d; black and fawn, 4d to 10½d (according to season); suckers and half-grown mixed, 1½d to 3d.

Sheepskins—Green crossbreds, 2s 11d to 4s 2d; do merinos, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; dry crossbreds, 2s to 4s 9d; some double fleecers, to 5s; do merinos, 1s 4d to 3s.

Hides—Late quotations are unchanged.

Tallow—Prime rendered, 19s to 20s; medium, 15s 6d to 18s; inferior, 13s 6d to 15s; rough fat, 10s to 13s 6d per cwt.

Wheat—Milling, extra prime, 3s to 3s 2½; good, 2s 9½d to 2s 11d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowl feed, 2s 1d to 2s 5d (sacks in).

Oats—Bright milling and feed sold at 1s 4½ to 1s 5½; medium to good feed, 1s 3½ to 1s 4½; inferior and musty, 1s to 1s 3d.

Barley—Best malting, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s to 3s 5d; milling, 2s 5d to 2s 10d; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 11d (sacks extra).

Potatoes—Best derwents, L2 to L2 7s 6d; inferior, L1 15s to L1 17s 6d; kidneys, L2 7s 6d, to L2 15s; do suitable for seed L2 to L4.

Chaff—Bright oat sheaf, L2 7s 6d to L2 15s; medium, L2 to L2 5s; inferior, L1 10s to L1 17s 6d.

Turnips—Good medium sized sound swedes are the only saleable kind, and several trucks of these have been disposed of at 12s per ton loose, (ex truck).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—

There was again a small entry of horses for our sale on Saturday, but, notwithstanding the few that were advertised, there was a fair demand both for young draught, strong express, and buggy horses; and there was also more inquiry for light horses, of which a good number changed hands. We have inquiries for young draughts and horses suitable for spring cart work, and we have no doubt consignments of useful horses of these classes would sell well. We quote: First-class draughts (extra heavy), L25 to L30; good ordinary (young), L18 to L22; medium draughts, L12 to L16; aged draughts, L6 to L10; good backs and harness horses, L12 to L16; medium do, L7 to L9; light and inferior do, L2 10s to L5.

Mr F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: feed, 1s 3d to 1s 6d; seed, 1s 7d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 8d to 3s; fowls' wheat, 2s 0d to 2s 4d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, 30s to 45s; good to prime, £2 5s to £2 12s 6d. Hay: Oats, £3 0s; ryegrass, £2 5s. Potatoes: seed kidneys, £3; derwents, £2 to £2 5s. Flour: Stone, £6 10s to £7 0s; roller, £7 to £7 15s. Oatmeal, 25lbs, £8 10s; bulk, £8. Butter, fresh, 7d to 10d salt, 7d, fair demand. Eggs, 1s 2d per dozen (fair supply).

WELLINGTON STOCK, HORSE, AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

A. G. TAINE and Co.'s report on the markets for July 26.

Fat Sheep—Market keeping well up. Sales of prime heavy wethers, up to 16s; medium, 13s to 14s; best ewes, 11s to 12s.

Store Sheep—Wethers in fresh condition, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; medium, 9s 6d to 10s 9d.

Lambs—Fair demand. Best, 7s to 7s 6d; medium, 5s 6d to 6s; culls, from 3s upwards.

Fat Cattle—We have numerous enquiries for prime sorts. Beef, up to 19s.

Store Cattle—Capital demand for all classes. Weaners, 26s to 28s; yearlings, 40s; two-year-olds, L3; three-years, well grown, and forward, L4 to L4 10s.

Dairy Cows are badly wanted, and requirements difficult to fill. Have sold good sorts, just calved and close to calving, L7 10s to L9; aged cows, L4 to L5 2s 6d.

Horses—We held our usual weekly horse sale on Saturday. There was a good entry in our yards, including seven good young express and light harness horses from Messrs Hocken Brothers, of Fielding, all of which we sold at, L16, L14 10s, L14, L13, and L11. This market is indebted to Hocken Brothers for a regular supply of this class of horses. Draughts did not sell so well, the difficulty being one of price. We sold useful light harness and other horses, from L3 17s 6d to L8. Hacks are still unsaleable unless for anything very special, but good light harness horses, young and sound, attract attention still.

Sheepskins—Plenty offering, but buyers are shy and have to be coaxed to give anything like value. Prices remain firm.

Tallow, 18s to 20s; for best medium, 15s to 16s.

Wheat—Milling, no business; fowl wheat, 2s 6d to 2s 8d.

Oats—Quiet, 1s 9d to 1s 10½ for best.

Potatoes—Plentiful supply, table, 50s; seed, L3 10d to L5, according to kind.

Chaff—Plenty offering, 65s to 70s.

Property—No sales to report, still an enquiry particularly from the South, for moderate improved farms. Town property: Plenty of enquiries for 4 to 5 roomed, handy, and convenient cottages, and also 7 and 9 roomed houses.

CHARITY SUNDAY IN CHRISTCHURCH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE annual report and balance-sheet of the year's working of the Society of St Vincent de Paul was distributed on Sunday last, and shows most conclusively what an amount of good can be done in a community by a few willing and unostentatious workers. To very many people, perhaps, a perusal of the contents of this report comes somewhat as a revelation. The poverty, wretchedness, and, alas, depravation in the larger centres of these colonies is an unknown and undreamt of quantity to a majority of the citizens. In this respect we are fast drifting to the condition so manifest in old countries. Societies, therefore, such as that of St Vincent de Paul are to be commended for the exertions they are making to if not wholly bring about a better state of things, at least to point the way and render the lot of the poor and oppressed, with the slender means in their power, a great deal easier to bear.

The only resources the local conference of the Order have, apart from the individual members' contributions, is the result of an annual appeal made to the congregation. This was fixed for Sunday, and collections were taken up at all the services by the Brothers of the Society in place of the usual collectors. At the Pro-Cathedral at the High Mass an annual charity sermon was preached by the Very Rev Father Cummings, S.M., V.G. (spiritual director). Taking for his text the divine words, "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples; if ye have love one for another." The very rev preacher delivered a powerful discourse on the virtue of charity, and an eloquent appeal to all to contribute, in however small a way, to the fund to aid our more unfortunate brethren. A full and efficient choir rendered special Mass for the occasion. Haydn's grand Imperial Mass was performed remarkably well, the soprano solos being taken very effectively by Mrs J. P. Kelly. At the offertory Mr F. R. Woodhouse, a professional vocalist of wide repute, sang the tenor solo, "Ave Maria," by Luigi Luzzi, most artistically.

At Vespers the Rev Father Bell, S.M., preached also on the subject of charity taking for his text the words of our Blessed Lord, "Whatever ye shall do unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do unto me." The sermon was a homely one and in describing the simple, though pathetic story of the life of St Vincent de Paul the preacher's remarks reached the hearts of his hearers. Before Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament the solo, "O Beat in the Lord," by Mendelssohn, was beautifully rendered by Miss Annie Hayward, the rich low notes of this accomplished young lady's voice being brought out to great advantage. At Benediction Miss A. Bryant sang a pretty "O Salutaris" with much effect. Large congregations were the rule throughout the day and the funds of the society should be materially augmented.

The Walter A. Wood Company's "Farmer's Favourite Grain Drill," shows a vast improvement on machines of the kind. By means of it, work is better and more quickly done—and the results obtained are much more satisfactory. Farmers should consult their own interests by purchasing the machine.

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