

# N.Z. LOAN & MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED, DUNEDIN.

## GRAIN.

The Company have pleasure in intimating that they are now prepared to receive Consignments of

OATS, WHEAT, BARLEY, &c.

At their DUNEDIN STORES, which are connected with Main Railway Lines by Private Sidings. STORAGE AT LOWEST RATES

LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE ON GRAIN WHEN RECEIVED INTO STORE.

Large Stocks of CORNSACKS and TWINES on hand.

## FAT STOCK.

Sales conducted every WEDNESDAY at Burnside Yards.

COMMISSION— $\frac{1}{2}$  Per Cent.

ANDREW TODD, Manager.

deplorable dissensions in the Irish Parliamentary Party are so far composed as to restore it to what was once its admirable efficiency.—I remain, dear sir, your obedient servant. W. E. GLADSTONE."

**IRELAND AND THE CONFESSIONAL.**—The Rev Canon Humble, a Protestant clergyman, in *The Church and the World* 1866, says:—"The high morality of Ireland is owing, in great part, to the habit of the people—Catholics—going to confession, and the low tone of morals in Scotland is, I fear, to be greatly attributed to the impossibility of having recourse to this sacramental ordinance."

**BARNEY BARNATO NOT AN IRISHMAN.**—We have seen it stated somewhere that Barney Barnato, the South African millionaire, is a lucky Irishman. It is now asserted that the real name of Barnato is Issacs, and also that he is the son of a Whitobapel old-clo' dealer. He and brother Harry were trained as pugs, and were reckoned clever with their fists. Barney is also a brilliant billiardist. "Mrs" Barney Barnato is known in South Africa as Fanny Bees. She is the handsome daughter of an Afriander resident at Simeon's Bay, where, before she met Barney, she used to keep a coffee-stall.

**REDUCING THE IRISH BENCH.**—*Truth* says: "A Bill will be brought in by Mr Hanbury, on behalf of the Government, to reduce the strength of the Irish bench by three judges, and new appointments will be stopped until the reform has taken place. This is a piece of economy which was strongly recommended by Lord Welby when he was at the Treasury."

## Commercial.

**THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED,** report for the week ended March 17 as follows:—

**Store Sheep.**—A very considerable number changed hands, young sheep both crossbred and merino are in fair demand while aged sheep of all sorts are difficult to place.

**Store Cattle.**—All offered are readily placed at prices more in favour of sellers considering those paid for finished cattle.

**Sheepskins.**—The local sales are well attended. Dry skins fully maintain prices lately ruling, while green sorts are weekly improving in value, best green crossbreds fetching 2s to 2s 4d; extra heavy, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 11d; green lambkins, best, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; medium, 1s 6d to 2s 3d; best dry crossbreds, 4½d to 5½d; medium, 3d to 4d; best do merino, 4d to 4½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d per lb.

**Rabbitkins.**—Considering the tone of the market at Home, the demand here continues good, but this being the off season the business done is not very extensive. Best spring and autumn skins are fetching 7½d to 8½d; medium, 6d to 7d; summer, 3d to 5d; suckers and inferior, 1d to 2½d per lb.

**Hides.**—While heavy sorts are in good request, light and medium do not command so much attention. Quotations—For best, 2d to 2½d; extra heavy, 2½d to 3d; light, 1½d to 1¾d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

**Tallow and Fat.**—Late quotations are being still maintained, say, for best rendered mutton, fit for export, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; inferior to medium, 10s 6d to 13s 6d; best fresh mutton caul fat, 11s 3d to 11s 9d; medium to good, 10s 3d to 10s 9d; inferior to medium, 8s 6d to 9s 9d per cwt (ex store).

**Wheat.**—The tendency of the market is on the decline, buyers are not keen to operate except at lower prices. Prime Tuscan and velvet, 3s 7d to 3s 9d; medium to good do do and best red wheat, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; medium to good red wheat, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; inferior, 2s 9d to 3s 2d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

**Oats.**—There is no demand from outside, and with some of the new crop coming forward there is no improvement in prices. Meantime we quote prime milling, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; best bright short feed, 1s 7d to 1s 7½d; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d; inferior, 1s 2½d to 1s 5d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Barley.**—There is no animation to speak of in the market. While extra prime samples are saleable inferior and medium quality has but scant attention. Quotations for prime malting, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra do, a shade more; medium to good, 2s 6d to 3s; inferior, 2s to 2s 4d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Grass Seeds.**—Market somewhat sluggish for ryegrass seed. Prime machine dressed may be quoted at 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra do, 3s 9d to 4s; farmers' best dressed, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cocksfoot has very little inquiry. Quotations for best dressed, 3½d to 4d; medium, 2½d to 3d per lb (net, ex store).

**Potatoes.**—Market over supplied. Best derwents fetch L2 10s to L2 15s; medium do and kidneys, L1 17s 6d to L2 5s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

**Chaff.**—The supply being now in excess of requirements prices are down 10s to 12s per ton. Quotations for prime, L2 10s to L2 13s 6d; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

**LAERY AND CO, LIMITED, Wellington,** report as follows:—

**Wheat.**—The market shows little or no change. Southern holders still ask prices which prohibit business. In the meantime chances of securing orders from Australia are being lost. We quote—Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 5d f.o.b. southern ports, 3s 3d f.o.b. Blenheim; prime old fowl wheat, 3s 10d to 4s; medium quality, 3s per bushel (ex stores, Wellington).

**Oats.**—A fair quantity of the new season's oats is now offering and values generally are a shade easier. We quote—Prime short, 2s 1d to 2s 3d; Duns, 2s 3d; Danish, 2s to 2s 1d per bushel.

**Barley.**—Choice lines still command attention, but medium and ordinary grades are neglected. We quote—Choice Marlborough grown, 3s 6d; prime Nelson, 3s 3d to 3s 6d f.o.b.; Cape, 3s; best feed, 2s 7d to 2s 8d per bushel (ex store here).

**Beans.**—Moderate demand at 3s to 3s 6d per bushel.

**Pollard.**—Market still firm at 90s to 95s per ton.

**Maize.**—Slightly easier at 3s 8d per bushel.

**STRONACH BROS AND MORRIS** report for week ending 17th inst a follows:—

**Fat Cattle.**—113 yarded. Best beef was dearer by 10s to 15s per head. Best bullocks, L8 to L9 10s.

**Fat Sheep.**—Best crossbred wethers, 10s 9d to 12s; medium do, 9s to 10s 6d; others, 4s to 8s 6d.

**Lambs.**—Prime freezers bringing 9s to 10s 6d; others, 5s to 8s 6d. **Pigs.**—Bacon pigs, 32s 6d to 48s; porkers, 24s to 30s; stores, 21s to 29s; slips, 6s 6d to 14s; suckers, 3s to 6s.

**Tallow.**—Prime rendered, 14s to 15s; medium to inferior, 10s to 13s; rough fat, 9s to 11s 6d per cwt.

**Oats.**—Prime milling, to 1s 8½d (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—Best derwents, L2 15s to L3 11s; kidneys, to L2 2s 6d per ton.

**Chaff.**—Prime old chaff, L2 17s 6d; best new do, L2 10s.

**MR F. MEENAN, King street,** reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats, feed: 1s 5d to 1s 8d; milling, 1s 8½d; demand fair. Wheat: Fowls' 2s 6d to 3s 4d; Fair demand. Milling, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; Chaff: new now in, £2 10s to £2 15s; old, £2 12s 6d to £3 2s 6d; market bare supplied. Hay, oaten: None in market. Ryegrass, new, £3. The quality is good this season. Straw: 32s 6d to 35s, pressed and loose. Potatoes: kidneys, £2 to £2 5s; derwents, L2 7s 6d to L2 15s. Flour: sacks, £9 10s to £10; Roller, stone, £8 to £8 10s; Oatmeal: in 25lbs, £9; butter, dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9d to 10d. Eggs, 1s. Onions, 6s 6d per cwt. Christchurch, bran, L3 5s.

**P.P.P.**—The great remedy for Sciatica, Sprains, Neuralgia. To be had from all chemists.—ADVT.

**Mr W. Iles,** late cutter for Brown Ewing and Co., has opened for himself in Duodun next A.M.P. buildings. Mr Iles has made many friends by his courtesy and attention to work, and will secure large patronage.

HEART DISEASE, INDIGESTION.

RAINBOW & SONS' INVIGORATOR for New Life. Try it and be your own judge. RAINBOW'S INVIGORATOR is the best all-round medicine in the world, and cannot be beaten by any skill in existence as a Blood Purifier. DIRECTIONS.—Take a half to one teaspoonful after meals, in a little sugar and water. To act as a purgative take one and a half to two teaspoonfuls at bedtime.

## LAW & ANDRELL

wish to inform the General Public that they have opened as HAIRDRESSERS & TOBACCONISTS, at No. 17 Willis Street, Wellington. All kinds of Hairwork done on the shortest notice. Country Orders promptly attended to.