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LIBERAL CASH ADVANCES at LOWEST CURRENT RATES of Interest
On GROWING CLIPS OF WOOL.

GRASS SEEDS.—Choice and Carefully Selected Stock of all descriptions now on hand for Spring Sowing.

FAT STOCK.—Sales conducted every Wednesday at Burnside Yards.

ANDREW TODD, Manager, DUNEDIN.

Fitzgerald, was charged with stealing from the church on Saturday, 25th, a market basket and its contents, and also with having on the 24th March last stolen a bunch of keys, the property of Miss Kate Byrne, of Ballymureen. Sergeant Stacey, in answer to District Inspector Coleman, proved that on the 25th ultimo he was on watch in the cathedral. He saw the accused take the basket. He followed her out and charged her with the offence. She said she lost a basket herself about five weeks before and that the one she took was like it. She made a mistake. He searched her house and found the bunch of keys produced. They fitted a number of locks in Miss Byrne's house at Ballymureen. He also stated that while he had the accused under observation she searched several baskets in the church. Miss Byrne deposed that she lost a bag in the cathedral on the 24th March last. It contained a considerable sum of money, some toilet articles, and the bunch of keys produced. She never got back the bag or money. The accused, on the application of District Inspector Coleman, was returned for trial to the next Quarter Sessions. Much public attention was directed to the case, and the conduct of Sergeant Stacey is highly commended.

TYRONE.—Discovery of a Cromlech.—While a man named Corr was cutting turf in one of Lissan bogs he came upon what appears to be a very fine ancient cromlech, over which about three feet of turf had grown. The side stones are as smooth as finely polished marble, measure nine feet in length, three in height, and would weigh several tons. These stones are covered by two huge slabs, which give some idea of what the strength of our ancestors must have been to place them in their present position. A large boulder, which served as a doorway, was slightly removed on discovery, so that entrance and explorations of the cromlech are quite easy. The bottom is carefully paved with smaller stones.

IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

I.

Oh, my love is with the land
So fair and bright and grand
Where the people are so kindly and so true;
Where hands and hearts are warm
In sunshine and in storm,
And the speech is soft and sweet as summer dew;
Where 'tis *deach* and *maeree*
(What more loving words could be?)
And 'tis *gra-gal* and *macounern*, and *asthore*;
And the hearty *bannacht-lath*
Prays a blessing on your path.
And they wish you luck and happiness *qu-leor*.

II.

There is pity for the poor.
There is helping ever sure
For the "innocent," the cripple, and the blind;
There are cheering words and free
For the white-haired *canitheer*,
And the poor old "widdy" long since left behind;
For 'tis "Morning," Maurya Fay,
And 'tis well you look to-day;
You'll be smiling on a sweetheart soon again!
And 'tis Phaudrig *Dall*, avick,
Sure you hardly need the stick,
Wid the knowledge and the light that's in your brain."

III.

Then around the fire at night.
What a scene of pure delight.
With the *scanachees*, the *colleens*, and the boys,
As they tell old Ireland's wrongs,
And they sing young Ireland's songs.
And are thrilled by Erin's sorrows and her joys;
And 'tis "God reward old Dan,
Aye, and every other man
Who strove to make dear *Granin* free and great!
And 'tis 'Oh, boys, for a chance
From America or France,
Such as came and passed away in Ninety-eight!'"

IV.

Then the fiddler tunes his strings,
And they move away the things,
And they make what space they can upon the floor:
And at it, heel and toe.
The merry dancers go,
And the *ceol* is heard far out beyond the door:
And 'tis "Bravo, purty Kate!
Faith your steps are light and nate!"
And 'tis "Well done, Paddy! you're your father's son!"
But, boys—alas for me.
'Tis amongst you I would be,
But my singing and my dancing days are done.

Commercial.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED, report for the week ended October 6, as follows:—

Wheat—There is no improvement to note in the demand, the business passing is in consequence limited; quotations for prime milling velvet, 3s 8d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; prime red wheat and Tuscan, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; inferior, and fowls' wheat, 2s 8d to 3s 3d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—These are in moderate demand only and the tendency of the market is towards lower prices; quotations for prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; best short feed oats, 1s 8d to 1s 8½d; medium, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; inferior, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d (ex store, sacks extra).

Barley—Prime malting has some inquiry but inferior is difficult to place; quotation for prime malting, 3s to 3s 6d; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 5d; inferior, 1s 8d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra).

Grass Seed—Ryegrass seed is difficult to move, especially coarse grown, the small demand existing being for short stout seed. Quotations for best dressed, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra prime, 3s 9d to 4s 3d (ex store, sacks extra). Cockstoot: Firm, best dressed fetching 5½d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 5½d per lb (ex store, sacks extra).

Chaff—Deliveries being in excess of requirements, prices are lower, best fetching 12 7s 6d to 12 10s; medium, 11 17s 6d to 12 5s per ton (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

Potatoes—Market firmer this week, but northern Derwent's fetching 62s 6d to 66s; medium, 50s to 57s 6d per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Sheepskins—Buyers are operating freely but at lower prices best green crossbreds fetch, 4s 3d to 4s 7d; extra heavy pick d, 4s 9d to 5s; medium 3s 3d to 4d; best dry crossbreds, 4½d to 5½d; medium, 3d to 4d; best do. merino, 3d to 4d, medium, 2d to 3½d per lb.

Rabbitskins—Are in fair demand at last weeks rates, say, for prime wether does, 12s to 12½d, best do. bucks and does, mixed 10d to 11d; medium, 8d to 9½d; autumn, 5d to 6½d; inferior and summer, 1d to 4½d per lb.

Hides—Best fetch 2d to 2½d; extra heavy, 3d to 3½d; light, 1½d to 1¾d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Country rendered broken packages, 10s 6d to 15s; best mutton caul fat, 11s to 12s; medium to good, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; inferior to medium, 8s 6d to 9s per cwt (ex store, net).

MESSRS LAERY AND CO., LIMITED, Grain and Produce Merchants, Wellington, report as follows:—

Butter—We quote prime separator in roll (fresh), 10d; good separator, 9d; prime salt, 6½d to 7½d; prime dairy 8d; ordinary, 6d to 7d per lb.

Poultry—We quote fowls, 3s to 3s 6d; ducks, 3s 6d to 4s; Geese, 5s; Turkeys, 7s per pair.

Wheat—We quote prime whole fowl wheat 3s 8d; broken, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; prime milling, 3s 10d per bushel.

Oats—Market slightly easier. We quote prime short feed, 2s 2d; Danish, 2s 1d; duns (scarce), 2s 6d per bushel.

Barley—Poor demand. Best feed, 2s 8d; prime malting, nominally 3s 9d to 4s per bushel.

Potatoes—In sympathy with southern advices, values during the week have advanced materially. Prime Canterbury and Oamaru Derwents range from 72s 6d to 80s per ton.

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