

**POTATOES**—The supply was more than equal to the demand. We submitted both northern and southern Derwents, but as competition was weak only a few lots were quit ed. We quote best Derwents, 30s to 32s 6d; fair to good, 27s 6d to 30s per ton (sacks in).

**CHAFF**—We submitted a considerable quantity, all sorts being presented. For medium there was no demand, and even good quality was difficult to place. Prime oat chaff was well competed for, and sold at an advance of 5s to 7s 6d per ton on last week's prices. Inferior and cow chaff also met with some demand at quotations. We quote prime oat chaff, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; good, L2 5s 6d to L2 5s; medium, L1 15s to L1 17s 6d; inferior, L1 5s to L1 10s per ton (sacks extra).

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows—

**WHEAT**—No change in values to report. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; medium 2s 2d to 2s 3½d; prime Tuscan and red sorts, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; medium, 2s 1d to 2s 2½d; fowl wheat, 1s 8d to 2s per bushel (sacks in).

**OATS**—Market steady. Seed lines 1s 1½d to 1s 6d; milling, 1s 1d to 1s 5d; good to best feed, 1s 3½d to 1s 1d; medium, 1s 2d to 1s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

**BARLEY**—Market quiet. Prime malting, 2s 3d to 3s; extra prime lake samples, 3s 3d to 3s 8d; feed and milling, 1s 6d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

**CHAFF**—Market fully supplied. Prime oat chaff, L2 2s 6d to L2 5s; medium, L1 17s 6d to L2 per ton (bags extra).

**POTATOES**—Market over supplied. Best Derwents, 35s per ton (bags in).

### LIVE STOCK.

#### ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

To-day being a double market at Addington, there being no sale next week, the entries were large in most classes of stock, and there was a very good attendance. Business in all the fat departments was brisk. Entries: 6,500 fat sheep, 1,400 store sheep, 4,110 fat lambs, 511 cattle, 448 pigs. The feature of this market was undoubtedly the large yarding of fat lambs, some extremely well finished lines coming forward.

**FAT CATTLE**—The 258 head yarded were mostly good sorts, and met with fair competition, if anything prices being slightly firmer without any appreciable advance in price. Good to prime beef brought from 17s to 18s 6d per 100lb: medium to good 15s to 16s 9d; and cow and inferior sorts, 12s 6d to 14s 6d. Per head steers brought from £5 to £7 15s; ordinary to good heifers, £1 to £7, and up to £8 10 for extra prime: cows, £1 to £7 10s.

**FAT SHEEP**—The yarding was a record one for the season, both for number and quality. Business was very brisk. Butchers keenly competed for choice lots, and some show wethers from Wairarapa brought 24s to 26s. The demand for export was unusually brisk, and a further advance took place. Butchers' ewes also sold well. Prime heavy-weight wethers, 22s to 27s for freezers; wethers and mixed lines wethers and maiden ewes, 16s to 21s; prime trade ewes, 14s to 16s 10d; medium to good do, 11s 6d to 13s 6d; and others, 9s to 10s 6d.

**FAT LAMBS**—The entry of lambs showed a great improvement in quality, and buyers for export were almost tumbling over each other in their anxiety to secure better lines, of which there were some large ones. One of over 800 brought 16s to 16s 7d; several others bringing over 16s, and other big lots over 15s, while for a picked lot of 61 an export buyer gave 20s.

**STORE SHEEP**—These were not in. Forward wethers and lambs held their own, but ewes were a trifle easier, especially a lot not guaranteed in lamb. Wethers 13s 2s to 15s 3d, lambs 9s 9d to 11s 11s, ewes 9s 10d to 12s 5d.

**PIGS** were a little easier, baconers running from 3½d to 3½d, and porkers 4d to 4½d per lb.

#### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co. report as follows—

For this week's sale a considerable number of light harness horses came forward, including consignments from Southland and New South Wales. The Southland horses being good sorts and in good condition sold well, but those from the sister colony were very thin, and only two out of 11 changed hands. Notwithstanding that they were out of condition, there were good offers made for the unsold horses in the New South Wales consignment, but rather than accept them the importer (Mr. Hegarty) decided to hold over for a future sale. The prices obtained for the other light horses sold ranged from L12 to L18. Strong light harness horses for bakers' carts and the like purpose are badly wanted, and would sell readily at quotations. Of heavy draughts not many were offered, but there was strong inquiry for carriers' powerful horses and also for good farm sorts. For one first-class five-year-old gelding we obtained L10, and for two others L35 and L25 respectively. We quote as follows: First-class young draught mares and geldings, L35 to L45; good do., L28 to L35; medium sorts, L20 to L25; aged draughts, L12 to L16; first-class hacks and light harness horses, L18 to L25; good do., L12 to L16; medium do., 16 to L19; aged and inferior, L2 to L5.

#### WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, May 17.—At the wool sales the Waiuata clip fetched 8½d.

The fifth series will open on September 19, and the sixth on November 28. The quantity to be offered will be unlimited.

A later message states that wool shows a slightly firmer tone.

London, May 18.—At the wool sales bidding was good, but prices were unchanged.

At the tallow sales 1175 casks were offered and 900 sold.

London, May 19.—The wool sales were good of merinos. A better selection was offered.

The Otekaike clip realised 9 5-8d.

The Bradford market is weaker. Common sixties, 2½d; supers, 26d.

London, May 20.—The wool sales closed slightly in buyers' favour. The quantity catalogued was 185,186 bales. The quantity sold to the Continent was 95,000 bales, to Home buyers 85,000 bales, and to American none. Five thousand bales were held over.

The cessation of the French demand when immediate needs were satisfied caused a slight reaction last week.

Merinos closed at about the opening rates—15 per cent. above March prices: fine crossbreds were 20 per cent., and firm throughout: coarse crossbreds were 10 to 15 per cent.

The market is practically bare, and the outlook for the next sales is hopeful.

The Duntroon clip realised 10½d.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

**RABBITSKINS**—The market this week shows no alteration, early winters selling at up to 21½d; other sorts in proportion.

**SHEEPSKINS**—Market very firm. Best dry crossbreds, 3s 9d to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 9d to 3s 8d; best dry halfbred merinos, 4s to 5s 6d; medium, 2s 9d to 3s 10s; butcher green skins, 2s 6d to 3s 5d; do. lambskins, 2s 6d each.

**HIDES**—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 4d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.

**TALLOW**—Market unchanged. Best rendered mutton, 14s to 16s; medium, 12s to 13s 6d; rough fat, 8s 6d to 11s per cwt.

Mr. F. MEENAN, King street reports:—Wholesale price only—

Oats feed, medium to prime, 1s 2d to 1s 4d; milling, 1s 4d to 1s 5d. Wheat plentiful: milling, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; fowls', 1s 6d to 2s. Chaff: L1 15s to L2 5s according to quality, plentiful. Ryegrass and clover hay: L3 to L3 5s. Straw: bare, loose, 28s; pressed, 27s per ton. Potatoes: L1 12s 6d to L1 15s. Market overstocked. Flour: 17 to L7 10s. Oatmeal: in 25lb bags, L8. Butter: dairy, 6d to 8d; fresh factory, 9d to 10d. Eggs: 1s 8d. Bran: L2 10s. Pollard: L3 10s. Onions: L3 10s to L3 15s per ton best.

## What the Cables Say.

Increasing activity is being shown in the direction of initiating an export trade from Manchester to Australia.

Mr Cockburn, Agent-General for South Australia, and Mr W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, will attend the Tuberculosis Conference at Berlin.

Signor Crispi, in an article, declares that the invitation to America to participate in the Peace Conference sets up a precedent for her intervention in all European questions.

The Government have decided to convert the Imperial Institute into national property. The last wing will be allotted to the London University.

A letter written by a sergeant of sharpshooters has been published in Paris. The writer states that Major Marchand shot and hanged runaway porters, and made women his luggage-bearers, while advancing towards the Nile.

Mr W. T. Stead has been allowed to deliver a lecture to the British residents in St. Petersburg. He denounced the censorship over all publications brought into the country as idiotic and mischievous. He complained that no peace society was allowed to be organised in Russia.

Seven Englishmen and one Dane were arrested at Johannesburg during the early part of last week, and conveyed to Pretoria on a charge of enlisting men for service against the Transvaal. It is alleged that 2000 men had already been enrolled. Some accounts declare that several of the accused were either British officers or ex-officers, but this is doubted. The British agent expressed to President Kruger regret at the incident, especially on the eve of a friendly understanding. President Kruger hoped it would not interfere with his meeting with Sir A. Milner. The plot was discovered through a detective, who pretended to join the movement, and watched the growth of the scheme for four months.

## LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(SPECIAL TO N.Z. TABLET.)

(Per favour Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris.)

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

**FAT CATTLE**—121 yarded. Prices slightly lower than last week. Best bullocks, L7 to L8 10s; medium, L5 to L6 15; best cows and heifers, L5 to L6 15s; medium, L3 10s to L4 15s.

**SHEEP**—2340 penned. Prices had declined about 1s per head on last sale. Best crossbred wethers, 17s to 16s 9d; medium, 13s to 14s 6d; best ewes, 14s 6d to 16s; medium, 13s to 14s 3d.

**LAMBS**—900 penned, all meeting with a good demand. Best lambs, 11s to 12s 6d; medium, 9s to 10s 6d; others, 7s to 8s 9d.

**PIGS**—71 forward; a good demand for all offered. Suckers, 9s to 11s; slips, 16s to 20s; porkers, 32s to 38s; baconers, 47s to 62s.

Messrs. Fletcher, Humphreys and Co., wine, spirit and cider merchants, Cathedral Square, Christchurch, notify that they are importers of cigars, cigarettes, Indian, Ceylon and China teas, and American goods. Messrs. Fletcher, Humphreys and Co. have a well-deserved reputation of being importers of the best class of goods, and clients can always rely on receiving liberal treatment from this old-established firm.—\* \* \*

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