

**POTATOES**—The market continues to be over-supplied, and all sorts are difficult to quit at late quotations. We quote: Best derwents, 27s 6d to 30s; others, to 25s per ton (sacks in).

**CHAFF**—The only class in favour with buyers is prime oaten sheaf. Medium quality is neglected, and cannot be quoted except at extremely low prices. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, L2 2s 6d to L2 5s; extra heavy, to L3 7s 6d; good do, L1 17s 6d to L2; medium, L1 10s to L1 15s per ton (bags extra).

Mr. F. MEENAN, King street reports—Wholesale price only—Oats: feed, medium to prime, 1s 2d to 1s 4d; milling, 1s 4d to 1s 6d. 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, 25s per ton. Potatoes: 27s 6d to 30s. Market overstocked. Flour: L7 to L7 10s. Oatmeal: in 25lb bags, L8. Butter: dairy, 6d to 8d; fresh factory, 10d to 11d. Eggs: 1s 4d. Bran: L3 6s. Pollard: L3 10s. Onions: L5 0s per ton best.

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

London, June 28.—The fourth series of the London colonial wool sales opened to-day. Compared with the closing prices of the last series, merinos showed an advance of 5 to 10 per cent.; crossbreds a decline of 7½ per cent.

London, June 29.—At the wool sales yesterday there was keen competition, and prices were unchanged. There was better competition yesterday in crossbred wools. The Omarama clip realised 10 1-8d and the Patoka clip 7½d. The Bradford wool market is quiet. Common sixties, 25½; super, 27½.

London, July 1.—At the wool sales to-day bidding was animated, and all classes were firm. The Waihau brand realised 6½d, and the Oreti brand 9½d.

London, July 2.—At the wool sales prices are well maintained. Up to date, during the present series, 55,859 bales have been catalogued, and 52,147 sold. TITI and R and S over T (Riddiford and Sons, Teawaiti) clip sold at 7d.

London, July 4. At the wool sales the 'Ngatipa' clip sold at 6½d, and the 'Glenburn' at 6½d. Prices remain unchanged.

At the periodical sales the hides supply was small, and there were no buyers. Leather was dull and prices remained unchanged.

TALLOW—Total stocks, 17,507 casks; imports during the past month were 4596 casks, and deliveries 4605.

Messrs. Buxton, Jacomb, and Balme's joint wool catalogue comprised 12,184 bales, two-thirds of which were New Zealand wools, chiefly crossbreds. There was animated competition, and a good attendance of buyers, especially of those representing Home firms, who took the bulk of fine crossbreds at par to 5 per cent. advance. Lambs' wool was from ½d to ¾d lower.

Sydney, July 1.—The local wool season has closed. 616,000 bales were exported, compared with 615,000 for last season. The net production for the colony was 713,000 bales, as against 722,000 bales for the previous year.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. received the following cable from their London office, dated June 27:—The wool sales have opened with a large attendance of buyers and animated competition, but there is an indifferent selection. The clips offered so far have been mostly crossbreds. Prices for merino wools and fine crossbreds are higher than closing rates of last series by 5 per cent., medium crossbreds being on a par with closing rates. Coarse crossbreds are 5 to 7½ per cent. lower.

The National Mortgage and Agency Company Company received the following cablegram from their London office, dated June 27:—'Wool sales opened at an average advance of 5 per cent. for merinos of all descriptions and crossbred finest descriptions, and an average decline of 7½ per cent. on crossbred coarse descriptions. The market is unchanged for crossbred medium descriptions.'

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited) received the following cablegram from their London office last week:—'Wool—Merino fine crossbred. The sales opened at an average advance of 5 per cent. on last sale's closing rates. Medium crossbred: The tone of the market is easier. Coarse crossbred: The sales opened at an average decline of about 5 per cent. to 7½ per cent. on last sale's closing rates. There is less spirit among buyers for coarse crossbred. Attendance of both Home and foreign buyers is good.'

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

**RABBITSKINS**—Competition was keen at Monday's sale, and prices were well maintained. Winter greys sold at 1s 10d to 2s 1d; selected, a shade more; early do, 1s 7d to 1s 9½d; autumns, 1s 4d to 1s 6½d; summers, 10d to 1s 3d; suckers and runners, 5d to 9½d; blacks and silver greys, 1s 8d to 2s 3½d per lb.

**SHEEPSKINS**—We offered a very large catalogue on Tue-day, when prices were fully equal to late quotations, fine woolled skins being very keenly competed for.

**HIDES**—Market firm. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 4½d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.

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

#### THE QUALITY OF WOOL.

A Wellington firm has received from its London agents the following notes of interest to sheep farmers in regard to crossbred wools: 'The North Island clips are getting coarser and nearer Lincoln year by year, and some brokers strongly recommend a return to finer grades where practicable. Coarseness at present tells

greatly against value, for during the current series we have been compelled to accept 1½d per lb less for some wools than they would have realised had they been a few grades finer. Again, other brokers point out that fashions may change at any time, and the demand revert to long coarse wools. In our opinion the matter must be left to practical sheep farmers to decide, taking also into consideration the heavier fleeces and larger carcasses of those sheep which produce the shorter kinds of wool. The deterioration in many clips is attributed to want of fresh blood.'

#### LIVE STOCK.

##### ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET

There were only small entries in most classes of stock at Addington, comprising 6943 fat sheep, 2318 fat lambs, 1800 score sheep, 375 cattle, and 297 pigs.

**FAT CATTLE**—156 yarded, including 15 very heavy bullocks from the North Island, which sold at L9 5s to L9 10s. The others were light to handy weights, and the market was without alteration. Local steers, L5 to L7 5s; heifers and cows, L3 17s 6d to L6 10s.

**FAT SHEEP**—A small entry. There were very few good freezers, and factories being blocked, matters eased off, this class selling at 15s to 18s 6d; extra heavy, at 21s; butchers' ewes, extra prime, to 15s 10d; good, up to 13s; and others easier down to 9s.

**LAMBS**—There was a keen demand for prime lambs for export at from 14s 6d to 18s, and extra prime up to 22s. Butchers' and unfinished sorts were easier at from 10s 6d to 12s 9d.

**STORE SHEEP**—The bulk of the store sheep were breeding ewes, which met with a keen demand at 12s 9d to 15s 1d; mixed two-tooths, 13s 4d; lambs, 10s 3d; merino wethers, 5s 6d to 6s 9d, and ewes 5s 6d.

Pigs sold fairly well, baconers averaging 3½d and porkers 4½d. Stores were well up to late rates.

##### DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was only a limited number of horses at our Saturday's sale, and as there was a large attendance of both town and country buyers, very brisk competition was the result. Draughts were in small supply, and met very spirited bidding. We would strongly recommend owners of draught horses to send them to our weekly sales, as, owing to so many large estates having been broken up for settlement, the demand for farm horses is very keen. During the week we have made a number of satisfactory private sales. Of spring-carters there were really no good horses forward. Demand for this stamp of horse is good, and we can confidently recommend consignments. Hacks and harness horses were also represented, but most of those offered were of rather inferior quality, and very little demand existed for them. There is a good brisk demand for really good horses of this class, and we can quote some at high figures. We quote: Heavy draughts, from four to six years old, at from L0 to L60; good do, L32 to L38; medium, L20 to L30; up-standing spring carters, young and sound, L16 to L25; hacks and harness horses, really first-class, L18 to L28; medium, L10 to L18; light and inferior, L3 to L5.

##### THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ended Monday (3rd inst) (says the *Otago Daily Times*) returns were reported from 24 dredges, the total gold yield being 970oz 19dwt 23gr, or an average of over 40oz per dredge. The returns reported were—

Clyde (Alexandra), 171oz; Magnetic (Cromwell), 133oz 10dwt; Matau (Alexandra), 120oz; Vincent (Clyde), 59oz; Enterprise (Alexandra), 137hrs, 53oz 9dwt 12gr; Hartley and Riley (Cromwell), 44oz 12dwt; Jutland Flat (Waipori), 14hrs 43oz 18dwt; Unity (Alexandra), 37oz 3dwt 5gr; Golden Beach (Alexandra), 89½hrs, 34oz 1dwt; Molyneux Hydraulic (Alexandra), 27oz 16dwt; Golden Gate (Island Block), 6 days, 26oz 9dwt; Manorburn (Alexandra), 117hrs, 2oz; Inch Valley (near Palmerston), 20oz 3dwt; Waimumu, (near Gore), 124hrs, 29oz; Golden Treasure (Millers Flat), 19oz; Otago (Millers Flat), 18oz 9dwt; Ettrick (Moa Flat), 4 days, 17oz; Dunedin (Roxburgh), 15oz 10dwt; Golden Point (Alexandra), 15oz; Nil Desperandum (Manuherikia), 11ozs 6dwt; Upper Waipori (Waipori) 119hrs, 12oz 18dwt; Empire (Waipori), 12oz 7dwt 12gr; Golden Terrace (Lower Shotover), 11oz 6dwt; Ophir (Ophir), 10oz 14dwt 18gr; Sunlight (Beaumont) 86hrs, 8oz 7dwt;—total, 970oz 19dwt 23gr.

##### LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(SPECIAL TO N.Z. TABLET.)

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

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

**FAT CATTLE**—646 yarded. Prices about same as last week. Best bullocks, L7 5s to L8 15s; medium, L5 15s to L7; best cows and heifers, L6 to L7; medium, L1 10s to L5 15s.

**SHEEP**—1821 penned. Prices showed no alteration. Best crossbred wethers, 15s to 17s; medium, 13s to 14s 9d; best ewes, 13s to 14s 6d; medium, 7s 6d to 12s 6d.

**LAMBS**—676 penned. All met with good demand. Best lambs, 13s to 14s 6d; medium, 11s to 12s 9d; others, 8s to 10s.

**PIGS**—72 forward. All sold at prices in favour of vendors. Suckers, 11s 6d to 16s; slips, 20s to 22s; stores, 28s to 32s; porkers, 37s to 42s; light baconers, 44s to 48s; heavy baconers, 52s to 65s; heavy pigs, 68s to 80s.