

affects very important Australian interests. It is all 'Lombard street to a China Orange,' in the old phrase, against reciprocity being given to a colony which stands out of the responsibilities and wants the lion's share of the practical benefits of federation. The New Zealanders may at once dismiss the idea of reciprocity from their minds.

AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL.

Sydney, August 30.—Wheat: Chick, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; milling, 2s 9d to 2s 11d. One hundred sacks of New Zealand sold at full rates. Flour L6 10s to L7; Manitoban, L9 17s 6d. Oats (feeding): New Zealand, 1s 7d to 1s 8½d; Tasmanian, 1s 6½d to 1s 8½d; seeding, Tartarian, 1s 9½d to 1s 11d. Barley: Cape, 2s 3d; English, 2s 3d to 2s 5d. Maize: 2s 9d. Peas: Prussian blue, 3s 8d to 3s 4d. Bran, 7½d to 8d. Pollard, 8d. Potatoes: Large Tasmanian supplies have come forward, Circular Heads, L1 17s 6d to L2 5s; New Zealand Derwents, L1 10s to L1 15s; Early Rose, L4; Brownwells, L3 10s to L3 15s. Onions: Prime are scarce at L5 to L5 10s; other other qualities are offering at L1 to L4. Butter: Dairy, 8½d to 9d; factory, 10d. Cheese: Large, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf, 5d 5½d. Bacon, 5d to 7½d.

Melbourne, August 30.—Wheat, 2s 10½d to 2s 11d. Oats: Algerian, 1s 5d to 1s 7½d; stout, 1s 7d to 1s 8½d. Barley: Cape, 1s 10d to 2s. Maize: 2s 7d to 2s 9d. Bran, 8d to 8½d. Pollard, 8½d. Both are very firm. Potatoes, 20s to 30s. Onions, L4 to L5.

Adelaide, August 30.—Wheat, 2s 9d to 2s 10½d. Flour, L6 15s to L7. Oats, Dun and Algerian, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; stout, 2s to 2s 6d. Bran and pollard are firm at 9d each.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: feed, medium to prime, 1s 2d to 1s 4d; milling, 1s 4½d to 1s 5d. Wheat: plentiful: milling, 2s 8d to 2s 6d; fowls, 1s 6d to 2s. Chaff: L1 15s to L2 7s 6d according to quality, plentiful. Ryegrass and clover hay: L3 to L3 5s. Straw: loose, 28s; pressed, 25s per ton. Potatoes: 25s to 27s 6d. Market overstocked. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Oatmeal: in 25lb bags, L8. Butter: dairy, 6d to 8d; fresh factory, 11d to 1s. Eggs: 8d. Bran: L2 15s. Pollard: L3 5s. Onions: L3 10s per ton best.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, August 31.—At the tallow sales 1225 casks were offered and 950 sold. Prices remain unchanged.

London, September 1.—The Bradford wool market is hardening. Supers, 28½d. Rabbits—Australian are firm at 9d.

London, September 3.—The supply of hides at the periodical sales was small, and prices are unchanged. Leather and basils are quiet but firm.

The monthly returns of tallow show a stock of 18,272 casks. The imports were 4217 casks and the deliveries 7520.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—RABBITSKINS—Market again slightly easier. Best winter greys, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; medium, 1s 2d to 1s 3½d; autumns, 10d to 1s 1d; summers, 5d to 9d; blacks, to 2s 1d per lb.

SHEEPSKINS—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday, when bidding was keen, fine woolled skins especially being in good demand. Best dry half-breds and merinos, 4s 3d to 6s medium, 2s 6d to 4s; best dry crossbreds, 4s to 5s 6d; medium, 2s 6d to 3s 10d; butchers' green skins, 4s to 5s.

HIDES—Market very firm. Prime heavy ox, 3¾d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 3½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.

TALLOW—In good demand. Best rendered mutton, 15s to 17s; medium, 13s to 14s 6d; rough fat, 8s 6d to 11s 6d per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at Addington comprised 6141 sheep and hoggets, 3600 store sheep, 491 cattle, and 265 pigs.

FAT CATTLE—The 208 fat cattle included some very good bullocks, and prime beef quite held its own, heavy weights bringing from L8 to L9 15s. A line of 14 from the North Island brought L7 7s 6d to L8 15s; lighter sorts (steers), L5 to L7 10s; heifers, L4 to L7; and cows, L3 17s 6d to L5 17s 6d.

STORE CATTLE—There was a good yarding of store cattle, and good inquiry for useful young cattle. Three to four-year-old steers brought L4 to L5; two or three-year-olds, L3 to L3 15s; heifers, L3 to L4; younger sorts, 30s to L2 10s.

FAT SHEEP—The fat sheep included some good lines of freezers and nice heavy-weight wethers, but butchers' ewes were scarce, and the trade had to fill up with second quality wethers and merinos. Some grand lines of merinos were taken for export, and anything fit to freeze more than held its own, while good fat ewes showed a decided advance. Prime wethers sold at 19s to 20s 6d; freezers, 16s to 18s 6d; unfinished and mixed sexes, 13s to 15s; prime merino wethers, 15s to 17s 8d; good do, 13s to 14s 6d; and others down to 7s.

FAT HOGGETS—The few fat hoggets met with fair demand, mostly for trade purposes, and realised 12s to 14s 9d.

STORE SHEEP—Much better feeling was manifest in store sheep, and all sorts sold well. A nice line of 774 forward wethers from the south were taken at 15s per head; others from 13s 3d to 14s 9d, according to condition. A few good wethers and maiden ewes brought 14s 9d, and ewes and lambs met a rather better demand at 13s 3d to 14s 4d, but several lines were withdrawn. Good, well-grown hoggets brought up to 13s 3d, and others 10s 3d to 12s; inferior and weedy as low as 8s 6d.

PIGS—There was a medium yarding of pigs, which about held their own. There was a little more life in the fat department,

baconers averaging 3½d and porkers 4½d per lb. Per head, baconers ran from 37s 6d to 47s 6d; porkers, 27s 6d to 35s; stores, 19s to 24s 6d for small, and 31s 6d to 38s for larger sorts.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

There was a miserably small entry of horses for this week's sale, and not a first-class draught or a good harness horse amongst the lot. Indeed, of the former class there were only three in the yard, and these of medium quality, and they were sold at L36, L29, and L27 respectively. Buyers from both north and south were in the market, and a large number of young and useful draughts could readily have been placed at market rates. We can very strongly recommend consignments of draughts and of first-class harness horses for this market. The harness horses are chiefly wanted for town tradesmen's delivery and order carts, for buggies, trams, and similar work. The market has not been so bare for years as it is at the present time for good horses of all descriptions. On the 14th inst. at Mr. Wilson Hall's homestead, near Riversdale, we shall sell the whole of his valuable contracting plant, including 62 superior draught mares and geldings. We quote as follows: First-class young draught mares and geldings, at from L40 to L50; good do, L32 to L38; aged, L20 to L30; good spring carters, at from L18 to L28; harness horses and hacks of the best class, at from L15 to L25 good do, L12 to L15; aged and inferior, L2 to L5.

THE WEEK'S DREDGING RETURNS.

During the week ending Monday, 4th inst. (says the *Otago Daily Times*) returns have been reported from the following 31 dredges, the total gold yield being 1569oz 4dwt 12gr, or an average of over 51oz per dredge:—

Hartley and Riley (Cromwell), 545oz 5dwt; Unity (Clyde), week, 150oz; Matan (Clyde), week, 101oz; Magnetic (Cromwell), 5½ days, 56oz; Vincent (Clyde), 126 hours, 56oz; Clyde (Alexandra), week, 55oz; Maori (Clutha, near Lowburn), 3 days 4 hours, 53oz; Golden Point (Alexandra), week, 42oz; Chatto Creek (Manuhierikia), 120 hours, 40oz; Molyneux Hydraulic (Alexandra), 38oz; Nil Desperandum (Manuhierikia), 34oz; Alpine (Riley's Beach, Cromwell), 5 days ended 26th ult., 34oz; Golden Treasure (Miller's Flat), week, 31oz; Enterprise (Alexandra), 98 hours, 27oz 16dwt; Empire (Wai-pori), 26oz 19dwt 6gr; Golden Terrace (Lower Shotover), 25oz 6dwt; Golden Gate (Island Block), 6 days, 25oz 2dwt; Golden Beach (Alexandra), 155 hours, 23oz 18dwt 6gr; Manorburn (Manuhierikia), 23oz 10dwt; Inch Valley (near Palmerston), week, 21oz; Sunlight (Beaumont), week, 20oz 10dwt; Jutland Flat (Wai-pori), 3 days, 19oz 18dwt; Success (Wai-pori), 136 hours, 19oz 5dwt; Waimumu (near Gore), 190 hours, 17oz; Evans Flat (Tuapeka), week, 16oz 5dwt; Tuapeka (Tuapeka Flat), 130 hours, 15oz; Otago (Miller's Flat), 14oz; Mount Ida (Kyebrum), 5 days, 13oz; Ettrick (Moa Flat), week, 10oz; Dunedin (Miller's Flat), 4 days, 8oz 4dwt; Ophir (Ophir), less than 3 days, 7oz 10dwt. Total, 1569oz 4dwt 12gr.

LATE BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(SPECIAL TO N.Z. TABLET.)

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

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

FAT CATTLE—257 yarded. Prices ruled about same as last week. Best bullocks, L7 to L8 10s; medium, L5 5s to L6 15s; best cows and heifers, L5 to L6 2s 6d; medium, L3 10s to L4 15s.

SHEEP—3272 penned. Prices showed a slight decline from last week's rates. Best crossbred wethers, 16s to 17s 3d; good, 15s to 15s 9d; medium, 13s 6d to 14s 9d; best ewes, 14s 6d to 15s 9d; medium, 13s to 14s 3d.

PIGS—69 offered. All sold at prices in favour of buyers. Suckers, 10s to 13s 6d; slips, 16s to 20s; stores, 23s to 26s; porkers, 30s to 35s; baconers, 42s to 55s; heavy pigs, 60s.

AT Tikitere, in the Rotorua district, 2043½ tons of sulphur valued at £5367, were mined and exported for the year ending March 31.

The *Free Press* states that the project for lighting Balclutha with acetylene gas has been practically abandoned, at all events till next season.

At the Feilding court recently, in a maintenance case, the wife refused to live with her husband unless he stopped visiting his mother. Mr. Greenfield, S.M., considered the stipulation was an unreasonable one and refused the application for maintenance.

It is roughly calculated that the insurances on the Tekoa's cargo amount to £70,000. A practice has grown up recently amongst a certain section of exporters to insure their lines outside of New Zealand, mainly with Lloyd's, and, therefore, the greater portion of the loss by the Tekoa wreck will fall upon the Lloyd's underwriters.

The Clutha *Free Press* reports that after visiting the Greenfield estate Messrs. Maitland, Duncan, and McKerrow, accompanied by Mr. Hay, chief surveyor, drove over the Barnago property, also under offer to the Government. This estate, which is owned by Mr. Robert Patterson, comprises some 7000 acres, extending from the homestead block, on the north side of the river, in the immediate vicinity of Balclutha, to Upper Hillend, a distance of twelve miles. The price placed upon the land by Mr. Patterson is £4 per acre.

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