

Figs.—174 yarded, principally porkers, weaners, and a few pens of heavy weight bacon pigs and slips. Porkers brought 23s to 28s, medium weight bacon lines 31s to 35s, heavy to 43s, slips 16s to 20s, suckers 12s 6d to 14s.

Store Sheep.—An increasing demand is noticeable for merino sheep of all classes, the inquiry at the present moment being in excess of the supply. A large number of the different stations, however, have not yet sent in the returns of their surplus sheep, and pending the receipt of these business is restricted in consequence.

Store Cattle.—There is nothing of importance to note with respect to store cattle.

Sheepskins.—The best lines of crossbreds offered on Tuesday sold at 6s 3d to 6s 6d; medium, 5s to 5s 6d; inferior, 4s 6d to 4s 10d; green merinos, 3s 8d to 4s 9d; green pelts, 10d to 1s 6d; lamb skins, 1s to 1s 6d; country skins proportionate rates.

Rabbit skins.—Prime winter greys are worth 1s 5d to 1s 6d; spring and mixed lines, 1s to 1s 2d; blacks, 11d to 1s; suckers, 2½d to 4d; broken, 7d to 9d.

Hides.—Prime heavy ox, from 60lb to 70lb, 2½d to 3d per lb; good average dry salted ox, 2½d to 2¾d; medium quality mixed classes, 2½ to 2¾d; light and inferior, 1½d to 1¾d, bulls and slippy, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Bought Fat.—Prime rendered mutton may be quoted at 19s to 20s per cwt; medium to good, 16s to 18s; inferior, 13s to 15s; clean unrendered caul fat, 13s to 14s; best rough fat to 12s; inferior, 10s to 11s.

Grain.—Wheat: Local quotations are as follows—Best Tuscan, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; medium to good, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; best red straw, 3s 4d to 3s 5d, inferior to medium classes, 3s 2d to 3s 3d (ex store, sacks in). Oats: Prime milling Sutherland may be quoted at 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; good feed, 1s 3d to 1s 4½; medium, 1s 3½; inferior, 1s 2½ per bushel. Grass Seed: Prime machine-dressed is worth 4s 9d to 5s; farmers' best dressed, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; medium, 3s 6d to 4s.

Messrs. DONALD REID AND Co., Dunedin, report for the week ending December 22, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—The supply forward was a small one, only 67 head being yarded, of which about half were prime quality and heavy weights, the rest medium to inferior. Best bullocks sold at £8 to £9 7s 6d; medium, £6 5s to £7 10s; inferior, £4 5s to £5 7s 6d; cows and heifers, £3s 5d to £7.

Fat Sheep.—The small supply of 800 came to the sale to-day, all of them being crossbreds, and two-thirds of the whole were ewes, the balance being wethers. Best crossbred wethers sold at 13s 6d to 16s; medium, 11s to 12s 6d; best crossbred ewes, 11s 9d to 13s 3d; ordinary, 9s to 10s 9d.

Fat Lambs.—Best pens sold at 11s to 15s 6d; medium, 8s 6d to 10s 3d; inferior 5s 9d to 6s 9d.

Figs.—Suckers sold at 5s 6d to 13s; slips, 14s 6d to 19s; porkers 22s to 31s.

Sheepskins.—Dry crossbreds sold at 2s 1d to 5s 9d; do merinos, 1s 10d to 4s 1d; do pelts and lambs, 10d to 2s; green pelts, 10d to 1s 2d; do lambs, 1s to 1s 4d.

Hides.—There has been no alteration in values since we last reported. We quote—Prime heavy, 2½d to 3d; medium, 2½d to 2¾d; light, 1½d to 2d; bulls, slippy and cut, 1½d to 1¾d per lb.

Tallow.—A good demand exists for local consumption, and all that is arriving meets a ready sale. We quote—Medium rendered, 16s 6d to 18s; inferior, 12s to 14s 6d; rough fat, 9s to 13s per cwt.

Grain.—Wheat: Milling (prime), 3s 6d to 3s 8d; milling (medium), 3s 3d to 3s 5d; Fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 3s 2d. Oats: Milling, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d; short bright feed, 1s 3½d to 1s 4d; discoloured, 1s 1d to 1s 3d (sacks extra). Barley: Malting, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; milling, 1s 10d to 2s; feed, 1s 6d to 1s 9d.

Potatoes.—Prime, £6 to £8; inferior and small, £4 to £6.

Chaff.—Prime, £2 2s 6d to £2 5s; medium, £1 15s to £2.

Flax.—Best bright cutched and edged, £19 to £20 10s; medium £16 to £18 10s; inferior, £12 to £15.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

WRIGHT STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—An unusually large number of horses were offered to-day, drafts from Timaru, Waitaki, Oamaru, Clutha, and Ivercargill, and a number of single horses from various farmers between Waikouaiti and Tokomairiro, being forward. With the exception of the draft from the Clutha, the whole of the horses were hack and light harness, and as the number forward was more than sufficient for the demand a very slow sale resulted. A fair demand was experienced for useful draughts suitable for spring van and farm work, and in cases where owners were prepared to accept fair market value sales were easily effected. There were no really first class saddle or light harness horses forward, the great bulk of them being of fair to ordinary descriptions, and the balance inferior. We sold on account of Mr. William Sutherland (Duntroon) a draft of 12 useful sorts of unbroken colts and fillies and saddle and light harness horses; on account of Mr. John Shaw (Timaru), six superior hacks and carriage and buggy horses; on account of Mr. Jonas Hartley (Moeraki), six very useful spring cart and saddle and light harness horses; and draft from Balclutha and Riverton of 20 medium draughts, saddle and harness horses; also, on account of Messrs. J. and W. Diack and others, 12 horses at quotations. We quote:—Really first-class heavy draught geldings, £22 to £27; medium draught horses, £14 to £20; light and aged draught horses, £7 to £12; good spring-carts, £10 to £15; well-matched carriage pairs, £40 to £50; well-matched buggy pairs, £30 to £40; first-class hunters, £20 to £30.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices:—Oats 1s 2d to 1s 5d (bags extra), good demand. Wheat: milling, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; fowls, 3s 3d—latter firm, sacks included. Chaff: Market bare—£1 10s to £2; hay, oaten, £3; best rye-grass, £3. Bran, £2 10s. Pollard, £2 10s. Potatoes, old, £3 per ton; new, 8s per cwt. Flour: roller, £10 to £10 15s; stone, £9 5s to £9 15s. Fresh butter, very plentiful, value from 4d to 8d; salt, nominal, for prime, 6d. Eggs, 8d. Oatmeal, ip 25lb, bags, £3 10s.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

A SCHOOL for deaf mutes has been opened in the Kildare House, at Chinchcaba, La. It will be in charge of the Dominican Sisters.

The Archbishop of Alexandria has consecrated at Port Said a cathedral dedicated to St. Eugenia—the first Catholic Cathedral built in Egypt for thirteen centuries.

The Protestant Conservative Press in Prussia and even the Socialists are in favour of the return of the Jesuits.

The Catholics have won a decided success at the elections for the Diet of Lower Austria. They secured fifteen seats out of twenty. In the last Diet they held only eleven.

The Pope has decided to create secular nuncios, to be attached to the Papal legations in Europe, who will enter society from which the ordinary nuncios are at present forbidden.

At a meeting of German clericals in Cologne the question of the expulsion and the recall of the Jesuits was discussed at length. The meeting endorsed a monster petition to the Reichstag to allow the return of the Jesuits to their houses.

There were forty-three converts confirmed at St. Columbkil's Church, Chicago, on October 1. Among the number was a young man who occupied a position in one of our prominent banks. The cashier of this bank being a Sunday-school teacher, whose mission it appears is to inculcate bigotry and hatred of all who do not worship at his erroneous shrine, discharged the young convert simply because he became a Catholic.

A convent has been built at Biskra, Algiers, for the Order of the Brothers of the Sahara, founded by his Eminence Cardinal Lavignerie, and Touareg fugitive slaves receive agricultural training there. It is intended to found villages of Christian Touaregs along the Trans-Saharan Railway when it is built. The wandering natives will settle around the stations, and will thus become amenable to civilising influences.

The Very Rev. Charles A. Vissani, O.S.F., Commissary of the Holy Land, will leave New York shortly for an extended tour of the Holy Land. His object will be to select a good route for an American Catholic pilgrimage. In the spring of last year Father Vissani conducted the first American Catholic pilgrimage through the Holy Land. On his return to New York he will begin at once the enrolling of the pilgrims, and he expects that the party will start in the spring of 1892.

Dr. Windthorst at a conference at Cologne with the leaders of the Rhine Catholics, decided to entirely dissociate the centrist policy from that of the socialists and to begin an active war against the socialist party throughout the country. Meetings of Catholics in Baden, Wurtemberg and Bavaria already mark the fervour of the agitation. Although the congress at Halle excluded the religious question from the socialist programme, the anti-religious character of socialism was openly avowed by the speakers.

The following notification from the Thirty-seventh General assembly of German Catholics, recently held at Mannheim, has been made to the Duke of Norfolk by the Baron van Buol, the President of the Assembly: "It was moved by Dr. Windthorst, seconded by Dr. Porach, and unanimously resolved, that his Grace the Duke of Norfolk be requested to express to the Catholics of England the deep and sincere sympathy of this General Assembly of the Catholics of Germany with them upon the occasion of the irreparable loss which the Catholic Church in England, and the whole world, has sustained by the death of Cardinal Newman."

The feasts of the following saints have been extended to the whole Church; the day of the month added to the name fixes the time when the feast is to be kept: S. John Damascene, Confessor and Doctor (hitherto Confessor only), March 27; Double. S. Sylvester, Abbot; November 26; Double. S. John Capistran, Confessor; March 28; Semi-double. In the Office of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, raised last year to a Double of the First Class, an addition is to be made to the Sixth Lesson, stating that Clement XIII. granted the Feast to a few churches, Pius IX. to the whole Church, while Leo XIII. raised it to a Double of the First Class.

At Brooklyn, N.Y., Bishop Loughlin celebrated his golden jubilee of the priesthood. Catholics and Protestants united to honour him, and the greatest dignitaries of the Church in America assisted at the Pontifical Mass last Sunday. The clergy of the diocese presented him with a purse of 20,000 dollars. Cardinal Gibbons, in the course of his sermon, highly eulogised the Bishop. He said: "What is the present condition of the diocese of Brooklyn? It possesses 200 priests, 150 churches and chapels, many of them elegant and imposing houses of worship. It has 118 schools and academies, where 28,000 children of both sexes are receiving a sound Christian education. It has asylums, hospitals, and other benevolent institutions, amounting to twenty in number, with a Catholic population estimated, in round numbers, at a quarter of a million. And all this work has been accomplished during the life and under the supervision of one man, the modest prelate who is the centre of our thoughts to-day, a prelate who lives, thank God, to contemplate the fruit of his labours in the evening of his day."

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company offers the best possible terms to pastoral tenants, agriculturists, and all engaged in productive pursuits. The position of the Company places facilities at their command that enable them to make exceptionally advantageous arrangements for those who deal with them. Their sales are regularly conducted, as will be seen by reference to their advertisement in another place. Farmers interested in turnip growing would do well to give a trial to the Malden Island guano, for which the Company are agents.

Among the Christmas shows held in Dunedin not the least imposing was that of Mr. E. F. Lawrence, butcher, George street. There was no mistaking the quality of the meat exhibited. It was, however, only such as might be expected from the well-known reputation of the establishment.