

"What does your Grace say to the statement that the man who adheres to his creed must become morally and intellectually inferior?"

"That in that case any man who believes in us on such down grade. Every Catholic accepts the teachings of revelation, and is, of course prepared to abide by the voice of authority which interprets such revelation to man. For the rest, I don't think any such agnostic writings as these will find any large measure of popular acceptance."

Commercial.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending June 17, as follows:—

Store Cattle.—There is but little enquiry for these meantime, although there are buyers in the market for grown bullocks, suitable for finishing off on root crops, at prices comparing favourably with those now ruling for finished off lots.

Store Sheep.—These still continue to have some demand, but the business now done is of very much less importance.

Sheepskins.—Country dry crossbreeds, inferior to medium, brought 2s 6d to 3s 9d; do do merino, 1s 11d to 2s 10d; full-woolled crossbreeds, 4s 9d to 7s 3d; do do merino, 4s 7d to 6s 4d; dry pelts, 3d to 1s 9d; butchers' green crossbreeds, best, 4s 6d to 5s 1d; good to medium, 3s 4d to 4s 6d.

Rabbitkins.—We catalogued five bales and five bags for this week's sale, none of which were extra prime, best brought 1s 2½d to 1s 4d; medium, 1s to 1s 2½d; autumns, 9d to 10½d; summers, 6d to 8d; suckers and half-grown, 3d to 5d per lb.

Hides.—We quote—60lb hides, 2½d to 3d; 65lbs and upwards, ½d to 1d more; medium weight, 2d to 2½d; light do, 1½d to 1¾d; inferior and bulls', 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow.—We quote—Medium to good, 16s to 18s 6d; inferior and mixed, 12s to 15s; rough fat, best, 13s to 13s 6d; inferior to medium and good, 9s to 12s 9d per cwt.

Grain.—Wheat: We quote—Best milling velvet and tuscan, 4s 7d to 4s 8d, extra choice a shade more; medium to good, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; inferior to medium, 3s 3d to 4s (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms). Oats: We quote—Best milling and feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; medium to good, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior to medium, 1s to 1s 3½d; long tartars for seed brought 1s 7d at auction (ex store, sacks extra, net cash). Barley: We quote—Prime bright malting, 2s 9d to 3s; medium nominal, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; feed and milling, 1s 6d to 2s 2d (ex store, sacks extra, terms).

Grass Seed.—There is not much doing in either rye-grass seed or cocksfoot, quotations nominal.

Potatoes.—Quotations nominal for best, 35s to 40s; medium, 25s to 32s 6d; sacks weighed in.

Chaff.—Owing to the supply being within moderate limits this week's consignments have been readily placed, best fetching, 45s to 47s 6d; medium, 37s 6d to 42s 6d; inferior and straw, 30s to 35s per ton.

Dairy Produce.—During the past week the supply of salt butter has been more plentiful and prices slightly easier, say for good to prime, 6½d to 7½d; choice, 8d; cheese is moving off in retail lots, at for factory-made medium size, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf, 5d to 5½d; good dairy-made, 3½d to 4½d per lb.

Flax.—Owing to the want of supplies the business done in this line is unimportant. All consignments coming to hand, however, are easily placed at our last quotations.

MESSRS. DONALD STRONACH AND SONS report as follows for week ending June 10:—

Fat Cattle.—The supply was somewhat limited, comprising 236 head, but a considerable improvement in the quality yarded was noticeable to-day, the entry being chiefly good beef, which was well competed for by the trade. Best bullocks brought £8 5s to £10 2s 6d; medium to good, £5 10s to £7 5s; light and inferior, £3 5s to £4 10s; best cows, £6 7s 6d to £7 10s; medium, £4 5s to £5 17s 6d; inferior and light, £2 2s 6d to £3 12s 6d.

Fat Sheep.—The entry at Burnside to-day was again small, only 1870 head (including 200 merino wethers) being yarded, consisting mostly of good crossbreeds, for which there was keen competition throughout the sales, while all classes of fat sheep were readily disposed of at a slight advance on last week's prices; best crossbred wethers sold at 15s 9d to 18s 9d; medium, 12s to 15s; best do ewes, 14s 6d to 17s 6d; medium, 10s to 13s 6d; and merino wethers up to 13s 6d.

Lambs.—The season is now almost over, but the odd lots coming in meet with a ready sale. The entry to-day numbered 140 head. Medium to good sold at from 8s 6d to 10s.

Pigs.—A large supply came in to-day to a dull market, the entry numbering 277 met with a poor demand, and were disposed of as follows:—Slips, 8s to 14s; stores, 16s to 18s 6d; porkers, 20s to 25s; baconers, 30s to 40s.

Store Sheep.—A few lots are changing hands at late rates, but dealers are not operating with the freedom shown a few weeks since; scarcity of feed being probably the chief cause.

Store Cattle.—A few inquiries are made for small lots in forward condition for putting on turnips; for other sorts the market is dull—prices all round being in sympathy with those obtaining for fat stock.

Sheepskins.—Full catalogues were submitted to a small attendance of buyers, but, notwithstanding the absence of three of the best buyers, all lots offered were sold at satisfactory prices. Bidding was free and active, and prices obtained showed a slight advance on last week's quotations. We quote—Butchers' green crossbreeds, 5s 1d, 4s 11d, 4s 8d, 4s 7d, 4s 5d, 4s 2d, 4s; good to medium, 3s 10d, 3s 8d, 3s 7d, 3s 6d, 3s 4d; country dry skins, crossbreeds, 2s 2d to 4s 3d; merino, 1s 8d to 3s 9d; full-woolled skins, 4s 6d to 7s.

Rabbitkins.—As the colder weather comes on there is a very noticeable improvement in the quality of skins coming to store.—Consignments also are getting heavier, and business consequently increasing. Local sales are well attended, and competition brisk for all lots offered. A still further improvement may be expected as the winter draws on. Quotations—Latest autumns, 1s 3d to 1s 4½d; early do, 10d to 1s 2d; summers, 6d to 9d; suckers and half grown, 1d to 6d.

Hides.—There is no alteration to note in prices lately quoted, which may be repeated—Inferior and slippy, 1d to 1½d; light, 1½d to 1¾d; medium, 2d to 2½d; up to 60lbs, 2½d to 3d. A large majority of hides offering are of the inferior and light order.

Tallow.—No alteration in price locally, though the Home market is a shade firmer. Quotations are—Prime rendered mutton, 19s to 20s; medium to good, 15s to 17s 6d; mixed, 12s 6d to 15s; clean can, 13s to 13s 6d; rough fat, 10s to 12s.

Grain.—Oats: Consignments this week are not so readily disposed of, owing chiefly to one of the principal buyers having ceased operations. Shippers cannot do business here till prices are on a par with those obtaining at the Bluff. Quotations are—Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d; bright stout feed, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d; medium to good, 1s 5½d to 1s 6d; inferior sorts, 1s 2d to 1s 4½d; Danish black, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d (sacks extra, net cash). Wheat: Only a little at present offering, with prices about same as those quoted last week. Millers have stocks in hand to last two or three months, and till these are exhausted there will probably be little demand. There is a general feeling that prices will advance later on. Quotations are:—Best milling, velvet and Tuscan, 4s 7d to 4s 8d; medium to good, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; inferior to medium, 3s 9d to 4s; broken, 2s 9d to 3s 9d (ex store, terms). Barley: There is nothing doing in this cereal, only buyers for small lines of feed, except for really prime first-class samples. A lot of inferior on the market at present for which there is no demand. Prime malting may be quoted at 3s to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s 8s (ex store, sacks extra, terms).

Grass Seed.—Business confined almost entirely to a retail trade. Little change can be expected before spring sowing. Ryegrass: Best machine dressed, 5s 6d to 5s 9d; medium 5s to 5s 3d; farmers' best dressed, 3s 9d to 4s 3d; medium 2s 6d to 3s 6d (ex store).

Potatoes.—Arrivals heavy, considerably more than can be absorbed by local consumption. Best derwents, 37s 6d to 40s; inferior, 27s 6d to 32s 6d per ton (sacks weighed in).

Chaff.—Supplies are heavy. Best, 45s; medium to good, 30s to 35s.

MESSRS. DONALD REID AND CO., report for the week ending June 19, as follows:

Sheepskins.—Competition was rather better than last week. Green crossbreeds sold at 3s 4d to 4s 10d; do merinos, 2s 8d to 3s 4d; dry crossbreeds, 2s 1d to 5s 7d; do merinos, 1s 8d to 5s 5d; do pelts and lambs, 4d to 2s 5d.

Rabbitkins.—At present the supply is not equal to the demand, and if more than double the present supply were coming forward they would meet a ready sale and realise full values.

Tallow.—During the week we sold medium rendered up to 16s, and rough fat up to 13s, and quote—Prime rendered, 19s to 21s; medium, 15s to 17s; inferior, 12s to 14s; rough fat 10s to 13s.

Wheat.—Only a small amount of business is passing. Milling, prime, 4s 6d to 4s 9d; do medium, 4s 3d to 4s 5d; do inferior and broken, 3s 10d to 4s 2d; fowls' wheat, 3s to 5s 9d.

Oats.—Business very dull. Milling, 1s 5½d to 1s 6½d; feed, 1s 2d to 1s 5d (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Firm at quotations—prime, 37s 6d to 40s; inferior, 30s to 35s.

Chaff.—Market bare; ready sale; prime heavy, £2 5s to £2 7s 6d; mixed and light, £1 15s to £2 2s 6d.

Mr. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices—Oats: 1s 4d to 1s 5½d (bags extra), quiet. Wheat: milling, 4s 6d to 4s 9d; fowls', 3s 6d, easier—sacks included. Chaff: Market full—£2 to £2 7s 6d; hay, oaten, £3; best rye-grass, £3. Bran, £3 10s. Pollard, £4 10s. Potatoes, kidneys, £2 0s to £2 5s; derwents, £1 15s to £2. Flour: roller, £12 to £12 15s; stone, £11 5s to £11 15s, firm. Fresh butter, 10d to 1s; salt, nominal, for prime, 7d. Eggs, 1s 6d. Oatmeal, £9 0s.

RABBITSKIN MARKET.

MESSRS. ROBERT CLELAND AND CO., Crawford street, Dunedin (next Pier Hotel), report as follows:—Rabbitkins are coming to hand very freely for the time of year, but still not in sufficient quantities to fill our orders, which promise to be larger than usual this season. Our customers may rely upon receiving the highest market price, and others who have not given us a trial are invited to do so. Returns sent promptly without deduction of any kind.

Few men, observes the *Weekly Register*, could look back on their past political lives with so few regrets as Earl Granville; and few men will be so greatly regretted as he by his brother politicians.—His foes paid him an unconscious compliment by grudging him, as they did, to the Gladstonians. As the brother of Lady Georgiana Fullerton, he often came in contact with Catholics—a contact which possibly had something to do with his refusal to rank himself among the opponents of Home Rule. Those who attended the great anti-slavery meeting in London, when Cardinal Lavigerie and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster sat on the left and right of Earl Granville as chairman, will remember that in his urbanity there was something fatherly—almost ecclesiastical. Earl Granville, like several other statesmen of both parties, was a subscriber to *Merry England*; and he took great interest in watching, month by month, the progress of the forward school of literary and artistic criticism among Catholics.