

declined to accept any salary, suggesting that it should be given to John Redmond, who was his colleague in the representation of Wexford. This was done, and when the pay was stopped (after the split) Mr Redmond cleared himself out of the constituency and thus prevented the electors saving him the trouble. Mr Barry's retirement will be regretted by the Irish party, amongst whom he was held in the highest esteem.

Eight policemen left Enniscorthy on Monday morning, January 25, for the farm of Patrick O'Brien, Milltown, Killan, who is a tenant on Canon Blacker's estate. The agent, Mr Rutledge, Coolbawn, was present. The police arrived about eleven o'clock, and two bailiffs, Donovan and Dwyer, immediately commenced the work of eviction. They found after some time that there was a hitch in the proceedings, as the tenant held from a second landlady—a Mrs Corsair—on whose portion of the property, about ten acres, part of the houses are built. Mr O'Brien and his wife removed into this part of the house from which they could not be evicted. The portion of the farm which is claimed by Canon Blacker contains about forty acres and is of a poor description, being a wet, spewy soil. There is no rent due with the exception of the gale.

## Commercial.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED report for week ending April 20, as follows:—

**Store Cattle**—A slightly better demand exists, more especially for matured bullocks, in forward condition, and any such offering now could be placed at prices which will not be so readily obtained further on.

**Store Sheep**—A large business continues, prices firm. Good strong crossbred ewes have the preference. A number of buyers still hesitate to operate at the high prices ruling all through the season. No change in values.

**Wool**—The demand in the local market is very good. Small lots still continue to come to hand, which are well competed for.

**Sheepskins**—The attendance at these sales was not quite so good as usual. Nevertheless, the few who did put in an appearance competed well. The improvement in the tone of the wool market at Home had evidently infused a little more confidence into the mode of procedure, and although prices showed no advance on those obtaining last week, biddings were more lively, and a keener desire displayed to do business.

**Rabbitskins**—Not much doing in the meantime, but for the few offering there is a very good demand. Suckers and half-grown, 2d to 4½d; summer, 5d to 7d; autumn, 7d to 9½d per lb.

**Hides**—No alteration to note; a good demand exists. Heavy, 2½d to 3½d; extra do, 65lbs and over, 2½d to 3½d; average prices for country hides, 1½d to 2d; light, 1½d to 1¾d; inferior and slippy, 1d to 1d per lb.

**Tallow**—Market continues very steady, no change of any importance being apparent. Best rendered mutton, 19s to 20s; medium to good, 16s to 18s 6d; inferior to medium, 13s to 15s; best calf fat, 12s 6d to 13s; inferior to medium and good, 9s to 12s per cwt.

**Grain**—Wheat has come to hand more freely from the South this week, but the condition of the greater portion renders it in the meantime almost unsuitable for milling. The market shows no improvement. A moderate demand exists for good fowls' wheat. Prime milling, Tuscan and velvet, 3s 10d to 4s; good to best, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; medium to good, 3s to 3s 6d; inferior and fowls' wheat, 2s to 2s 9d; ex store, sacks weighed in, terms. Oats—The holidays have interfered with business to some extent, and the bulk of the arrivals had to be taken into store. There is a good deal of inquiry and some sales being effected, but at present prices shippers see no margin. Prime milling, 1s 5½d to 1s 6d; best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; medium to good, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; ex store, sacks extra, net; ¾d per bushel extra for Dunedin. Barley—Moderate demand exists for prime milling. Best malting, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; medium, 2s 9d to 3s; feed and milling, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; ex store, sacks extra, terms.

**Grass Seeds**—No improvement. Ryegrass seed, farmers, 1s 6d to 2s 3d; extra clean, 2s 6d to 3s; machine dressed, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; ex store; Cocksfoot nominal; best dressed, 3d to 4d; medium, 2d to 3d per lb.

**Potatoes**—Difficult to place. Best Derwents, 35s to 40s; medium, 20s to 32s 6d per ton; ex store, sacks weighed.

**Chaff**—Market more than fully supplied. Best is worth 45s to 50s; inferior is selling in large quantities at from 20s to 35s per ton.

**Dairy Produce**—Market quiet, but prices steady at last quotations, with a slight tendency upwards.

**Flax**—The market still continues dull.

MESSRS STRONACH BROS AND MORRIS report as follows for week ending April 20:—

**Store Cattle**—Very few changing hands. Buyers have very little encouragement to operate.

**Store Sheep**—Market still continues exceedingly active.

**Sheepskins**—Country dry crossbreds brought 2s to 3s 10d; do do merino, 1s 9d to 2s 11d; full-woolled crossbreds, 4s 9d to 6s 2d; do do merino, 3s 1d to 5s 6d; dry pelts, 3d to 1s 9d; best green crossbred pelts, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; extra prime, 2s 10d to 3s 1d; medium to good, 2s to 2s 4d; green merino pelts, 1s 5d to 1s 10d; green lambskins, best, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; medium to good, 1s 11d to 2s 5d each.

**Rabbitskins**—Supply still bare, but for the few that do come to market full prices obtained.

**Hides**—No change to note in either the demand or value.

**Grain**—Wheat: The tendency of the market is evidently towards lower prices.—Oats: Market is weaker and considerably in favour of buyers.

**Potatoes**—These are hardly saleable. Top price this week was 35s for good Derwents; others, 15s to 30s; sacks weighed in, ex store.

**Chaff**—Market more than fully supplied; prices again receded. Best, 45s to 50s; inferior, 20s to 40s per ton.

**Dairy Produce**—Stock of both cheese and butter are being gradually reduced. Factory made cheese, medium size, 4½d; loaf shape, 4½d; dairy made, 3d to 4d per lb. Prime salt butter, dairy made, 8d to 8½d; factory, 11d to 11½d per lb.

**Flax**—The flax market shows no signs of recovery. Inferior, L12 10s to L13; medium, L13 10s to L14 10s; good to best, L15 10s to L16 10s; extra prime a shade more per ton.

MESSRS ARTHUR McDONALD AND Co., report as follows:—

**Sheepskins** continue in very good enquiry, and we have handled a large quantity during the week at prices fully up to late rates, viz, 4d to 6d per lb for dry skins.

**Rabbitskins** are now arriving more freely, with an excellent demand for summers and autumns, which may possibly ease off a little when winter skins are offering in quantities. Skins now arriving are very mixed, and range from 3½d to 9d per lb, according to quality. Our prices are free of commission to the seller.

MESSRS DONALD REID and Co. report having held their usual weekly sale on Wednesday, April 20:—

**Wheat**—There is a steady demand for prime hard milling samples of all descriptions and consignments of this quality meet with ready sale at quotations. Fowls' wheat is in very plentiful supply and meets with slow sale at quotations. Prime milling, 4s to 4s 1d; medium, 3s 9d to 3s 11d; inferior and soft, 3s 5d to 3s 8d; fowls' wheat, 2s to 3s.

**Oat**—Arrivals for the week have been large. We quote—milling, 1s 5½d to 1s 6½d; short bright feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; discoloured, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d, sacks extra.

**Barley**—There is a steady demand for all qualities. We quote—malting, 2s 11d to 3s 3d; milling, 2s 3d to 2s 6d.

**Potatoes**—Best, L1 15s to L2; inferior, L1 7s 6d to L1 12s 6d

**Chaff**—There is a good demand for bright heavy mill chaff. We quote—Bright heavy, L2 5s to L2 10s; discoloured and coarse, L1 10s to L2.

**Grass Seed**—Ryegrass—There is little inquiry. Buyers of large lines are not in the market; except for perennial well dressed seed. We quote—Ryegrass best dressed perennial, 3s to 3s 6d; do farmers' dressed and inferior, 1s 9d to 2s 9d; cocksfoot, 3½d to 4d.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices—Oats: 1s 4d to 1s 6d (bags extra), demand quiet. Wheat (easier): milling, 3s 9d to 4s 2d; fowls', 2s 6d to 3s 6d, sacks included. Chaff: Market, fair supply—£1 10s 0d to £2 10s 0d; hay, oaten, £3 0s; ryegrass, £3. Bran, £3 0s. Pollard, £4 0s. Potatoes, kidneys, new, local, £2; derwents, £2 0s 0d. Flour: roller, £11 to £11 15s; stone, £10 5s to £10 15s. Fresh butter, 8d to 11d; salt, nominal for prime, 8½d. Eggs, 1s 6d. Oatmeal, £8 10s 0d in 25lbs; bulk, £8 0s.

SALE OF HORSES AT WARRINGTON.

MESSRS. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—In consequence of the Hon George M'Lean having sold his Matanaka estate, he found it necessary to dispose of the whole of his brooding mares and young stock. The sale from start to finish was an exceedingly lively one, and the prices realised were very satisfactory.

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