

Commercial

For week ending April 6.

PRODUCE.

London, April 1.—Wheat.—Small inquiry for cargoes. Butter—A further decline in Copenhagen. It has been a depressed market for the trade all the week, having been of a holiday character. Danish, 102s; New Zealand, 91s to 93s; Victorian, 90s to 92s.

Cheese: Dull. New Zealand, 49s. Frozen Meat: Lamb—Canterbury, light and heavy, 5d; Dunedin and Southland, 4 13-16d; North Island, 4 11-16d; River Plate, 4½d. Beef—New Zealand hinds, 3½d; fores, unchanged; River Plate fores, 2½d; hinds, unchanged.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Milling, 1s 5d to 1s 6d; feed, 11d to 1s 5d. Wheat: Milling, 3s to 3s 3d; fowls', 2s 4d to 2s 8d. Potatoes: Kidneys, £2; Derwents, £2 10s per ton. Chaff, £2 5s to £3. Straw: Pressed wheat, 32s 6d; oats, 35s; loose, 35s. Flour: Sacks, £9 13s; 100lb, £10; 50lb, £10 5s; 25lb, £10 10s. Oatmeal, £9 10s. Pollard, £4 10s. Bran, £2 10s. Butter: dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: factory, 5½d, dairy, 5d. Eggs, 1s 5d. Onions: Melbourne, 4s

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale — Butter farm, 6d; separator, 8d; butter, factory, pats, 10½d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Cheese, (factory), 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £2 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £2 per ton. Flour, £10 to £11. Oatmeal, £9 to £9 10s. Bran, £3. Pollard, £5. Retail.—Farm butter, 8d; separator, 10d; butter (factory), pats, 1s. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 3s 6d per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 22s; 50lb, 6s 6d. Oatmeal, 50lb, 5s 6d; 25lb, 3s. Pollard, 8s 6d per bag. Bran, 4s. Chaff, 1s 6d.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report:—We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Tuesday. There was only a moderate attendance of buyers, but under fair competition most of the lines on offer were cleared at valuations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats—Consignments have been coming much more freely to hand, and as there is only a limited demand for export stocks have accumulated somewhat. Prime milling lines, particularly Sutherlands, have good inquiry, but for all classes of feed oats values are a shade easier. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4½d, inferior, 10d to 1s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat—Local millers' operations are chiefly confined to prime northern samples, most of the southern wheat now coming forward being of very indifferent quality. Fowl wheat is offering freely at quotations. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s to 3s 3d; good, 2s 9d to 2s 11d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 1d to 2s 5½d, broken and damaged, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes—Consignments continue to arrive steadily and values are practically unchanged. Quotations: Best Dorwents, £2 5s to £2 10s; others, £2 to £2 5s, kidneys (Up-to-dates and other white sorts), £1 10s to £2 2s 6d per ton (sacks in).

Chaff—All consignments of prime, bright, oaten sheaf are readily dealt with, but medium and inferior qualities continue to be quite out of favor with buyers, and are difficult to quit at quotations. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £2 15s to £3; medium to good, £2 to £2 10s, light and inferior, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

LIVE STOCK

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle.—The yarding of 200 head contained a larger proportion than usual of prime steers, but the heifers were mostly light. The supply was rather in excess of the demand, and prices were 5s to 10s per head below those of the previous week. For Mr. W. F. M. Buckley (Hoon Bay) 8 steers were sold at £10 to £13 17s 6d, for Mr. S. Nutt (Little River), 10 steers at £10 5s to £12 15s; and for Mr. T. O. Hay (Pigeon Bay), 16 steers at £9 10s to £10 12s 6d; other entries making—for steers, £6 to £12; heifers (light weights), £5 7s 6d to £7 10s, and cows, £5 10s to £7 10s. Per 100lb, secondary to prime beef, realised 20s to 24s 6d.

Fat Sheep—In an average entry wethers were scarce, and sold at an advance of 6d, mostly going for

export, although butchers competed actively. Ewes were in large supply, and after opening at last week's rates weakened considerably, and closed practically un-saleable even at a concession of 1s 6d on the previous week's prices.

Fat Lambs.—The entry included some very prime quality. There was improved competition for export, and the prices for freezers advanced 6d per head, while other descriptions were very firm at previous values.

Store Sheep and Lambs.—About 18,000 sheep and lambs were penned in the store department. The demand for old and inferior sheep was rather sluggish, but there was little given away in prices, while for good breeding ewes and well-conditioned lambs and wethers there was keen competition, and prices were firmer than those of the previous week. A very attractive line of 1800 four-tooth halfbred wethers from Mr. A. M'Farlane (Achray) evoked animated competition, and was sold in lots at 16s 10d to 17s. A large consignment from the Nelson farmers, who have previously co-operated to drive their sheep to Christchurch for sale, also received much attention. The present line consisted mainly of old sheep and two-tooths, but notwithstanding this they were delivered in condition which reflected credit on the drivers. They were, perhaps, scarcely so well bred as the last consignment, but they met great competition, and sold at prices which compared well with those realised for corresponding Canterbury lines. The sales were:—Wethers—538 at 13s 11d, 443 at 12s 7d, 99 at 11s 8d, 90 at 11s 6d; ewes—938 at 13s 8d, 1043 at 13s 4d, 123 at 11s 9d, 143 at 11s 8d, 70 at 11s, 70 at 10s 9d. There were several other lines of good wethers and some good lots of lambs, but most of the ewes were full-mouthed or older.

Pigs.—A good entry in point of numbers, but consisting chiefly of stores, of which a large proportion were badly grown. Baconers and porkers brought about last week's rates, but small stores were much lower. Choppers met an exceptional demand, and were quite 10s dearer. Choppers, 55s to 65s; baconers, 45s to 56s, porkers, 30s to 37s 6d; stores, 14s to 28s 6d; small do, 6s to 10s.

Froude represented the Wexford insurgents of 1798, on their journey to Arklow, as halting every half-hour to have Mass said. His egregious blunder was equalled quite recently by a New Zealand evening paper which described Vespers as 'evening Mass.' The 'Literary World'—which is well informed on such matters—is splendidly impatient of such blunders. A short time ago it lashed Mr. Alan St. Aubyn, who, in a recently-published novel, spoke of Masses being said 'night and day.' It says: 'Indeed, the whole book is well written. The only thing that can be brought against it is that it is impossible. No monk under a ban would be allowed to hear confessions in a convent. No nun ever 'escapes' from a convent. Any nun who wishes to leave may do so, even though she has taken the final vows. The author puts his seal upon his ignorance of Catholicism when he says twice (on page 12 and on page 109): "Masses were being sung there at all hours of the day and night." Masses are never said or sung in the afternoon, except under special dispensation in places where many priests go on pilgrimage and there is no other means for each priest to say his Mass. Even then, no Mass is said after five o'clock. A Midnight Mass is sometimes said at Christmas by special dispensation.'

The Polyorama Art Union in aid of the building fund of the Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch, will take place on May 24, and all having books of tickets for disposal are urged to push on with their sale and send remittances and blocks in time for the drawing to the Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., Christchurch.

The drawing of prizes in the art union in aid of the Sacred Heart School, North East Valley, takes place in His Majesty's Theatre, Dunedin, on Saturday evening, April 30. Holders of books of tickets are requested to forward blocks and remittances at the earliest moment to Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., St. Joseph's Cathedral.

The committee who are managing the Cailin Ban Fete have their arrangements well in hand. The tickets for the art union, which also admit to the carnival, have been well distributed, and indications point to good houses. A number of young ladies are being trained in different evolutions by Miss Major, of Melbourne. Mr. T. J. Anthony has a couple of short comedies in rehearsal. Irish songs and recitations will be a feature of the fair, and a capable orchestra will contribute selections each evening. The object of the carnival is to clear the debt of the Sacred Heart School, North East Valley.

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