

LIVE STOCK

OTAGO FARMERS' HORSE BAZAAR.

The Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association of New Zealand (Limited) report:—

He held our usual weekly sale of horses at our bazaar, Crawford and Vogel streets, on Saturday last, when we had an entry of 45 horses, including really good cart mares and geldings, van horses, spring-carters, buggy and hackney geldings. Although bidding was not over-spirited, prices obtained were very satisfactory, and the provincial contingents, with one or two exceptions, found new owners at good values. Cart mares and geldings were in very fair demand at prices in excess of values obtained recently. Buggy geldings were wanted, and three or four really good sorts changed hands under spirited bidding at high values. We quote: Heavy draught mares and geldings, £50 to £60; lighter sorts, £40 to £45; van geldings, £38 to £45; spring-carters, £28 to £36; buggy geldings, £18 to £25; buggy pairs, £40 to £50; waggonette pairs £50 to £60; carriage pairs, £90 to £100.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There was a good attendance and a brisk market at Addington.

Fat Cattle.—The yarding was small, comprising only 166 head. All classes were represented, and the quality was good. Prices were from 5/- to 10/- per head above the previous week's rates. Steers sold at from £6/15/- to £10/2/6; heifers, £5/15/- to £8; cows, £5/10/- to £8/7/6 (one at £9/15/-), being at the rate of 20/- to 22/- for good to prime beef, and from 17/- to 19/6 for cow and inferior to middling.

Fat Calves.—There was a good demand, and prices ranged from 7/6 to £3.

Fat Sheep.—The entry was of moderate dimensions, and, competition being active, an advance on previous rates was realised, wethers of freezing weights making as much as 4½d per lb over all, and ewes from 3½d to 4d. At these rates exporters were unable to operate, and practically the whole of the entry was taken by butchers. Prices were as follows:—Prime wethers, 22/- to 26/7; other, 18/- to 21/6; prime heavy ewes, 21/- to 25/4; medium to good, 18/6 to 20/6; aged, from 16/-; merino wethers, 17/6 to 20/-; ewes, 12/- to 15/-.

Fat Lambs.—A moderate supply met with keen competition for all of lamb grade at an advance of 6d, while tegs were a shade weaker. Prices were: Tegs, 18/6 to 19/9; freezing weights, 16/- to 18/-.

Store Cows.—There was a small entry. A few desirable lots of young steers sold fairly well, but there was nothing attractive in the rest of the entry, which met with a slow sale. Yearlings realised 16/-; 15 to 18-months-old, 39/6 to 62/-; two-year-old heifers, £3/5/-; dry cows, 37/6 to £3/15/-.

Dairy Cows.—The entry was very large, and the improved tone perceptible last week was checked, only desirable cows and springing heifers being competed for. Prices ranged from £4/10/6 to £8/10/-.

Store Sheep.—A number approaching 10,000 were penned, including consignments from Nelson, Marlborough, the North Island, and the Chatham Islands. Bidding was perhaps less spirited than at recent markets, the high prices inducing caution, but there was no weakening in values, and almost every lot was sold. Prices were as follow:—Ewes, 18/1 to 25/7; wethers, 17/- to 19/7; lambs, 11/8 to 17/5.

Pigs.—The yarding was below the average in number. Baconers were rather easier, but porkers sold well. Small stores were lower. Prices were: For baconers, 40/- to 53/-, or equal to 3½d to 4d per lb; porkers, 26/- to 38/-, or equal to 4½d to 6½d per lb; stores, (large), 24/- to 32/-; medium, 15/- to 21/6; small, 7/- to 12/6.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, presided the other day at a reception ceremony in St. Patrick's Church, Singleton. Among the young ladies received into the Order of Mercy was Miss Nellie McDonnell, of Greymouth, in religion Sister Mary Columbiere.

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At the Dunedin Telegraph Office on Thursday evening Mr. J. McGrath was presented by Mr. Hill, acting officer in charge, on behalf of the operating staff, with a handsome drawing-room marble clock, in commemoration of his recent marriage.

'People prefer the freehold,' stated Mr. A. W. Ruthford at Amberley the other day, 'because they can cultivate their own land according to their own intelligence, and not according to the intelligence of Government officials.'

The death is reported of Mr. George Fisher, M.H.R., who passed away at Wellington, in the public life of which city he had, for many years, taken a leading part. The deceased was Minister of Education in the last Atkinson Government. He was 62 years of age, having been born in Dublin in 1843.

Speaking at Invercargill the other day Sir Joseph Ward announced that an important innovation was to be made soon in the railway service. He said:—'We are going to adopt a system of numbering every seat in the passenger carriages on the railways, by which you will be able, if you desire, to travel from Invercargill to New Plymouth without any difficulty or trouble as to your seat in the train. You will be able to obtain tickets two or three days before you travel; on the ticket will be the number of the car you will travel in, and the seat you will occupy, and if anybody tries to jump your claim whilst you retire to have a glass of—well, soda and milk—(laughter)—you will be in a position to request him to move out. It is a small reform, but one, I venture to think, that will add considerably to the comfort of travellers and will be greatly appreciated.'

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