

lots were easier. The range of prices was—tegs, 19s 6d to 20s 7d; standard weights, 17s to 19s 6d; and others, 14s 10d to 16s 6d.

Fat Sheep—The entry was a fairly heavy one, and was made up principally of large lines of prime wethers. The offering of ewes was not large, and medium and inferior sorts were rather lower in value, a few lots being taken for freezing. On the other hand, wethers were very firm, and prices showed an advance. The range of prices was—prime wethers, 23s to 26s; extra, to 31s 6d; light, 20s to 22s 6d; ewes (heavy lines), 20s to 22s 7d; medium and good, 17s to 19s 6d; others, 14s to 16s 6d.

Fat Cattle—The yarding comprised only 117 head, mostly useful steers. A large number of pens were passed at first, but were afterwards sold, the market showing an advance of 10s to 20s per head over the previous week's prices. A line of 12 steers from Mr O. Dampier Crossley (Hawarden) made £7 17s 6d to £9 12s 6d, and 17 heifers from Hawkwood £5 12s 6d to £8 2s 6d. Steers sold at £7 5s to £10; heifers, £5 to £6; and cows, £4 17s 6d to £6; one extra, £8 5s—equal to 21s to 23s for prime, and 18s to 20s for medium per 100lb. Veal calves sold at 7s 6d to £2 5s.

Pigs—There was a moderate yarding, and an improvement all round in prices, especially in stores. Baconers made 45s to 49s, heavier weights to 62s, equal to 3d to 4d per lb; porkers, 28s to 36s, equal to 4d per lb; large stores, 20s to 30s; medium, 12s 6d to 7s 6d; weaners, 6s to 10s 6d. A line of 16 baconers from Mr J. A. McRae Peacock (Swanano) made 44s 6d to 62s.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Messrs. Donald Peia and Co.

Fat Cattle—There was a yarding of 177, the larger proportion of these being medium quality, with a pen or two of extra prime. Prices were about on a par with last week's rates. Best bullocks, £9 15s to £11 5s; medium to good, £7 10s to £9 1s; light, £6 5s to £7 5s; best cows and heifers, £6 10s to £7 15s; medium to good, £5 15s to £6 5s; light, £4 5s to £5 5s.

Sheep—There was a large yarding of 1949. A fair proportion of these were of prime quality, but the majority were only of medium weight. Prices were about equal to those ruling last week. Best wethers, 24s to 26s 9d; medium to good, 22s 3d to 23s 6d; light, 18s to 21s; best ewes, 21s to 24s 3d; medium to good, 19s to 21s 6d; light, 15s 6d to 19s.

Fat Lambs—There was only a small yarding of 187. All fit for export were quitted at satisfactory prices. Best lambs, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 16s to 17s 6d; light, 14s to 15s.

Pigs—200 forward, the most of these being porkers and baconers. For baconers the demand was a brisk one, and all forward sold at satisfactory prices. Porkers also met with a fair demand, as also did suckers and slips. Suckers, 6s to 10s 6d; slips, 11s to 15s; tories, 17s to 23s; porkers, 25s to 30s; light baconers, 39s to 50s; heavy do, 51s to 55s; choppers, up to 70s.

HOKITIKA

(From our own correspondent.)

On Sunday, July 2, the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced, terminating with a Missa Cantata on Tuesday morning. This is the first occasion on which the devotion has taken place in Hokitika. Rev. Father O'Connor, of Ross, preached on Sunday evening, and celebrated Mass on Monday morning, whilst on Monday evening Rev. Father Taylor, of Greymouth, was the preacher and celebrated Mass on Tuesday morning. The presence of priests from other parishes was made the occasion of large numbers availing themselves of the opportunity of complying with their Easter duties.

Our church has lately undergone some extensive alterations, and now presents the appearance of quite a new edifice. The sanctuary has been enlarged to over double its former size, and a large stained-glass window has been presented by a member of the congregation, and is now in place at the rear of the altar. The side altars, which were formerly outside the sanctuary rails, are now in alcoves within the rails, whilst on the Epistle side of the sanctuary a nuns' chapel has been added for the accommodation of the Sisters, and on the Gospel side a sacristy has been added. The contractors have carried out their work in a very efficient manner, and the artistic pillars and arches which now adorn the sanctuary greatly enhance the beauty of the church.

An old Hokitika resident, in the person of Mrs. M'Carthy, who, until recently, lived at the foot of the Cemetery Hill, died in Wellington a few days ago. She was the mother of Miss M'Carthy, so well and favorably known as a nurse at the Westland Hospital. Miss M'Carthy has the distinction of being the first-born female in Hokitika.—R.I.P.

I regret to have to record the death of Mr. James Butler, which took place recently. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. Cooke, proprietress of the Pioneer Hotel, and was an old colonist, having arrived in Otago in 1864. He was 74 years of age.—R.I.P.

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