

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as follows:—

For Saturday's sale there was a very poor entry of horses, both in respect to numbers and quality. There were no first-class draughts forward and hacks and harness horses were also a very second-rate lot. First-class horses of all descriptions are in good demand, and we strongly recommend consignments. There were several buyers in the yard on Saturday on the look-out for first-class draughts, but as there was nothing forward suitable for their requirements, they are still in the market. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £50 to £55; extra good do (prize horses), £56 to £65; superior young draught mares, £60 to £75; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £45; aged do, £17 to £30; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £8.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were small entries at the Addington live stock market in all departments except pigs, and the attendance was below the average. Prices for fat stock were generally higher, beef showing a sharp rise. The fat sheep market was firmer, and there was good sale for fat pigs and an upward demand for stores.

Fat Lambs.—About 20 new season's fat lambs were penned, the best selling at from 21s to 26s, and a few smaller at 14s.

Fat Sheep.—The yarding of fat sheep was a moderate one, consisting principally of wethers in small lots and one good line of merino wethers. The sale opened at improved rates, which eased somewhat later on. Though prices were irregular, they were slightly higher for good sheep. Prime wethers made from 24s to 27s; extra, to 29s; others, 21s to 23s 6d; prime ewes, 25s to 27s 6d; medium, 19s to 22s; prime merino wethers, 18s 9d to 21s.

Fat Cattle.—The entry totalled only 110, the bulk of which were useful steers. The short supply caused a sharp rise in prices, prime beef selling at from 25s to 27s 6d, and in some cases a little over; and medium quality, 21s to 23s per 100lb. Steers made from £8 15s to £13 15s; heifers, £5 7s 6d to £7; and cows, £4 5s to £9. The veal calves offered were mostly small sorts, and sold at from 7s 6d to 37s 6d.

Pigs.—There was a large yarding of pigs, baconers selling at late rates, while porkers were firmer, and there was improved demand for stores consequent upon the operations of several Peninsula buyers. Heavy baconers brought from 10s to 47s 6d, and lighter from 32s to 38s—equal to 3½d to 3¾d per lb; porkers, 26s to 35s—equal to 4d to 4½d per lb; large stores, 22s 6d to 30s; medium, 15s to 22s, and weaners, 6s to 12s 6d.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Messrs. Donald Peia and Co.

Fat Cattle.—205 head yarded, the bigger proportion of these being medium-weight steers and heifers. Prices were about on a par with last week's rates. Best bullocks, £9 5s to £11; medium to good, £7 15s to £8 15s; light, £6 5s to £7 10s; best cows and heifers, £6 10s to £8 2s 6d; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 5s; light, £2 to £4 17s 6d.

Sheep.—1854 penned, the most of which were good to prime wethers, with a pen or two of ewes. Prices were fully equal to last week's rates, and for prime quality they were slightly better. Best wethers, 25s to 26s 6d; extra heavy, up to 29s 3d; medium to good, 22s 6d to 25s; others, up to 22s; best ewes, 22s to 24s; light, 18s to 20s.

Fat Lambs.—18 were yarded, all of which sold under brisk competition. Best lambs, 21s to 22s 6d; others, 18s to 20s.

Pigs.—Of the 90 forward, the majority were suckers and small sorts, porkers being also in fair supply. Prices were slightly higher for small sorts, this being also the case with porkers. Suckers, 7s to 11s; slips, 11s 6d to 15s; stores, 16s to 23s; porkers, 25s to 34s; light baconers, 36s to 40s; heavy do, 43s to 54s; choppers, up to 60s.

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