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Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—224 head forward. The yarding was only of fair quality, with a few pens of prime beef. Prime bullocks, up to £11 5s; best, £9 to £10 10s; others, £7 to £8.

Sheep.—A small yarding of 1777. A fair proportion of these were good quality wethers. Prices showed an advance over last week of about 1s 6d per head. Best wethers, 20s to 23s 6d; extra, up to 23s 9d; medium, 18s to 19s 9d; inferior, up to 15s; best ewes, 16s to 18s; extra, up to 22s 6d; medium, 11s to 15s; inferior, up to 9s.

Lambs.—Small yarding of 806. Prices on the whole were a shade higher than last week. Extra sold at up to 17s 6d; good, 15s to 16s 6d; medium, 13s 6d to 14s 6d.

Pigs.—A yarding of 110, principally porkers and baconers. These were slightly easier. Suckers, 14s to 15s; slips, 16s to 18s; stores, 20s to 28s; porkers, 33s to 28s; light baconers, 43s to 48s; heavy do, 54s to 60s; choppers, up to 99s.

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Ltd.) report: We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a representative catalogue to a good attendance of the public. Bidding for most of the lots on offer was good, and we cleared the bulk of our catalogue at satisfactory prices. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—The demand for shipment continues good, and all lines on offer are readily taken by merchants at prices fully equal to those lately ruling. Gartons have good inquiry, but there are not many offering. The demand for Duns and other seed samples continues good, and are worth up to 2s 6d per bushel. Quotations:—Prime milling to 2s 4d, good to best feed 2s 2½d to 2s 3½d, inferior to medium 2s to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Straw.—Quotations: Wheaten 40s to 42s 6d, oaten 42s 6d to 45s per ton (pressed).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Oats.—Shippers are still inquiring for all sorts, and prices are fully equal to those lately ruling. Prime milling to 2s 4½d, good to best feed 2s 2½d to 2s 3½d, inferior and medium 2s to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling, 4s 6½d to 4s 7½d; medium to good and whole fowl wheat, 4s to 4s 6d; medium do, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 9d to 4s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Choice samples freshly dug are in most demand and are worth up to £5 10s; best potatoes, £5 5s to £5 10s; medium to good, £5 to £5 5s; stale and inferior, £4 to £4 10s.

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; light and inferior, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

Pressed Straw.—Wheaten, 40s to 42s 6d; oaten, 42s 6d to 45s per ton.

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Sheepskins.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on the 17th inst, when we submitted a large catalogue. Bid-

ding was very slack. Merino showed a drop of 1d per lb, ½-bred 1d, x-bred 1d for good and 1½d for inferior. Pelts and lambskins showed a drop of from ½d to a 1d, except for good lambskins, which sold on a par with last sale. Best ½-bred 5½d to 6½d, inferior 3d to 4½d, best x-bred 4½d to 5½d, medium to good 4d to 4½d, best lambskins 5d to 5½d, medium to good 4d to 4½d, best pelts 3½d to 3½d, light 2d to 2½d, broken skins were almost unsaleable.

Tallow and Fat.—Best rendered tallow brings from 21s 6d to 23s 6d, medium to good 18s to 19s 6d, inferior 14s to 16s 6d, best rough fat 16s to 18s, medium to good 11s to 15s.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

CHRISTCHURCH

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

The solemnity of the festival of the Apostle of Ireland was observed in the Cathedral on Sunday. At the first Mass, celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, a large body of members of the H.A.C.B. Society approached the Holy Table, and at the eleven o'clock Mass the Rev. Father Price, Adm., delivered a very fine panegyric of St. Patrick.

On Tuesday night the annual Irish national concert, under the auspices of the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee, and in aid of that most worthy local charity, Nazareth House, was given in His Majesty's Theatre. The celebration was under the patronage of his Excellency the Governor Lord Plunket, Sir J. G. Ward, K.C.M.G., his Lordship Bishop Grimes, S.M., Sir George Clifford, Bart., his Worship the Mayor and City Councillors, and other prominent citizens. The general committee and sub-committees, which controlled the various arrangements, worked long and zealously in connection with the event, and apparently nothing was omitted whereby complete success could be assured. The ladies' committee aided most energetically. The following was the programme:—Part I.—Overture; 'Memories of Ireland,' Orchestra; song, 'To my first love,' Mr. R. Allen; song, 'Phelim's wake,' Mrs. C. M. Brooke; song, 'The minstrel boy,' Mr. R. Vincent; song, 'Come back to Erin,' Mrs. Gower-Burns; violin solo, 'Hungarian dance,' Miss Thackerey; song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mr. J. E. Hamill. Part II.—March, 'Irish hearts,' Orchestra; song, 'Mistress Prue,' Mr. R. Vincent; song, 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' Mrs. Gower-Burns; grand instrumental selection, 'Moonlight,' Mr. E. J. Painter's Ladies' Estudiantina-Band; song, 'She is far from the land,' Mr. Claude Allan; song, 'The exile,' Mrs. C. M. Brooke; song, 'Father O'Flynn,' Mr. J. E. Hamill. Miss Katie Young was accompanist, and Mr. G. H. Scarse musical director and conductor. This is the first occasion here that Mr. Scarse has organised and directed a concert programme, and the result was everything to be desired. Mr. E. J. Painter was leader of the orchestra.

The concert was a brilliant success. The audience crowded the full limits of the theatre. Among those present were his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy of the city and surrounding districts. The programme numbers elicited the greatest enthusiasm, and there were recalls in every instance.

DUNEDIN

For some years the celebration of St. Patrick's Day in Dunedin has been confined to a National concert in the evening, and this year has been no exception to the rule. During the past few weeks an energetic committee, with Mr. W. P. Rodgers as secretary, had been actively engaged in making arrangements for the celebration, with the result that they were in a position to present a fine programme to the very large audience that filled every part of the Garrison-Hall on Tuesday evening. The programme items were nearly all of a national character, and were interpreted by the various performers in a manner which left little to be desired. Encores were the order of the evening, and no soloist escaped this mark of appreciation. The opening number was a selection, 'Irish Airs,' by the well known Kaihoro Band, under the conductorship of Mr. G. Laidlaw. The Band also opened the second part of the programme with a selection from 'Maritana,' and it is needless to say that both items were remarkably well played. Miss G. Meenan sang with much artistic taste 'Come back to Erin,' for which she was enthusiastically recalled. Miss H. Sweeney's programme items were 'Terence's farewell'

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