

serviceable, especially for draughts. Most of the draughts were useful sorts, although not big—in fact, they were what might be termed good plough horses; and although no high figures can be recorded, yet, considering their size, really good values were obtained. In the light harness section there were a few good beasts forward; but most of them were too old and stale, and on the light side for what is required at this season of the year. Buyers are on the look-out for horses fit to go into immediate hard work, consequently business in this class was limited. The demand for first-class young draughts is very keen, the supply falling far short of buyers' requirements. Strong upstanding light harness horses are also badly wanted.

Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £50; extra good do (prize-winners), at from £50 to £55; superior young draught mares, at from £50 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, at from £30 to £40; aged do, at from £15 to £20; well-matched carriage pairs, at from £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, at from £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, at from £18 to £35; light hacks, at from £8 to £13; extra good hacks and harness horses, at from £13 to £25; weedy and good do, at from £5 to £7.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—219 forward; a big yarding, consisting mainly of better quality than those offered last week. In consequence of the big supply, prices fell to a considerable extent. Best bullocks, £9 15s to £10 17s 6d; medium, £8 12s 6d to £9; inferior, £7 to £8; best heifers, up to £5 5s.

Sheep.—2006 penned; a small yarding, with a large proportion of shorn wethers. The quality was under the average. Best, 22s 9d to 26s 6d; medium, 21s 6d to 22s 6d; light, 17s to 18s 9d; best shorn wethers, 18s 3d to 19s 6d; medium, 16s 3d to 17s 9d; inferior, 14s to 15s; best ewes in wool, 20s 6d; shorn, 14s 9d to 15s 9d.

Lambs.—200; a large yarding, but not sufficient for the demand, and prices showed fully an increase of fully 2s per head. Best lambs, 16s to 18s; extra, 19s 6d; medium, 14s 6d to 15s 6d; light, 12s to 14s.

Pigs.—There was a full yarding of 140. Suckers and slips were in small supply, and prices were fully equal to late rates. Suckers, 18s to 26s; slips, 28s to 33s; stores, 34s to 39s; porkers, 40s to 46s; light baconers, 49s to 56s; heavy do, up to 65s; choppers, up to 76s.

Interprovincial

At the Sacred Heart Church, Hastings, on Monday, his Grace Archbishop Redwood ordained as deacons Revs. Arthur Berger (Kumara), Michael Murphy (Kumara), James Eccleton (Waipawa), Augustine Venning (Fimaru), Victor Greaney (Canterbury), Lynch Dignan (Canterbury).

The following pupils were successful at the recent examinations held here by Mr. T. F. Dunhill, the representative of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music, London (writes our Oamaru correspondent):—Pianoforte: Teacher, Miss K. Cartwright—Vera Rankin, 132 (honors); Ivy Glynn, 130 (honors); Annie Archibald, 125. Teacher, Miss M. S. Falconer—J. E. Stevens, 102.

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