

Refined and Inexpensive Underwear.

"Mosgiel" Underwear is distinctly High-class. It is made from the Purest Wool, without any admixture of cotton, in the celebrated Mosgiel Factory on the Taieri Plains. Every article of ladies' underwear may be had in the Mosgiel makes in heavy weights for winter wear, which are just as daintily finished as the lightest summer garments. All high-class drapers sell "Mosgiel" Underwear.

Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

Oats.—Prime Gartons, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; medium to good, 1s 6d to 1s 7d. Prime Sparrowbills, 1s 6½d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d; inferior to medium, 1s 2d to 1s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; medium to good, 3s 11d to 4s 1d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 7d to 3s 9d; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Best table sorts, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; choice, to £4; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s; inferior, £2 to £2 15s per ton (sacks included).

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report as follows:—

Oats.—Prime milling Gartons, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; Sparrowbills, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 6½d; inferior to medium, 1s 2d to 1s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; medium to good milling, 3s 11d to 4s 1d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 7d to 3s 9d; medium and smutted, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; inferior, 2s 6d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Extra prime, to £4; best freshly-dug samples, £3 10s to £3 15s; medium to good, £2 10s to £3 7s 6d.

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending July 6 as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—We held our usual rabbitskin sale on Monday last, when we offered a large catalogue. Competition for winter does was very keen, and prices realised were the highest for the season, a fine lot of prime winter does in our catalogue bringing 34½d, a record. All other sorts of skins sold extremely well. Quotations: Best winter does, 30d to 34½d; medium to good, 26d to 30d; best winter bucks, 16d to 20d; medium to good, 15d to 16d; early winters, 16½d to 18d; autumns, 14½d to 16½d; racks, 9d to 10½d; best winter blacks, to 31d; second winter blacks, to 20d.

Sheepskins.—We offered a medium catalogue on Tuesday to a large attendance of buyers. Bidding was brisk and prices were much on a par with last week's rates. Quotations: Best halfbred, 8d to 9d; medium to good, 7½d to 8d; inferior, 4½d to 6½d; best fine crossbred, 6½d to 7½d; medium to good, 6½d to 7d; medium and inferior, 4½d to 5½d; best merino, 7d to 8d; medium to good, 5½d to 6½d; inferior, 4½d to 5½d; best lambskins, 7d to 7½d; pelts, 3d to 4½d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in the tallow and fat market.

Rating of School Property

At the last sitting of the Supreme Court in Palmerston North (writes the special correspondent of the *Dominion*), an appeal case of great interest was argued before Mr. Justice Chapman, when Mr. C. A. Loughnan (on behalf of the Catholic Church, of Feilding) sought to have the decision of Mr. A. D. Thomson, S.M., reversed in regard to the payment of rates on certain property held in connection with the Catholic School, and claimed to be exempt under section 2 of the Rating Act, 1908. The facts, as determined by the magistrate, were that some of the nuns engaged in teaching, either in the convent or in the church, also gave instruction in music, both vocal and instrumental, in the convent to persons other than those attending the ordinary school, and, for this, they received payment. They accounted to the Rev. Mother in Wanganui for all moneys received from all sources, and these moneys were used to defray the expenses of the school, but had to be supplemented by donations, bazaars, etc. It was stated, in appellant's evidence, that one Sister principally taught

music, and the other three taught in the day school. A number of pupils received music and singing teaching, for which they paid in the ordinary way, and, but for that, the school could not be carried on at all. On these facts the magistrate found that it had not been shown that the occupation of the building was for the purposes solely of a school.

His Honor Mr. Justice Chapman said he would not be entitled to revise that finding, even if he saw anything in it with which he did not agree. His Honor continued: 'It is argued, however, that to entitle a person in appellants' position to the exemption, the use need not be solely for the purposes of the school; that it is enough that it is substantially required and used for the purposes of the school. Mr. Loughnan argued that the teaching of music was to be regarded as one of the purposes of the school. I cannot agree that this is so. The persons taught are not scholars, have nothing to do with the school, and are not within its discipline as a school. The real position is that the only connection between the teaching of music and the school is that the teaching of music is used as a means of making a profit, and thus securing financial aid for the purposes of the school. This is a use apart from the school, and from the school hours, and, if the building were not available the system could only be carried on by hiring another room which would not be exempt. If this secured an exemption, it would have to be extended to other systematic means of finance, such as teaching gardening in the grounds, or even conducting some profit-earning venture, such as an orchard. I do not think that such matters are within the meaning of the statute.'

Judgment was affirmed, and the appeal dismissed with costs £7 7s. Mr. J. P. Innes appeared for the Feilding Borough Council all through the proceedings, and Messrs. Ongley and Kelly were the solicitors for the appellants, for whom Mr. C. A. Loughnan appeared in the Supreme Court.

[We understand that an appeal is to be lodged against this decision.]

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE BLAKE, MOUNT ROSKILL.

There died at Auckland on June 27 (writes our Christchurch correspondent) one who has played a very conspicuous part in the history of New Zealand, in the person of Mr. George Blake, of Mount Roskill, a brother of Mr. A. Hope Blake, of Christchurch. Born in Wellington in 1845, his parents were amongst the first arrivals in that city, coming out in 1841 under engagement to the New Zealand Company. The late Mr. Blake served under Colonel (afterwards General) Whitmore with distinction in his many hazardous and fierce engagements on the East and West Coasts of the North Island with the notorious rebels, Te Kooti and Titokowarau. As landlord of the Takaanu Hotel subsequently he was most favorably known to tourists and others for a period extending over sixteen years. His house was always open to, and his kindly services ever at the disposal of, the occasional Maori missionary. Indeed, a visit from one of these good Fathers was looked forward to by him and his family as an event of great importance, surrounded as they were in the wilderness by hordes of semi-civilised Natives. He was an accomplished Maori linguist, and his dealings with them for so many years were of such a character that the head chief, Te Heu Heu, when dying, named Mr. Blake as his successor. The deceased gentleman gave up active business about seven years ago, since when, with his family, he has been living a comparatively retired life. After a few weeks' illness, fortified by the rites of the Church, he passed away, leaving a widow, one son, and two daughters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MRS. HELENA FROST, SHANNON.

It is with sincere regret (writes our travelling correspondent) that I have to record the death, at a comparatively early age, of Mrs. Helena Frost, who passed away at the residence of her brother (Mr. Moynihan), Club Hotel, Shannon, on May 17. The deceased was born in Ballarat, and came to New Zealand as a young girl, and resided on the West Coast with her parents, where her father, the late Sergeant Moynihan, was one of the best known and widely respected Catholics of the diggings days. Mrs. Frost, who was an exemplary Catholic throughout her life, had been ailing some time, and in her last illness received the consolations of the Church from the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father Cognet, of Otaki. After her demise the remains were taken to Wellington for interment in the Karori Cemetery, the funeral ceremonies being conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy. Great sympathy is felt for the relatives of the deceased, who by her kindness of heart, and her generous actions endeared herself to everyone.—R.I.P.