

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows :—
OATS—We offered a small quantity of medium to good feed oats, and, under fair competition, cleared the catalogue at quotations. The demand for export is strong, and we have inquiry for large lines of good to prime sparrowbills. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d; good to best feed, 2s to 2s 0½d; medium to good, 1s 10d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—Prime milling velvet and Tuscan are more saleable at 2s 5d to 2s 6d per bushel. Medium quality is almost neglected; whole fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 2d; broken, 1s 9d to 1s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—The market is well supplied. Fresh kidneys are worth L3 5s to L3 10s; others, L2 15s to L3 per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—Heavy supplies came forward for to-day's sale. We submitted 13 trucks—nearly all good to prime quality—which met with fair competition at prices about 10s to 15s per ton below those current last week. Best oatens sheaf sold at L3 to L3 5s 6d; medium to good, L2 10s to L2 15s per ton (bags extra).

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports :—Wholesale price only—
Oats: Good demand. Feeding, 1s 11d to 2s; milling, 2s 1d to 2s 2d.
Wheat: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowls' wheat, 2s 0d to 2s 3d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, L3. Straw: pressed, 24s; loose, 28s. Bran: L2 15s. Pollard: L3. Flour: L6 10s to L7. Butter: best brands factory, 10d to 11d; dairy, 6d to 8d. Oatmeal: L11. Potatoes: old out of season. Chaff: much firmer demand; L2 15s to L3 5s. New potatoes, L4, Auckland; local, 4s.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, January 10.—The Antwerp wool sales opened with good animation. Half the catalogued wool sold at 10 to 15 per cent. above October rates.

At the tallow sales 1625 casks were offered and 1575 sold. Mutton: Fine, 29s 6d; medium, 28s. Beef: Fine, 28s; medium, 27s.

London, January 11.—At the Antwerp wool sales River Plate clips closed at prices unchanged after the opening advances. Five thousand seven hundred and seventy-three bales were offered, and 2068 sold.

The Bradford wool market is slack. Common sixties, 30½d; super, 31½d.

London, January 12.—River Plate tops at Antwerp are quoted for January delivery, at 6.32½fr per kilogram; June delivery, 6.42½fr. At Roubaix January delivery is quoted at 6.42½fr; June delivery at 6 55fr.

Sydney, January 12.—At the wool sales there is good competition, but prices are irregular and declining; greasy merino are a halfpenny and inferior sorts one penny lower than at the pre-Christmas sales.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. (Limited) report having received the following cablegram from their London office yesterday :—'The Antwerp wool sales as compared with the average rates of last Antwerp wool sales closed with prices higher by 10 to 15 per cent.'

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries of stock at Addington were good, and satisfactory business was done in most classes.

CATTLE—In fat cattle the range of prices was: Steers, L4 to L8 7s 6d; heifers, L4 to L7; cows, L3 12s 6d to L6 5s. Best beef realised 19s per cwt; medium to good, 14s to 17s; cow and inferior, 12s. Dairy cattle sold fairly well, the top price being L6. Not much business was done in store cattle. Eighteen months old steers brought L2 10s; two-year-old, L3 10s; eighteen months old heifers, L2 4s.

FAT SHEEP—The entry of fat sheep was rather mixed, ewes predominating, and freezing lines being but poorly represented. Best crossbred wethers brought 13s 6d to 15s 3d; best ewes, 12s to 13s 2d; lighter sorts, 9s 6d to 11s 9d; merino wethers, 10s 5d to 11s 6d.

FAT LAMBS—These sold well, freezing lines bringing 12s to 13s 10d, and butchers' lots 10s 8d to 11s 9d, and up to 14s for extra prime.

STORE SHEEP—Store sheep met a good demand, four-tooth wethers making 13s to 13s 10d; two-tooth, 12s 7d; lambs, 9s to 11s 1d.

Pigs—Pigs brought the following prices: Baconers, 30s to 36s 6d, or 3d per lb; porkers, 21s 6d to 32s, or 3½d to 4d per lb; stores 15s to 20s; weaners, 11s to 14s; suckers, 8s to 10s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows :—
 We had a fair entry of light horses at our sale last Saturday, but draughts were very poorly represented. Among the light horses was a consignment of brood mares and youngsters from Mr. W. G. Mosman's Waitati estate. The yearlings by Cock o' the Walk were in demand, and sold well at satisfactory prices. The mare Ulster, by Son-western, in foal to Cock o' the Walk, was sold at L25, and the youngsters fetched up to L16 10s. We would strongly advise farmers to send in any spare draughts they may have at present, as the demand is keen, and the supply very bare. Spring-carters are also keenly sought after, and are readily sold at good prices. The demand for light harness horses and hacks is also good, and we are disposing of large numbers every Saturday. We quote: First-class young draught mares and geldings, at from L45 to L50; good do, L38 to L45; medium, L30 to L35; aged, L18 to L23; upstanding young spring-carters, at from L25 to L30; good do, L18 to L23; light harness horses and hacks, first class, at from L18 to L25; good do, L14 to L17; medium, L8 to L12; aged and weedy sorts, L2 to L5.

WEDDING BELLS.

A MARRIAGE which attracted considerable attention in the district took place on January 9, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Kaikoura. The contracting parties were Mr. George Mullane, youngest son of the late Mr. Matthew Mullane, County Cork, Ireland, and Miss Maria Smith, daughter of the late Mr. Dublin Smith, Seaview, Kaikoura. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Walsh, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the young couple; after which Nuptial Mass was celebrated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was handsomely attired in cream lustre, stylishly trimmed with white satin, her prettily worked veil being daintily fastened with the orthodox orange blossom. She wore a gold watch and chain (the gift of the bridegroom) and carried a lovely shower bouquet. Her three bridesmaids (Miss M. Smith's sister and her two nieces) wore handsome costumes. Mr. T. Mullane was best man. A wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's mother, and the bride and bridegroom afterwards left for Christchurch on their honeymoon. The presents were numerous and handsome, and included several cheques.

OBITUARY.

MR. M. O'HALLORAN.

OUR Wanganui correspondent writes :—It is my sad duty to record the death of another of our old settlers, in the person of Mr. Michael O'Halloran, who breathed his last at the residence of Mrs. McMahon, St. Hill street, last Wednesday morning. The deceased was born at Tulla, County Clare, Ireland, in 1820, so that he had reached the age of 79. Arriving in New Zealand 24 years ago, he settled in the Wanganui district, and, since that time, has lived here without intermission. As a citizen, he was generally respected for his many excellent qualities, and particularly for his warm-hearted, generous spirit; as a Catholic, he was noted for his great love of Holy Faith. Throughout his long life he had been exemplary in attending to his religious duties, and now, let us hope, has gone to receive the great reward. Mrs. O'Halloran died 10 years ago, but there are left behind six grown-up sons, to whom, in their sad bereavement, the sincerest sympathy is extended.—*R.I.P.*

MISS H. L. LAVERY.

We have much regret in recording the death of Miss Helena Lucy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavery, of Charleston, which event occurred on December 29. Deceased was 12 years and 7 months old. She received the last rites of the Church from the Ven. Archbishop Walshe. The Rev. Father Costello officiated at the grave.—*R.I.P.*

THE BIBLE IN GOTHIC.

At Ursula, in Sweden (says the *Ave Maria*), is carefully preserved a curious and renowned old MS. known as 'The Silver Hand-Writing.' It consists of a translation of the Bible into the original Gothic, and the best authorities claim that it was written toward the end of the fifth or at the beginning of the sixth century. It was discovered in the sixteenth century at Verden, on the Ruhr, and its authenticity was at once established. It was taken to Prague, but the Swedes appropriated it in 1648, and carried it to Stockholm; thence it was conveyed to Holland, and was bought again for Sweden by the Chancellor de la Gardie. He had it bound in a solid silver cover, and presented it to the University of Upsala. It is written in silver on crimson parchment, the headings and some of the principal passages being in gold.

THE TROUBLE WITH THE WATCH.

'I WISH you would tell me what is the matter with this watch?' said the customer, passing it over the counter.

'It stops occasionally and you have to shake it hard to make it go, don't you?' inquired the jeweller, after he had examined the timepiece with the aid of an eye-glass.

'Yes.'

'Sometimes you have to open it and start the balance wheel with a toothpick or something of that kind?'

'Yes.'

'Perhaps you don't blow through the works to get the dust out as often as you should?'

'I've done that dozens of times, and it doesn't seem to do any good.'

'What really ails the watch is that it has a fool for an owner,' said the jeweller.

This, however, was the remark he made to himself. What he said to the customer was that it needed about five dollars worth of repairs.

Mr. P. LUNDON, Phoenix Chambers, Wanganui, is still busy putting people on the soil. He has also hotels in town and country For Sale and To Lease. Write to him.—* * *

Mr. R. S. Black announces the early commencement of the rabbit export trade for the season. Contracts for clearing large areas can be made, and agents are required. This is a splendid opportunity for the farmer and the pastoralist.—* * *

Our business columns contain the announcement of the re-opening on the 29th inst. of the Schools of the Sacred Heart, Barbadoes street, Christchurch. Prospectuses for boarders, High School, and Kindergarten School can be obtained from the Rev. Mother Prioress.—* * *