

**HIDES**—In very good demand. Prime heavy ox, 4½d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 4d; light and inferior, 2d to 3½d per lb.  
**TALLOW**—Market firm. Best rendered mutton, 18s 6d to 21s; medium, 16s to 18s; rough fat, 11s to 14s per cwt.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.**

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—  
 Light horses were a fair show regarding numbers, but the quality, on the whole, was poor. Good horses of this class sold well, and fetched up to £21 15s. We sold several horses privately during the week, including a beautiful pair of upstanding carriage horses, got by the famous imported stallion Merrie Stanton, also a pair of very stylish roan cobs, got by the late Hon. W. J. M. Larnach's hackney stallion Blue Peter, both pairs at highly satisfactory prices. We can always find buyers for well-matched pairs, provided they are really first-class stylish horses. We quote:—Superior young draught geldings, £40 to £45; extra good, prize horses, £46 to £50; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £38; aged do, £20 to £27; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £30; well-matched carriage pairs, £50 to £60; strong spring van horses, £22 to £23; milk cart and butchers' order cart horses, £15 to £20; tram horses, £8 to £12; light hacks, £6 to £10; extra good do, £15 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £2 to £5.

**ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.**

Supplies in general at the Addington saleyards were moderate, and the attendance was very small.

**FAT CATTLE**—The entry consisted of 187 head, principally heifers of fair quality. With the reduced supply, last week's drop in prices was recovered, good beef realising 18s per 100lb; other qualities from 13s to 17s. General prices current were from £5 7s 6d to £8 10s for steers; £3 17s 6d to £6 17s 6d for heifers; and £3 17s 6d to £5 17s 6d for cows.

**FAT SHEEP**—About 2500 were penned, mostly ewes of a wide range of quality—from very prime to inferior. A few small lines of prime wethers sold readily at late rates for export at 16s to 17s 6d. Two pens of two-tooth ewes fetched 14s 9d; unfinished wethers, from 11s 6d; and two or three pens of extra heavy-weight wethers, including a nice pen of Down crosses, went to butchers at 17s to 18s. Ewes, in sympathy with those in the store yards, made an all-round improvement, most marked in the lower grades, if having fair mouths, the advance in an irregular market varying from 6d to 1s 6d. There were, however, many withdrawals towards the close of the sale, when butchers requirements had been satisfied. Prime young ewes were sold at 12s 6d to 13s 10d; medium quality, at 10s 6d to 11s 6d; and aged from 9s. One pen of good merino wethers fetched 10s 10d; secondary to fair lots, 7s 3d to 9s 6d.

**FAT LAMBS**—A moderate supply of about 1200, which were about the average in quality. They met good competition at fully previous market rates, exporters bidding freely. Freezing lines realised from 12s 6d to 14s; others sold irregularly at 10s to 11s 6d.

**STORE SHEEP AND LAMBS**—The rain of last week has given a different aspect to this department. There was comparatively a small entry of about 7500. All classes of ewes improved in price, while wethers and lambs brought fully late rates.

**PIGS**—About 400 were penned. There was about an average supply of fat pigs, heavy weight baconers predominating. Bidding was very irregular, though there appeared to be a good demand, and late rates were about maintained. Baconers sold at 30s to 42s 6d; choppers to 50s, and porkers at 27s to 32s—equal to 3½d to 3¼d for baconers of best weights, 2½d to 3d for heavy weights, and 4d for porkers. Stores sold irregularly at 14s to 23s, weaners and suckers, 6s to 9s.

The New Zealand dairymen have subscribed to a testimonial for presentation to Dr. Babcock, the inventor of the famous milk-testing apparatus bearing his name. The testimonial is intended as a recognition of the inventor's generosity in refusing to patent his invention, so that farmers might have the fullest benefit of it.

**SPEAKING** at Amberley last week the Premier quoted figures to show the vastly improved condition of the country now as compared with ten years ago. He said: Wool exports had increased in value £174,000; frozen meat by £1,001,239; sheepskins and pelts by £145,440; butter by £149,098; cheese by £56,832; coal by £134,818; gold by £739,742; land holdings by £24,461; land in cultivation, 3,969,180 acres. Occupied areas increased by 6,350,214 acres, sheep by 3,232,395, and cattle by 371,193. Savings Bank deposits increased by £6,609,928, and the value of land with improvements increased by £27,453,633. Population had increased by 16,666 from 1891 to 1899, and the total value of property for the same period by £1,369,194.

For riders who give a machine extra hard wear, the Dunlop roadster tyre is most suitable. Although of marvellous strength and durability, it is a light and elegant tyre, full of resilience and life.—\*.\*

During the Easter holidays certain alterations and additions to the railway time table will come into operation. A notification to this effect, together with full particulars, will be found in our advertising columns.—\*.\*

**INTERCOLONIAL.**

A new Catholic church was opened at Jerry's Plains recently by the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, assisted by the Rev. Father Roche.

The Rev. E. O'Brien having gone from St. Mary's Cathedral to Mosmans and Neutral Bay his place at the Cathedral has been taken by the Rev. Father Michael Fitzpatrick, late of Lewisham. The Rev. Father Egau, of Moruya, takes the place of Father Fitzpatrick at Lewisham. The Rev. Father Bunbury, of Paramatta, goes to Moruyo, and Father Donnelly of Surrey Hills to Paramatta.

Says the Sydney *Freeman's Journal*:—In connection with the Feast Day of the Apostle of Ireland it is of interest to note that the exterior decorative stonework on the eastern side of the cathedral, now being finished, includes heads of St. Patrick and St. Columba. On either side of the window of the Irish Saints the clever sculptor who is doing this work has also successfully carved in stone 'portraits' of his Holiness Pope Leo XIII. and his Eminence Cardinal Moran. The main eastern entrance to the cathedral just above the presbytery now presents an exceedingly rich and artistic appearance. From this out the Pope and the Cardinal will keep guard as silent sentinels over the eastern side of the building.

In connection with the plague in Sydney his Eminence Cardinal Moran has issued the following circular:—It is pleasant to find that although the plague has been threatening this city and the surrounding districts for some weeks, it has not spread to any extent amongst us. We may trust that a merciful Providence shall listen to the prayers of the Church and avert this calamity from our Australian colonies. Entering, however, into the spirit of Holy Church, I deem it a duty, in regard to the city and suburban parochial districts, to dispense with the Fast and Abstinence otherwise prescribed for the Lenten Season. The usual abstinence on the Fridays of the year will, of course, remain in full force. I would request the faithful who may avail of this indulgence in the law of the Church regarding the Lenten Season, to renew their fervour of piety, and by their persevering prayer to endeavour to appease the wrath of God against the sinfulness that is so widespread throughout the world at the present day. The prayer of the humble and faithful heart for mercy shall not be made in vain, and we may trust that instead of the chastisements of Divine Justice the blessings of God's bounty and love will abound amongst us.

Writing with regard to the forthcoming Catholic Congress in Sydney the Rome correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal* says:—Mgr. Kelly, Rector of the Irish College, is, as you know, sending a paper which will be heard with much attention. It is some notes on temperance. Mr. M. E. Mulhall will contribute what must be a fascinating paper on Catholicity studied according to statistics. He is the wizard of statistics, the wizard and yet the treasure-holder; the magician and the store-house. In his *Dictionary of Statistics*, the standard authority on the subject, is to be found the prices of goodstuffs in the time of Alexander the Great, and so forth. From his house at Killiney Peak, near Dublin, he comes every winter to live in Rome with his wife, a gifted writer, to take his turn of service in the Papal Court as Private Chamberlain of Cape and Sword. Another Irish-Roman, Father David, O.F.M., will send a paper on some point of Apologetics. Father David, after being Provincial of the Friars Minor in England, was called to reside in Rome at the mother house of Saint Antonio, which replaces that of the Ara Caeli destroyed to make room for the monument of Victor Emmanuel. The fact that he was a Scotist did not prevent his having a very exceptional call, that to be Consultor of the Holy Office of the Roman and Universal Inquisition. He is a cheery denial of the austerity of that revered tribunal.

For some time the Ven. Archdeacon Slattery, who has had charge of St. Mary's parish, Geelong, for many years, has been unable to do but little work, and consequently the care of the parish fell on the shoulders of the senior priest, the Rev. Father O'Brien. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, with the advice of the Diocesan Council, has (says the correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*) conferred a compliment on Dean M'Kenna, V.G., who so ably acted as administrator of the diocese during the absence of the Archbishop in Europe, by appointing him to the responsible position of parish priest of St. Mary's, Geelong. It is understood that the very rev. gentleman retains the title of dean and vicar-general. The Rev. E. O'Brien has been appointed Rector of St. Joseph's, Collingwood, a large parish, where he will find full room, and an extensive outlet for his zeal, energy, and ambition in the noble work of saving souls. Rev. P. Phelan, Collingwood (brother of the Rev. Father Phelan, S.J., one of the foremost preachers of the Irish Church at the present day), has received well-earned promotion by his appointment to St. Patrick's Cathedral, in the room of Dean M'Kenna. The Rev. T. Brazil, who has done good work in the Northcote mission, has been given the rectorship of St. Mary's, Williamstown. The other changes announced are:—Rev. T. O'Sullivan, from Clifton Hill to Geelong; Rev. M. Costello, B.D., from East St. Kilda to Flemington; Rev. P. A. Francis takes Father Costello's place at St. Kilda; Rev. P. Fitzgerald, from Elsternwick to Fitzroy; Father Norris (recently ordained by the Archbishop) takes Father Fitzgerald's place at Elsternwick.

The railway authorities notify that excursion tickets for the Easter holidays will be issued from any station on the Hurunui-Bluff section from April 11 to April 16. These tickets will be available for return up to and including Tuesday, May 1, and can be extended on certain specified conditions.—\*.\*

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