

COMMERCIAL

Messrs Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended, Tuesday, October 13, 1914, as follows:—**Rabbitskins.**—We had our first sale since the war started yesterday afternoon. The usual number of buyers were present and prices, taken all round, showed a drop of about 50 per cent., compared with the rates ruling on July 27. Competition was fairly keen at quotations, which are as follow: Prime does, 12½d to 14½d; second does, 10½d to 11½d; best bucks, 12d to 13½d; seconds, 9½d to 11d; outgoing, 8½d to 9½d; incoming, 8½d to 9½d; autumn, 6½d to 8½d; best racks, to 6d; light racks, to 4d; summers, 3d to 5d; spring does and bucks, 5d to 7d; small, 1d to 3d; hawktoorn, 3½d to 6½d; best winter blacks, 22d to 30d; second winters, to 11d; horsehair, 14d to 16½d per lb. Our next sale takes place on the 27th inst. **Sheepskins.**—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, 20th inst., and fortnightly thereafter. **Hides.**—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, 15th inst. **Tallow and Fat.**—Prices have fallen considerably in sympathy with the London market and also the fact that there is not much local demand. Best rendered tallow, to 15s 3d; medium to good, 12s to 14s; best rough fat, to 14s; medium, to 10s. **Oats.**—There is very little demand, the market being much the same as at last report. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra). **Wheat.**—There is no business being done as vendors refuse to accept millers' offers. Fowl wheat is saleable up to 4s 10d per bushel (sacks extra) according to quality. **Chaff.**—The market is fairly well supplied, prime quality being readily sold. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; light and discolored, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton (sacks extra). **Potatoes.**—There is practically no demand and the market is very quiet. Only prime lines are saleable. Quotations: Best table, £2 5s to £2 10s; medium to good, £1 15s to £2 per ton (sacks in).

DIocese of AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

October 12.

The local Belgium relief fund now reaches £1500.

Rev. Father O'Doherty officiated last Sunday at Coromandel.

Rev. Father Dore, chaplain to the troops, bade farewell to the local clergy and friends on Saturday morning. His ship shortly afterwards departed.

A mission by the Redemptorist Fathers was commenced on Sunday morning at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby, when the Church was crowded. Rev. Father O'Sullivan delivered the opening sermon and Rev. Father Grogan spoke in the evening. The mission will continue throughout the week.

A well-known Auckland newspaper proprietor, writing to your correspondent from Oban, Scotland, says:—'Ireland has come well to the front at this time of national crisis, and her sons will gallantly sustain their old-time reputation as brave soldiers and patriotic citizens. John Redmond's declaration that the National Volunteers would defend Ireland sent a thrill of pleasure throughout Britain.'

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., commenced a retreat last Tuesday for the boarders at the Sacred Heart Convent, Remuera, which terminated on the Saturday following. Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R., has also arrived, and has commenced a retreat for the boarders of St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, which will conclude on Saturday. Next Sunday the two Redemptorists will begin a mission at the Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby. After this mission they will engage in several others, notably Onehunga and around the suburban parishes.

At St. Benedict's Church last Sunday evening Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., delivered a splendid discourse on our Blessed Lady of the Rosary. He took occasion to refer to the departure of Catholic troops to the war, and he enjoined upon all to be assiduous

in their devotion to the Rosary, the efficacy of which the preacher proved. A procession afterwards passed through the aisles, headed by a statue of our Lady. Rev. Father Forde and the sanctuary boys took part, followed by the confraternities. Our Lady's altar was again resplendent with electric lights.

A highly esteemed priest died this morning at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Mt. Eden, at the age of 74 years—namely, the Rev. Father Thomas Kehoe. Deceased was a native of County Wexford, Ireland, and was a very learned man, having had a brilliant scholastic career at Maynooth College. He came to Dunedin in 1882, and was transferred to Auckland in 1888, where he had labored ever since. Father Kehoe had been mostly stationed at Te Aroha and Tuakau. He had been in failing health for the last two years, so that his death was not entirely unexpected by his many friends. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday morning, after which the funeral left for Otahuhu Cemetery. A large number of the clergy and laity attended to show their last respects to one more of the old guard amongst the thinning ranks of our beloved clergy.—R.I.P.

The following letter has just been received:—

Western Australia, September 22, 1914.

W. Kane, Esq., District Secretary, I.A.C.B.S.,
New Zealand,

'Dear Sir and Brother,—I am proud to inform you that early in the afternoon of Saturday we received the following cable from National Secretary, Nugent A.O.H., Dublin: "Home Rule Bill received the Royal assent to-day." Happily ours was the first cable to Western Australia. Unfortunately, owing to the half-holiday, we were denied the duty and the pleasure of cabling you at once. Of course we presumed that Monday would witness our cable appearing in New Zealand press. By arrangement, the Irish dramatist, Mr. Allen Doone, read the cable amid breathless stillness to an immense audience in His Majesty's Theatre, Perth, on Saturday night. The effect produced was magnificent. With Allen leading, the assemblage, sang "God save the King." We cabled Mr. Redmond: "Iibernians Australasia profoundly grateful. Thank God! A nation at last!" And to Bro. Nugent: "Most glorious news since Grattan's day! Thanks. Enthusiasm grand!" We are arranging to hold a unique celebration of the truly memorable event. A nation at last! The prayers of our widowed mother, Ireland, are heard! God be with you.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) JAS. S. DOWLING,

National Secretary.'

OBITUARY

MRS. JULIA CULLEN.

Another of the old stock who brought to this Dominion the faith and simple piety of Ireland passed away last Sunday week, September 27 (writes our Auckland correspondent), in the person of Mrs. Julia Cullen, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. She was a native of Roscarberry, Co. Cork, and arrived in Auckland with the family of the late Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly, to whom she was related, in May, 1852. For many years she resided in Onehunga, and of late years in Auckland city. The deceased lady was held in the highest esteem amongst a very wide circle of friends. In her the twin cause of faith and fatherland possessed a devoted soul and an ardent champion. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Benedict's by the Right Rev. Monsignor Gillan, V.G., at which the relatives and numerous friends of the deceased lady assisted. The interment took place at Onehunga Cemetery, the last obsequies being performed by the Very Rev. Dean Mahoney. Mrs. Cullen is survived by three daughters and three sons—viz., Mesdames W. Taylor (Parnell), J. Corboy (Orakau), and Miss Rose Cullen, and Messrs. T. M. Cullen (Collector of Customs, Dunedin), F. A. Cullen (Receiver of Land Revenues, Dunedin), and J. D. Cullen (Taumarunui).—R.I.P.