

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, February 2, as follows:—Rabbit-skins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, February 8. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, February 9. Hides.—The fortnightly hide sales were held last Thursday, when we submitted a fair sized catalogue. Prices showed a rise of fully 1d per lb, and we were fortunate in selling ox up to 10d and cow hides to 9½d per lb. Tallow and Fat.—Prices on Saturday ruled slightly higher than previously. Quotations: Casks made up to 22s 6d; tins to 19s 6d; and fat to 18s. Oats.—Since last report there has been an increased demand and prices for prime milling have now reached 3s 6d. Good to best feed commands 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—No new season's grain is yet on the market, and as no old stocks are offering, business in this cereal is still at a standstill. Chaff.—The market has been well supplied and prices remain on a lower level namely, best, £5 10s to £5 15s; medium to good, £5 to £5 7s 6d per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—Values are rather easier, best bringing £8 to £9; medium to good, £6 15s to £7 15s per ton (sacks in).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report: We held our weekly sale of grain and produce on Monday, when values ruled as under: Oats. There is a good demand for prime milling lots, while shippers are ready buyers of good to best feed lots. New oats are not yet offering freely, the few consignments coming forward being chiefly last season's crop. Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; good to best feed, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; inferior to medium, 3s to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat. A few early crops have now been cut, but so far no threshing has been done. Stocks of old wheat are quite exhausted, and in the absence of supplies no business is passing. We have strong inquiry for new wheat, but in most cases sellers decline to accept offers until threshing is done. Potatoes. The market is more fully supplied, and prices have accordingly suffered to some extent. Auckland grown potatoes are arriving in better condition than usual, and consignments are also coming more freely to hand from surrounding local districts. Best free-liv dug lot, £8 to £8 10s; medium to good, £7 to £7 10s; stale, £5 10s to £6 10s per ton (sacks included). Chaff. Supplies continue to come forward very freely, and as these have in some cases been forced on the market it has been impossible to maintain late values. Prime quality is in most favor, but is more difficult to place on trucks at country stations for forward delivery. Medium to good has not very much attention, and inferior is at present practically unsaleable. Best eaten local, £5 10s to £5 15s; medium to good, £5 to £5 7s 6d; inferior, light, and discolored, £1 to £1 15s per ton (bags extra).

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

We have received £5 5s for the Belgian relief fund from 'A Friend.'

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON

The following is a list of students of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, who were successful at the recent examinations:—

Matriculation—John Egan, Thomas Higgins, Charles Hodgins, Carroll O'Donnell, John Reilly, James Riordan, John Seymour. Partial pass, Francis Grogan.

Public Service, Junior—Bernard Duffy, John Egan, Thomas Higgins, Frederick McKenna, John McMahon, Gerald O'Donnell, David O'Neil, Cecil Parsons.

Intermediate Examination—William Beveridge, Thomas Bourke, Clifford Bowler, William Coles, Joseph Coll, Francis Cranston, Maurice Dowling, Alphonsus Halpin, Alfred Harrison, Henley Harrison, Thomas Hickey, John Kennedy, Vincent McGlone, John McHardy, Gordon O'Moeghan, Guy Poppelwell, Thomas Tiller, Albert Young.

Gained Junior National Scholarship—Charles Percy Chase.

The college re-opens on Monday, February 8. The punctual attendance of students is requested.

Gore

(From our own correspondent.)

February 2.

The Pan Southland gathering takes place at River-ton on Wednesday next. It is expected that large numbers from Gore, Mataura, and Wyndham districts will attend.

At the half yearly meeting of the Gore branch of the Hibernian Society, the officers elected for the ensuing term were as follow:—President, Bro. B. Kelly; vice-president, Bro. A. P. Hoffman; secretary, Bro. J. Mallon; treasurer, Bro. F. Hutton; warden, Bro. Adam Hoffman; guardian, Bro. P. Kelly; sick visitors, Bros. D. McGowan and E. F. McGowan, Sisters M. Ford, E. Ford, and S. Francis. The retiring president (Bro. J. Quirk) after installing the officers, referred in a few words to the pleasant term of office he had, and wished the new president every success. All the newly-elected officers in turn thanked the members for the honor conferred on them, and referred to the interest Bro. J. Quirk had shown in the welfare of the society.

Harvest may now be said to be in full swing throughout South Canterbury (says the *Timaru Herald*). The yield promises to be much better than was anticipated a couple of months ago.

Reports from North Auckland concerning the suitability of the land for fruit-farming (says the *Herald*) have attracted the attention of farmers in the south, and during the last few years several sales of land in the north for fruit-farming have taken place. Now an area of 14,000 acres, north of Helensville, abutting on the Kaipara Harbor and forming part of the Hargreaves Estate, is being brought under cultivation for this purpose. The area, which is owned by a private company, is to be subdivided into sections of from 10 to 20 acres, thereby providing fruit farms for from 500 to 1000 prospective settlers. Experts who have been over the land consider that it will prove eminently suitable for apple-growing.

It was eleven years ago that Wm. Kinder, having passed all the necessary examinations, was granted the Diploma of the N.Z. Pharmacy Board, and three years later his Optical Degree.

During this time, and subsequently, he has held important positions in New Zealand and Australia, and has done a year's post graduate work at the Melbourne College of Pharmacy and Optics.

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