

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, October 12, 1915, as follows:—**Rabbitskins.**—We held our fortnightly sale yesterday and offered a full catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was keen, and prices showed an advance of 1d per lb all round on last week's values, except winter blacks, which were a shade easier. Quotations: Prime racks, 9½d to 10½d; light racks, 8d to 8½d; early autumns, to 12½d; early winters, 14d to 17d; prime winter bucks, to 19½d; prime winter does, to 22½d; second winter does, 19d to 21d; prime winter blacks, to 60d; second winter blacks, to 51d; fawns, 19d to 22½d; hareskins, to 12½d; horsehair, 19½d to 20½d per lb. Catskins, 4d to 6d each. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, 19th inst. **Hides.**—We held our fortnightly sale on Thursday and offered a full catalogue to the usual number of buyers. There was fair competition, but prices were a shade easier. Quotations: Stout heavy ox, 10d to 10½d; medium to good, 8½d to 9½d; light, 7d to 8d; stout heavy cow hides, 8d to 8½d; medium, 7d to 7½d; inferior and damaged, 4d to 5d; yearlings, 8d to 8½d; best calfskins, 10d to 10½d; medium, 8½d to 9d; inferior, 4d to 6d per lb. **Oats.**—The market still remains quiet and values are much the same. Prime milling, 3s 2d to 3s 3d; good to best feed, 3s to 3s 2d; inferior to medium, 2s 9d to 2s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). **Wheat.**—The market is still quiet and there is practically no business passing in milling lines. **Chaff.**—The market has been fully supplied for some time, and this has led to stronger inquiry and an increase in prices. Inferior lines are still hard to quit. Best oaten sheaf, £6 5s to £6 10s; medium to good, £5 10s to £6; inferior and discolored, £4 10s to £5. **Straw chaff,** £2 to £3 per ton (sacks extra). **Potatoes.**—The market has taken a decided advance and there is strong inquiry for prime quality. Choice freshly-picked lines, £7 15s to £8; good, £7 to £7 10s; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 10s; inferior, £4 to £5 per ton (sacks included).

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

MATAMATA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. F. G. J. Temm, of the Auckland diocesan executive of the Catholic Federation, visited Matamata last week, and delivered a lecture on Federation matters on Friday evening. Mr. P. Quinlan, president of the branch, presided. Mr. Temm spoke at some length, and in an able manner explained the objects of the Federation and the good work it had done in this Dominion.

At the conclusion of the address Mr. Quinlan moved the following resolution:—'That we pledge ourselves to do our best to support the Federation.' This was seconded by Mr. J. Harbidge, and carried unanimously.

Mr. M. Woods, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Temm, for his address, paid a tribute to Mr. Temm's work since he had been connected with the Federation. The resolution was carried with acclamation. Mr. Temm left the following day for Rotorua.

ROTORUA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. F. G. Temm, of Auckland, addressed a meeting of parishioners on the aims and objects of the Catholic Federation in the schoolroom on September 26. There was a very large attendance, over which Rev. Father Kreymborg presided. Mr. Temm dealt with the good work done by the Catholic Federation throughout New Zealand, and showed that the aims and objects of the organisation were such as to command the whole-hearted support of all Catholics.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Temm was proposed by Mr. D. Geany, seconded by Father J. Devolder, and carried by acclamation.

Rev. Father B. Kreymborg proposed that a branch of the Catholic Federation be established in Rotorua. This was seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried unanimously. The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. Father B. Kreymborg; vice-presidents, Messrs. Cann and Sloan; secretary, Miss K. Geany; treasurer, Rev. Father J. Devolder; committee—Miss L. Dwyer, Messrs. Beasley, Farren, Geany, King, Kravis, Ryan, and Aprehama Wiari.

A vote of thanks to the president was proposed by Mr. Temm, seconded by Mr. Beasley, and carried unanimously.

A committee meeting, at which Father Kreymborg presided, was held on October 3 in the schoolroom. All the members showed a keen interest in the business, and there is every prospect that the branch will be a success in every way.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 11.

The new organ, now being erected at St. Patrick's Basilica, is almost completed, and will be formally opened on Thursday evening next with a short recital by Mr. G. Ritchie, of Dunedin.

On Sunday next at the eleven o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica a mission will be commenced by the Redemptorist Fathers. At three o'clock his Lordship Bishop Verdon will lay the foundation stone of the new Catholic church at Windsor.

The opening of the Celtic Tennis Club was held on Thursday afternoon, when there was a good attendance of members and friends. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, although the weather conditions were slightly unfavorable.

The severe drought of the past eight months was broken last week by copious showers, and the benefit to the district, which was on the verge of a most serious set-back, is quite incalculable. In the three days on which rain fell, over an inch and a half has been recorded. Prospects for a good season are now very bright, provided the average rainfall is maintained.

Ashburton

The following are the results of the Trinity College theory examinations held at the convent, Ashburton, on June 12:—

Senior Division—Violet Halliday, 96 (honors).

Advanced Intermediate Division—Olive Christie, 84 (honors); Ella Langley, 77; Anna Bradley, 77; Ellen Haurahan, 75; Dorothy Brown, 63.

Advanced Junior Division—Ellen Brophy, 82 (honors); May Pawson, 67; Barbara Hurley, 65.

Junior Division—Annie Spring, 100 (honors); Ellen Sheehan, 93 (honors); Annie Lennon, 92 (honors); Elsie Ward, 92 (honors); Margaret Scott, 83 (honors); Margaret McTigue, 83 (honors); John Meeking, 80 (honors); Marie Meeking, 72.

Preparatory—Lucy Holland, 96 (honors); Marion Brophy, 94 (honors); Mona Newman, 90 (honors); Mary O'Grady, 90 (honors); Kathleen Burgess, 86 (honors); Mary McTigue, 72.

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own. Unselfishness is the most charming of all characteristics. Try it!

Pain comes to us from the hand of God for our good. Great are the rewards in store for those who know its value and accept it as a mercy.

If one waits to find perfection in his friend, he probably will wait long, and live and die unfriended at last. The fine art of living, indeed, is to draw from each person his best.