

Commercial

DUNEDIN WOOL SALES.

The first wool sale of the Dunedin series was held on Monday morning, when 4722 bales were offered, as compared with 8720 last year. Competition was very keen up to buyers' limits for all light conditioned clips, the demand principally coming from the Continent, who were responsible for prices being a fraction too high for Yorkshire mills. Several clips were spoiled with old seed, and a few of them showed traces of new bid-a-bid, most of the wools which showed this defect coming from Waitahuna, Lawrence, etc. The highest price was obtained by Messrs. Scaife Bros., Glondhu, with seven bales super halfbred wether at 12½d, and 17 bales first halfbred wether at 11½d, while Mr. Theo. Russell obtained 12d for his wether wool.

PRODUCE

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

Wheat.—There is a keen demand for all sorts of milling, and any lots coming to hand meet with ready sale. Good whole fowl wheat is scarce, and is in good demand. Prime milling velvet, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; velvet ear, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; good whole fowl wheat, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s.

Oats.—At present the only demand for oats is from the millers, and they are not operating extensively. Prime milling, 2s to 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; light and discolored, 1s 8d to 1s 10d.

Potatoes.—The demand for old potatoes is practically over, there being very little inquiry for these. Prime freshly-picked old potatoes are selling at 20s to 25s; other sorts at 15s.

Chaff.—There is a good demand for prime chaff, any such quality coming to hand meeting with ready sale. Best oaten sheaf, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; choice black oat, to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; light and discolored, £3 10s to £3 15s.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, December 2, as follows:—

Oats.—Very little business is being done, and prices realise the same as at last report. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s to 2s 1d; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; light and discolored, 1s 8d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—There is a good demand for prime quality, but medium quality is neglected. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 15s to £4; light and discolored, £3 10s to £3 15s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Millers are buyers at quotations but there is very little of any description offering. Fowl wheat is in good demand. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; velvet ear, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; good whole fowl wheat, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, December 16, as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—We offered a very large catalogue at to-day's sale, when prices showed a drop of fully ¼d per lb as compared with last sale's rates. No doubt this is accounted for by the drop in wool at Home and locally. Quotations: Best halfbred, 8½d to 8¾d; good, 7½d to 8d; best fine crossbred, 7½d to 8½d; coarse crossbred, 7½d to 7¾d; hoggets, 7½d to 7¾d; dead halfbred, 6½d to 7½d; dead crossbred, 6½d to 6¾d; inferior, 3d to 5½d; best merino, 6½d to 7½d; medium, 5½d to 6½d; pelts, 4½d to 5½d; medium, 3½d to 4d; lambskins, 6d to 6½d.

Hides.—Owing to Labor troubles, the next hide sale has not yet been decided upon.

OBITUARY

MRS. BERNECH, ROSLYN.

The many friends of Captain Bernech and family throughout the Dominion will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Bernech, Sheen street, Roslyn, on Sunday morning. The deceased, who was born in Galway 65 years ago, had been for a long time a resident of Dunedin. She was a zealous and practical Catholic, and died fortified by the rites of the Church, of which she was a devoted member. On Tuesday morning a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in St. Joseph's Cathedral, and in the afternoon the funeral left the Cathedral for the Southern Cemetery, where the interment took place. The Rev. Father Corcoran officiated at the church and graveside. The deceased leaves a husband, two sons, and two daughters to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother.—R.I.P.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

December 14.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Father Costelloe, the first anniversary of whose death occurred a few days ago, was celebrated on Wednesday last by the Rev. Father Kinkead, Rev. Father Doolaghty being deacon and Rev. Father Dore subdeacon. Mr. S. Cimino presided at the organ, and the Sisters of Mercy sang the music.

A sacred concert was given in St. Patrick's Church after the evening devotions to-day in aid of the debt on the new organ, half of the cost of which had been defrayed by the members of the choir. The soloists were Mesdames Broad, Nash, Miss Kearns, and Messrs. T. J. Rodgers, O'Connor, J. Hanley, and W. Tabor. The choir sang the 'Benedictus' and 'Sanctus,' 'Tantum Ergo,' and 'Adoremus.' Mr. S. Cimino presided at the organ. The concert reflected great credit on the conductor (Mr. W. T. Tabor), and was an undoubted musical treat.

Ohinemuri

(From our own correspondent.)

On the Sunday prior to the close of the Jubilee period, very large numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Masses both at Karangahake and Paeroa. On bringing the Jubilee to a close in Karangahake the Ven. Archdeacon Hackett preached an instructive sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The recent social gathering, which was held in the Choral Hall, Paeroa, was in reality a complimentary concert given to the Sisters of St. Joseph's School as a mark of the high appreciation of the work done by them during the last twelve months. Through an oversight I stated in my last letter that the social in question was in aid of the Sisters.

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie arrived from Auckland to-day, and will remain here for a few days. His friends are delighted to have him amongst them again, and looking so well. The parishioners intend making him a presentation of an address and purse of sovereigns to-morrow night, and the citizens are also to entertain him on Monday night, and present him with an address and several gifts in appreciation of his past services.

There was a large attendance of members at the Catholic Club to-night. The Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie was present, and was welcomed by the president, Mr. P. J. Lynch. During the evening an oratorical competition was held, and Monsignor Brodie kindly acted as judge. Mr. J. J. Callaghan was the successful competitor, with Mr. T. J. Ryan a very close second. The judge commented on the high standard of the speeches, and said that he was delighted with the good work that the club was doing.