

On the Land

MARKET REPORTS.

At Burnside last week there was a medium yarding of fat cattle, 182 head being forward. The quality on the whole was only fair, with the result that prices for all sorts improved to the extent of from 20s to 25s per head, and in some cases even more. Extra prime bullocks made £23 17s 6d, prime £16 to £18, medium £12 10s to £14, unfinished £9 10s to £10 10s, extra prime cows and heifers to £13 7s 6d, good £10 10s to £11, medium £7 10s to £8 10s, inferior £5 to £6 5s. Fat Sheep.—There were 2751 yarded, consisting principally of medium and inferior qualities, a number of pens not being fit for butchers' or freezers' requirements. Prices for prime heavy wethers were easier by 1s per head, and freezing buyers for the lighter weights operated with caution. Extra prime wethers to 52s 9d, prime 41s to 43s, medium 36s to 38s 6d, unfinished 32s to 34s, extra prime ewes to 41s, prime 30s to 33s, medium 25s to 28s, inferior 15s to 21s. Fat Lambs.—There was a small yarding, 482 being penned. The quality in most cases was only medium. Competition from freezing buyers was quite equal to the previous week's rates, but the demand from graziers was easier. Extra prime pens of lambs made to 39s, single lambs selling to 42s 9d, prime 36s to 38s 6d, medium 34s to 35s 6d, light qualities from 29s to 31s, graziers from 22s to 24s. Fat Pigs.—There was a small entry. Competition was very keen and prices showed an advance of fully 5s a head on the preceding sale's rates.

At Addington last week ordinary sized entries were the rule, and all round there was a good sale. Fat cattle showed an advance in values, and store sheep and fat sheep held up to previous rates. Fat Lambs.—An end of season entry was received. Values were at about schedule rates from 10½d to 11d per lb. The works close down at an early date. Fat Sheep.—There was a smaller yarding and an improved sale for good sheep, though a shade easier for secondary stuff. Exporters were not operating to a great extent. The market concluded firmly. Extra prime wethers made 50s, show wethers 63s 6d, prime 41s 6d to 45s, medium 37s 6d to 41s, light 32s 6d to 37s, extra prime ewes to 45s 4d, show ewes to 57s, prime ewes 33s to 36s, medium 29s 6d to 32s 6d, light 24s to 29s, aged 19s to 23s. Fat Cattle.—

Yardings of 530 head were to hand, a few more than the average. A good sale was experienced for good classes of beef. Extra prime made 41s per 100lb, prime 36s to 38s 6d, medium 33s to 35s 6d, light 27s to 32s, and rough 15s to 25s, extra prime steers to £20 2s 6d, prime £14 8s to £18 10s, medium £12 15s to £13 10s, light £8 15s to £12 10s, rough £5 12s 6d to £8, extra prime heifers to £12, prime £8 5s to £10 15s, ordinary £5 5s to £8, extra prime cows to £12 17s 6d, prime £7 10s to £9 15s, medium £6 5s to £7 5s, light £4 to £5, rough £3 to £3 17s 6d. Vealers and calves suitable for butchers were in short supply, and these sold at a considerable advance on late rates. Runners made to £7 7s 6d, good vealers £4 15s 6d, medium £3 10s to £4 10s, good calves £2 5s to £3, small 15s to 30s. Fat Pigs.—Porkers showed an advance of 5s to 8s a head on late rates, and baconers sold firmly at previous week's prices. Choppers made £4 to £8 3s 6d, light baconers £4 5s to £4 17s 6d, heavy £5 5s to £5 14s, extra heavy to £6 1s (average price per lb 7½d to 8½d, light porkers £2 10s to £3, heavy £3 3s to £3 13s (average price per lb 8d to 9d).

GARDENING NOTES

WORK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

The Vegetable Garden.—This month's work in the garden should be a continuation of that outlined for June. As very little vegetable planting can be done digging and manuring vacant spaces intended for cultivation should be the main work at present. As recommended in previous notes, the surface of the dug soil should be allowed to remain in a rough and open state. The more the manure used in the vegetable garden the better will be the quantity and quality of the crops. The present is a good time to prepare an asparagus bed, and for this purpose dig in a plentiful supply of decayed stable manure with a good sprinkling of rough bone meal, then cease operations till September, when the plants may be obtained at the nursery. The plants should not be more than three years old, and require to be planted about 2ft apart. An asparagus bed is a very profitable part of the garden, and when once established it will last for many years. Early peas and

beans may now be sown, taking care to protect the young shoots and even seeds from the small birds. If brocolis are coming on too quickly bend over a few of the leaves to protect the heads from frost.

The Flower Garden.—Continue the digging and tidying up of the beds and borders, shifting shrubs and plants which have grown too big and out of place. All strong growing roses and climbers may be planted in shady situations. Plant all cuttings at least 6 to 9 inches deep, leaving two or three inches above ground and stamping them firmly at the base. All soft-wooded cuttings in boxes require to be kept fairly dry and have all decaying leaves picked off. The lawn should be well rolled while the ground is in a soft state, and if the grass is in a poor condition give a top dressing of good rich soil, and when dry a rolling followed by a raking. The soil should not be walked on during wet weather, and digging delayed until the soil is in a fit state for handling.

The Fruit Garden.—Pruning and spraying require to be well advanced and thus conclude the winter's work so that the work in other departments for early spring may be attended to. If planting is to be done this should be seen to without delay—the sooner the better—so that the trees will have time to make a good start when the spring growth sets in. Root-prune trees which are inclined to make more wood than fruit; this is done by digging down halfway around the base of the tree, throwing out the soil and cutting back all the strong growing roots, also excavating to get at the tap roots. All this work requires to be done with a clean sharp spade. Prune at once all vines under glass; if left too late they bleed from the cuts, especially if the sap is making a start to flow. Clean away all loose bark from the canes.

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