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# The Fair Captives

OR THE SECRET CABINET

too bad? And I assure you, Vera,"

her amazement, that Vera is still in rection I took last time. I hate a

"What, have you never stirred?" just when he is least wanted." cries she. "Bless me, have you "Ah, was it then?" says Vera. stayed in this earwiggy place ever "I begin to think that of all men since? But," hopefully, "I suppose fishermen are the most ubiquitous. I you did stir; you went into the house was never so startled in my life as the gardens, and came back again?" when I looked up to-day and found "No, I didn't." says Vera, speak- he was beside me. My back was have come to say good-bye." ing in the low tense way of one who turned, you see, and I didn't know

was safe. He would hardly venture selda reflectively.

says her sister impatiently. "I feel Vera's eyes as she turns towards her. entreaty in her eye. so wretched about it-just as if I "I should be honest to you or not "If you must go, do us one ser-

whose fault was it?"

position of her trouble, and goes on the other-" of so much importance any way. He's about-about-Uncle Gregory's son!" order. without being reviled for it." It is amazed amusement. voice. "And-what was it you said tioning him rather embarrassing in man down upon us likeabout dinner, Griselda? Do you know the long run? Do you know, Vera, I "I can't," gasps Vera fearfully. I really don't see how I am to get did not think you capable of so "You must," insists Griselda stern-

"With a knife and fork and a spoon "I puzzle myself," says Vera with sort of man he is. If revengeful, he or two," says Griselda. "Well, I do wonder whether he will talk and

strong a dislike?"

if ever that was spoken?"

fellow called Pev-"

as poor as a church mouse."

"Oh, no. Not on any account. Why Vera, where is your pluck gone? Don't vou suppose he would know? It would only make bad worse; create a mountain out of the merest molehill. if I were you."

"You're not, you see," says Vera with a little sigh, as if regretful of

that incontrovertible fact. "You mean that it is therefore a simple thing for me to argue on the point. Perhaps you even think want you to come down to dinner to help me with him. If so, stay upstairs, because I don't. And look here, Vera; after all, what do you and I care what he thinks? If it will make you happier, have a headache by all means, darling, and I'll see it

out with him." She speaks in eager earnest. It has suddenly suggested itself to her that her afternoon has been one of certain enjoyment, Vera's one of dulness unspeakable, nay, something more than that. She determines if possible to save Vera from further discomfiture

and nervous heart-givings. "I shall quite enjoy a tete-a-tete evening with him," she says smil-

"No," says Vera, after a silent Dysart indignantly. struggle with herself; I should hate to let him think I cared, though, of "Grizel," holding out her hand to don't you think?" course, I do care; it is a miserable her, "sit down here beside me; what | "Not my going, I think. I don't thing to hurt the feelings of anybody, you tell me of Mr. Peyton sounds see how I can do otherwise. Why even the most unworthy!"

says Griselda, throwing back her him." head and laughing merrily. "Well, I dare say I should consider has a torndown old place somewhere in and who in those hours-" He

him more," says Vera, "if he had Derbyshire. That he has one sister, pauses. "Did I make myself so specinot accepted my apology in so rude Lady Riversdale, who lives about ally objectionable?" demands he a fashion. When I think of it, I feel twenty miles from this, just on the abruptly, turning to her with someas if I couldn't show any more re- border of our country, and that he is thing that is screly anger, but as

if you still want to shirk the dinner, Vera restlessly. "If he could only ly, "one says foolish things now and I'll so represent your absence that come to the house to see us, in the then. itence."

"No. I'll come down," says Miss pearance of anything clandestine." Dysart slowly. "Why should I even! She looks at her sister with a little thing." returns she haughtily. "Why you to come to the rescue."

person," says Griselda gaily.

selda to be so terse, and when with but I think if you met him, you'd not possibly affect you in any way." the limited reply there comes too know. He doesn't seem to feel it like "Is that how you look at it?" warm a blush and a lowering of the that himself. I don't believe it-it "Is there any other way? Why tell-tale eyes, Vera pretty well knows has occurred to him."

it all. "You met him?" she says simply. Vera softly, with such sympathy that first time yesterday?" "Yes,: apologetically. "Wasn't it Griselda suddenly remembers how Why, indeed!" He regards her

she loves her. "But don't let things IT go too far, darling." She sighs heavily.

"You are miserable about that wretched affair of the morning," cries Griselda. "Never mind it. If you will come to dinner I promise you to do endured I do entreat you to keep up your spirits." "Oh, yes. There isn't a decent

chance of escape," says Vera wearily. "Sh!" cries Griselda, softly, putting up her hand; the sound of coming footsteps, slow, deliberate footsteps, purposely made heavier, smites up-

### CHAPTER XIII.

soon! not before dinner, not to-I couldn't," with a nervous laugh; says vera.

I couldn't," with a nervous laugh; "He's not artful or designing, I and a little sorry too. Surely, they Liaotishan the Japanese will be able had gone anywhere else, but here I think, if you mean that," says Gri- have been somewhat unkind to him. She has constant the Russians from making

to turn them on, as it were, just at holding out his hand to her with a pedo boats alone are intact. was a picture!"

that; why is your tongue less hon-she grows positively friendly towards The defenders are dwindling in num-she grows positively friendly towards. The defenders are dwindling in num-she grows positively friendly towards.

hated myself!" She stops for a mo- at all," says Griselda laughing too, vice first," she says. "Do you see says Griselda. "I don't see that it if we are left with no one to air it awkward tendrils and press them believe, forever.

given seven years of his life to pos- and fleet outside of it have failed to hundred Russian dead and wounded offered to advance the money to Tur-"No one's, of course," she seems a "No, but something tells me we sess, but Dysart is disgracefully un-play their part in the combination were seen. They had been horribly key to buy the ships, in return for little comforted by this bland dis- shall see little more of him; whereas moved by it, and refusing to return for which the fortress was prepared. mangled with dynamite grenades. it, steps outside, and with a decided- The campaign on the peninsula really again presently as if agreeing with "True, he looks like a fixture! Oh, ly unwilling air proceeds to lift the began when the Japanese on June it. "Yes, really, and besides, he isn't that I dared believe what you say drooping tendrils and reduce them to 27th captured Nanshan, and seized

may surely speak to one's own sister or two with an expression full of resource, seizes the opportunity she to sea across the peninsula. Thence and light artillery. The Japanese rehas herself provided. Catching Vera's onwards the Japanese advance has quite plain now that she is trying to "How can you be so absurd?" she arm she draws her back out of sight. been continuous. make herself look right to herself. says. "You are very properly too "Now's your time!" she says. "Say Then all at once her tone changes, ashamed to call him Mr. Dysart, and something. Do something. It doesn't "But yet I do wish I had never seen you can't bring yourself to say Sea- matter what, but for Heaven's sake him, and that to-day had never ton. Don't you think you'll find smooth him down one way or anothbeen," she cries in a little hurt these roundabout methods of men-er! If you don't you'll have the old

ly. "It's impossible to know what

a faint smile. "But I cannot con- can play old Harry with us!" quer the thought that in some way Without waiting to explain what pass it all over, or sulk and main- he will cause me acute suffering. Of particular game this may mean, or course, it is only a fancy," with a the full significance thereof, she steps ache?: suggests Vera regarding her shapely head. '; Who is he, that sister doubtfully.

Sister doubtfully.

Suppose I contain thave a mean sudden haughty little movement of lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's disguised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of this lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of the lightly outside, and gazes with undisquised rapture upon Dysart's place of th he should influence my life in any- work. The tendrils have indeed been in his own mind the answer to this to America. These refugees are arway?" She breathes rather quickly, reduced to order; the roses are bloom- question, and then suddenly: and then throws off by an effort her ing now in a decorous tranquility.

one hardly knows what one means- mer-house with all the manner of "Was that fair?" says he with some any force south-east of Mukden. Late- Eggs, great hn'ds. 46,612

the word has been said! I suppose it two of farewell to the girl who has would be indiscreet to ask what it openly declared towards him such an undying animosity. "Nonsense! I don't believe he said | "I am afraid," says Vera, speaking a word that even related to love; all with cold precision, as one delivering he did say was that he was glad I herself of an unloved lesson, "that you are going away thus abruptly bewasn't 'the wife of any fellow.' "

"I see," says Vera pausing; and cause of what you heard me say this then-"of any other fellow of course; morning." he was evidently leading up to the "You are right. That is why I am point that if you were the wife of a going," replies Dysart calmly. "Yes?" in a chilling tone and with "Ch, Vera! I wonder you aren't faintly-lifted brows. "I regret exashamed!" says the younger Miss ceedingly that I should have so un-

fortunately offended you, but to go "Well, so I am," apologetically. for that-it all sounds a little trivial, all that it should be, but-I do wish should I make you uncomfortable? "Oh, if he could only hear that!" you knew something more about But you may call it trivial, if you like, to talk of detesting a man you "I'll tell you all I know. That he have only seen for an hour or two,

surely entreaty, in his eyes. "Just so," says Griselda. "And "What a pity it is as it is!" says "As I told you before," indifferent,

it will icok like indignation, not pen- regular orthodox way, it would be so "Would you have me believe you much better. I do detest the ap-did not really mean what you said?" "I would not have you believe anyfeel myself in the wrong? Cnly-nervous frown, as if fearing she has should I?" Her eyes are looking if there should be a too terrible sil- gone too far, but Griselda is ap- straight past him to where a glowing ence at any time, I shall leave it to parently lost in thought provoked by rose-bud stands, but I doubt if its her words, and for quite a minute glories are justly appreciated by her "You couldn't leave it to a better does not emerge from her mental just now. Something akin to passionate dislike towards the man who "Well," in a lighter tone, "it is a "I can't feel like that about it," has thus brought her steadily to book plessing to have you back. I thought she says, looking earnestly at Vera. is making her pulses throb. "I only you would never come. Had you a "Not with him. It doesn't seem a think it a pity that you should curbit as if I were doing anything to tail your visit to your father because "I had," slowly. It is unlike Gri- be ashamed of. I can't explain it, of a chance remark of mine that can-

> should you care whether or not I de-"I think I should like him," says test you; I, whom you saw for the

# all the talking, and as it has to be all the talking, and as it has to be wednessed I do entreat you to keep up Warships Now at Bottom of Port says: Gen. Sakharoff, under Wednessendured I do entreat you to keep up Arthur Harbor.

BATTLESHIPS SUNK. A despatch sent from Port Arthur ready attending their efforts, and in-tired.

to Tokio on Thursday says that the "Good heavens! Here he is,: says battleship Peresviet's keel is on the Griselda, and indeed they have barely bottom, and that her middle funnel she runs past it Griselda discovers to "I went in exactly the contrary diman like that, don't you?-turning up sart darkens the door of the summer deck of the cruiser Reyan was set house, and looks coldly down on on fire and is still burning. The bat- the fighting of Nov. 30th the second tleship Sevastopol is moored along- son of Gen. Nogi was killed on 203side a dock in the east harbor, where Metre Hill. Gen. Nogi's eldest son she is hidden from sight by the hills. was killed in the Battle of Nanshan The fire to-day was directed to the and he is now childless. as if afraid of being overheard. "I "He seems a clever young man," night!" cries Griselda, thunderstruck 203-Metre Hill commands the company of the seems a clever young man," night!" cries Griselda, thunderstruck purpose the company of the commands the company of the company of the company of the commands the company of by this solution of their difficulty, munications between the city and

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matter into his own hands and issuhave not yet left this country, can
and \$4.35 for barrels on track Tomanage to extort one out of the momanage to extort one out of the momanage to extort one out of the momanage to extort one out of the gunboats Giliak and Fusadleft the grand duber. The grand duber of the gunboats Giliak and Fusadleft the grand duber. The grand duber of the gunboats Giliak and Fusadleft the grand duber of the grand duber. The grand duber of t

ered inclination towards mirth, "that perhaps now a little annoyed at the father of their incivility— Any- yangkau. The Russians have also third squadron to the Far East are a more unfortunate affair I never other's raillery. "It was all chance." thing to propitiate him, she tells her- slackened their opposition to the Ja- mere speculations. knew. His face-did you see it?-it "Lucky chance! Your face says self, will be the correct thing, and panese sappings of the eastern forts.

## WILL SOON FALL.

When the port finally falls it will filled with soil.

# WILL STARVE THEM OUT.

panese have accomplished the main poor construction of the shells. object of desperate assaults against the fortress which they have been while continuing the siege, they will whom allege they fled from i their ports.

"Nevertheless, I do care," he says angry mood. "Let us talk of Mr. "You ought to be a gardener, she with a touch of vehemence. "It is Peyton," she says; "he is far more says with quite a little glow of ad- the injustice of it to which I object. interesting even to me. Well," gai- miration. "There, you've done You had evidently determined be-I really think I should come down line esting even to me. Well, gar- line et, you've done for had evidency determined appearance of Russian troops for the forehand to show me no grace. I de- frequent appearance of Russian troops on the love to you? You remember our tendril whilst you say good-bye to fy you to deny it! Come, can you?" in the direction of Hsienchang, on the Wheat, meal, etc. 157,100 compact—your promise to tell me Vera I am so afraid you will miss Miss Dysart is silent. The very right of the Japanese position on the Peas, cwt. ....., 30,950 your train, and all on my account." impetaosity of his accusation ha- Sha, it is believed here that they are "What is a word of love?" asks Dysart, who has received her rap- deadened her power to reply, and be- independent detachments despatched Hams, cwt. ..... 717,103 Griselda reddening. "He-of course, tures rather grimly, drops the tendril sides, is there not truth in it? Had from Fushun, which is 30 miles east Butter, cwt. ...... 21,023

what he means-I mean. Oh, bother," one in mad haste to be gone. It is heat. "Strangers as we were to each by 25,000 were sent from the district with irritable self-contempt, "what merely a part of an unpleasant whole, other, as we are likely to south-east of Mukden to join the on earth do I mean, I wonder?" he tells himself, that he must first remain, I ask you how it was I de- fighting line on the Russian right. "I don't," says Vera. "I know. So say a chillingly courteous word or served that foregone conclusion?" (To be Continued.)

finally captured. NOGI'S SONS KILLED.

A despatch from Tokio says :- In

A despatch to the London Express The London Times' insurance cor- low, 66c; No. 3 at 65c, and No. 3 was safe. He would hardly venture here again."

She has accepted ner sisters crime as her own, and after all, what had here again."

She has accepted ner sisters crime as her own, and after all, what had he done? She speaks hurriedly with the Baltic fleet, not to proceed to the Baltic fleet may be slow, for instructions have been sent to finite instruc There will be dinner," says she, nodding a sapient head. "You have to turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were, just at the turn them on, as it were. determination not to be changed. Gri- It is reported that the Russian vice are so remote that the public rates than a month or two ago. The and east. "I really don't think he is a modselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially, counter-attacks on 203-Metre Hill will have forgotten its original misselda takes it and shakes it genially. "I must say," says Griselda, with ern Cagliostro, ii that is what you nay, warmly. His humor is decidedly cased on Dec. 5, and that the action of the despatch adds that the nay, warmly. His humor is decidedly reports conserved to the despatch adds that the nay, warmly. His humor is decidedly reports conserved to the despatch adds that the nay, warmly. His humor is decidedly reports conserved to the despatch adds that the nay, warmly to now, it must be confessed, a smothare aiming at," says Griselda again, hostile, and if he acquaints the old tackers have withdrawn towards Ya-

#### AWFUL SCENES.

Arthur, via Fusan, says: The corre- warships, the two countries declined spondent of the Associated Press has to sell the vessels direct to Russia, ment, and lifts the palms of her "you give one no loophole. Yes, that rose?" -a rather unkempt and A despatch from Chefoo says: Ac- visited 203-Metre Hill, the scene of fearing the possibility of being subhands and presses them nervously then; I was glad to see him. He is straggling specimen of its kind that cording to Japanese officers from the awful six-days' fight, which ended sequently held liable to pay Japan against her hot cheeks. "To have of the one oasis in my wilderness. nay trails in unadmired disorder just out the front, Dec. 20, will see Port with its capture by the Japanese. heavy camages. The question of selfended anybody in that rude, inexcusmore, he is a veritable necessity. I side the door, "It has baffled me Arthur in their possession completely The advance works and the crest of ling to a third party as an intermedable way makes one feel so horrid!"

"Inexcusable? I don't see that,"

The advance works and the crest of ling to a third party as an intermedation and Russian resistance on the Kwangof the hill were covered with debris its of Turkey playing the role was

She is smiling divinely at him, a not be because of any failure within In a single section of the trenches upon Russia abandoned the project. chanced to overhear that opinion, a new formatter that opinion that the new formatter that opinion the new formatter that the new formatter than the new formatter than the new formatter that

# POOR SHRAPNEL.

A despatch from Mukden says: The the great line of defences which the Russians continue to bombard the really nothing to us, eh? and one Griselda regards her for a moment Griselda, naturally a girl of great Russians had constructed from sea Japanese positions with both heavy

The Russians have experienced much difficulty with their shrapnel, which should have effectually checked the A despatch from Tokio says:-In Japanese attacks during the Battle Arthur, precluding the possibility of cases. Some of the consignments of its being able to reinforce the Rus- shrapnel sent to the front appear to sian second Pacific squadron, the Ja- have been almost worthless from Returns Show Increases in Ex-

# TO ESCAPE SERVICE.

homes in order to escape military ser- The increase in imports includes Flour-Manitoba spring wheat patriving at the rate of 150 daily.

# INDEPENDENT FORCES.

A despatch from Tokio says: As to The Asani reports that the Russians returned to India to strengthen Inheavily bombarded the railway on the dia's land defences.

lower Sha River throughout Friday LEAD! afternoon. A large number of Russian wounded were sent north from Muk-

# MINOR ENGAGEMENTS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg day's date, reports that the Russian main guard at a village southward of Laotchengulni Pass was driven out on Tuesday by the Japanese artillery after sustaining a few casualavoid losses of the magnitude al- ties. The Japanese subsequently re-

stead of assaulting, will rely on Gen. Kouropatkin, in a telegram to starving out the garrison until it is the Emperor, mentions Japanese attacks on Sinchinpu and Soudgainin, both of which were repulsed, and an unimportant outpost affair on the right wing when the Russians routed and bayoneted a Japanese guard.

# JAP TROOPS INSPIRITED.

at Tokio says:-According to an of-Pallada, Bayan and Sevastopol. The Imperial army headquarters has ficial telegram, issued on Thursday No. 3 extra, and 41c for No. 3 maithere," he says, speaking to Vera. "I sinking of the battleship Poltava was here," he says, speaking to Vera. "I sinking of the battleship Poltava was published a list of 36 officers' killed afternoon, the Japanese troops at ing outside, Toronto freights. due to the explosion of a magazine and 58 wounded. No mention is Port Arthur are greatly inspirited by Rye-75c to 76c for No. 2. "But surely you are not going so aboard of her. She was hit only a made of where these casualties oc- the signal successes of the last few few times. It is considered that as curred, but it was presumably at days in capturing positions and in- new American yellow easier and more flicting damage to the Russian fleet. plentiful, 531c to 541c new American

#### A LIGHT WEIGHT.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: A story is current here that A despatch from headquarters of when Russia some time ago sought to the Third Japanese Army before Port purchase seven Argentine and Chilian future liability was demanded, wheremit Great Britain to erect a second 70c on track and 75c to 80c out of Gibraltar on the coast of Yemf, op- store. Eastern 75c to 80c on tracks, posite Perim Island, giving Great and 90c to 95c out of store. Britain control of the lower entrance to the Red Sea.

Negotiations along these lines are added that Russia is much alarmed ed at \$7.50 on track. No. 2 and over the report that an emissary has been despatched to Constantinople to block the game.

# BRITAIN'S TRADE IMPROVED. ton

November statement of the Board of ness is concerned. A few sales of making the past three months. There A despatch from London says: Trade shows increases of \$9,736,500 car lots of No. 2 white were made is now a strong probability that, Eight hendred Russians, most of in imports and \$55,377,500 in ex- at 40c to 402c, and No. 3 at 39c to 391c per bushel ex-store.

Cattle ....... 16,796 £284,296 tario bran in bulk, \$15.50 to \$16.50; Sheep and lambs... 11,370 Wheat, cwt. ......408,200

Lord Curzon announced that he

The Ruling Prices In Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

### BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Dec. 13 .- Wheat-Ontario -Sellers are now asking \$1, with 99c bid, for red and white; spring is quoted 93c to 94c; goose, 87c. Manitoba, No. 1 northern, \$1.041; No. 2 northern, 991c; No. 3 northern 931c, Georgian Bay ports; 6c more

grinding in transit. Flour-90 per cent. patents, \$4.20 to \$4.35, buyers' sacks, east and west, 15c to 20c higher for choice. Manitoba, \$5.35 to \$5.70 for first patents, \$5.20 to \$5.40 for second patents, and \$5 to \$5.30 for bakers'. Millfeed-\$14.50 to \$15 for bran in bulk; \$17.50 to \$18 for shorts, east and west; Manitoba, \$21 for shorts,

The London Times' correspondent \$10 for bran, exports. Barley-Dull; 45c for No. 2, 43c for

Corn-New Canadian on cob, 45c; mixed not so plentiful, 53c on track, Toronto. Old American, No. 2 yel-

Buckwheat-Easier; 54c to 55c,

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter-The market is fairly steady and prices unchanged.

Creamery, prints ..... 21c to 22c do tubs ..... 19c to 20c Dairy tubs, good to choice 15c to 16c do medium ..... 13c to 14c do inferior grades ...... 10c to 12c Dairy lb. rolls, good to

choice ..... 16c to 17c do medium ...... 14c to 15c Cheese-Steady at 10tc to 10tc per 1b. for large and 10%c to 11c for twins in job lots here.

Eggs -22c to 23c for new laid, 20c to 21c for fresh and 20c for limed. Poultry-Turkeys, 13c to 14c for Potatoes-Ontario stock, 65c to

Dressed Hogs-Steady at \$6.25 to \$6.30 per cwt. for choice selected weights on track here. Baled Hay-No. 1 timothy is offer-

er and not in demand at \$6.50 in car lots on track here. Baled Straw-Car lots on track are quoted unchanged at \$6 to \$6.50 per

# MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 13.-Grain-Wheat is A London despatch says :- The still out of line as far as export busi-

The imports from Canada were '- Feed-Manitoba bran in bags, \$17 Quantity. Value. to \$17.50; shorts, \$21 per ton; On-

22,710 shorts, \$19 to \$29; moullie, \$24 to 151 853 \$28 per con as to quality. Meal-The trade in commeal is fair 182,890 at \$1.35 to \$1.45 per bag.

Hay-No. 1, \$9 to \$9.25; No. 2, \$8 to \$8.25; clover mixed, \$7 to 725 \$7.25, and pure clove \$6.25 to \$6.75 per ton in car lo Beans-Choice primes, per bushel, \$1.35 risions-Heavy

ek. \$16.50 to

kettle to qual 12c to 13 \$7 to \$ mixed lo to \$5.4 Chees 141c; cd 97c to Butter 20%c; ordin medium gra western dair Eggs-Select and straight to 21c; No. 2,

LIVE STO Toronto, Dec. in most description tle at the Western The tone of the showed an improven was more active than a ago. Among the arrivals

of the choicer animals, t at \$4.25 to \$4.65 per cwt. of the cattle sold at the old through the list. The market showed an improvement for fair good cows, and for butchers' and export bulls. The following were the quotations

given for butchers' cattle: Select butchers', \$4.40 to \$4.65; best butchers', \$4.15 to \$4.40; good butchers', loads of, \$3.70 to \$4.10; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$3.70; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.121; common to rough, \$1.25 to The following was the range of prices prevailing in stockers and feeders:-Feeders, short-keeps, 1,200 to 1,275 lbs., \$3.50 to \$4; feeders, 1,-050 to 1,175 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.60; feeders, 800 to 1,025 lbs., \$3 to \$3.-35; stockers, 600 to 800 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.75; stockers, 400 to 600 lbs., . \$1.40 to \$2; bulls, 900 to 1,200 lbs., \$1.75 to \$3,

