Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres.

Toronto, Dec. 24.-Wheat-The market is quiet, with prices about steady. No. 2 white and red winter quoted at 75 to 75 c outside. No. 2 goose nominal at 661 to 67c low freights. Manitoba wheat easier; No. 1 hard is quoted at 87c all rail, via Sarnia; No. 1 Northern at 83c, and No. 2 Northern at 80c all rail, via Sarnia. Prices are 1c lower via North Bay.

Oats-The market is weaker, with Cars of No. 2 demand restricted. quoted at 43 to 431c low freights, while locally sales are reported at 434 to 44c.

Peas-The market is unchanged, with demand fair. No. 2 sold at 83c middle freights.

Corn-The market is quiet, with prices steady. Canadian yellow sel-

ling at 62 to 621c west. Barley-Market is firm. quoted at 58c, and No. 2, 53 to 54c; No. 3 extra at 52c, and No. 3 at 51c

middle freight. Rye-The market is steady at 55 to 55%c middle freights.

Buckwheat-Market quiet, with prices firm at 55 to 55 c middle freight. Flour-The market is firm. Ninety per cents., in buyers' bags, wanted Ib asking \$2.90. Locally and for Low- of prime quality, and scale not below er Province trade choice straight 100 nor above 200 lbs. rollers, in wood, are \$3.30 to \$3.40. Manitoba flours stead, with Hungarians \$4.10 to \$4.30, and strong bakers' at \$3.80, Toronto freight.

Oatmeal-Market unchanged. Car Butcher, choice 4.00 lots on track, \$5.35 in bags, and \$5.50 in wood. Broken lots 25c per bbl extra.

Millfeed-Bran continues firm at \$19 to \$19.50 outside and on track here. Shorts \$21 to \$22 outside. Manitoba bran, \$20, and shorts, \$22 Toronto freights, including sacks.

PRODUCE.

Potatoes-The market is firm, with offerings small owing to scarcity of cars. Cars are quoted at 70c per bag on track here, and the jobbing price 85c.

Dried Apples-Market is dull. Pri- Sows, per cwt... 3.50 ces are 41 to 5c per Ib. Evaporated Stags, per cwt ... 0.00 sell at 9 to 10c.

Hops-Business quiet, with prices

steady at 13c; yearlings, 8c. Honey-The market is unchanged at

10 to 101c for strained. Combs, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per dozen. Beans-The market is steady. Un-

picked are jobbing at \$1.40 to \$1.45, and handpicked at \$1.55 to \$1.60. Cranberries - Market unchanged, with Cape Cod at \$8 to \$9 per bbl. Caradian, \$6.50 to \$7.

with good demand. Timothy quoted at \$9.50 to \$9.75 on track for No. 1. Straw-The market is quiet and firm. Car lots on track are quoted at

\$5.50 to \$6 per ton. Poultry-Market is steady, with good supply. Turkeys, 8 to 9c per 1b; frozen, scalded and half-fattened stock sold from 61 to 8c. Geese, dry-picked, 6 to 7c. Ducks, 50c to 75c. Chickens, young, 50 to 60c; old, 35 to 40c. Rabbits 20 to 25c per pair.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter-The market is firm for fresh made dairies and large rolls, the demand being good. We quote:-Selected dairy tubs, 16 to 17c; choice large rolls, 161 to 17c; finest 22c; solids, 191 to 21c.

limed, 16 to 17c.

conds, 91 to 91c.

HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Dressed hogs are firm at \$8 to \$8.15 in car lots. Hog products steady. We quote:-Bacon, long clear, sells at 101c in ton and case lots. Mess pork, \$20.50; do short cut, \$21.50.

Smoked Meats-Hams, 13c; breakfast bacon, 14c; rolls, 11c; backs, 14c; and shoulders, 101c.

Lard-Market continues firm. We Big Consumers Are Begging quote:-Tierces, 11c; tubs, 111c, pails, 111c.

UNITED STATES' MARKETS.

S11c; winter nominal; No. 2 red, but without avail. The severe given date that parties forfeit their wise and just policy which during the 88c. Corn-Dull; No. 2 yellow, 711c; weather and the floods throughout right to vote in civic elections. No. 3 do, 701 to 703c; No. 2 corn, the coal mining districts have tied 704c; No. 3 do., 694c. Oats-Easy; up railroads to such an extent that No. 2 white, 511c; No. 3 do., 51c; shipment is almost impossible. To No. 2 mixed, 49c; No. 3 do., 481c. add to the serious shortage, railroad Barley-651 to 70c, good to fancy. companies are exerting their pre-

Cash, No. 1 hard, 761c; No. 2 Nor- are putting them to their own use. thern, 71c; No. 1 Northern and December, 731c; May, 77c. Oats-437.

December, 67%c; May 67%c. Oats-December, 46c; May, 46%c. Cloverseed-December, \$5.75; March, \$5.85.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 24 .- The receipts tingent.

were small at the Western Cattle yards to-day; the total was only 36 loads of live stuff, including 500 cattle, 600 sheep and lambs, 1,100 hogs, and a few cows and milkers.

For good stuff the market was unchanged, but for light cattle it was decidedly more easy.

Export cattle was in good demand at from 41 to 5c, with a few choice lots at 54c, though this was an ex-Everything here ceptional price. went early.

The market is about played out for butchered cattle, as local dealers are quite stocked up. Good cattle sold well enough to-day, but all light cattle was easier, without prices being quotably changed.

Stockers are wanted at from 21 to 31c per lb.

Choice feeders are worth 31 to 31c per ID. Milch cows sold well to-day, several fetching as much as \$50 each;

good cows are wanted. Good to choice veal calves are also wanted up to about ten each. Sheep are steady at 31c per 15 for

Lambs are worth from 33 to 41c

All the small stuff sold out early to-day, and prospects are encourag-

ing for next week. The market all round was a season-

ably good one. Hogs are steady and unchanged. The best price for "singers" is 64c per 1b, and for light and fat, 6c per

Hogs to fetch the top price must be

Following is the range of quota-

Cattle.

Shippers, per cwt...\$4.50 \$5.25

tions:-

Butcher, ord. to good. 3.25	3.75
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Butcher, inferior 2.75	3.00
Stockers 2.50	5.00
Sheep and Lambs.	The state of the s
Choice ewes, per cwt 2.75	3.125
Choice ewes, per choice 2 00	3.25
Butcher sheep, each 2.00	4.124
Lambs, per cwt 3.30	
Bucks, per cwt 2.00	2.50
Duoks, por	10 100
Milkers and Calves.	
Cows, each30.00	45.00
G 1 200	10.00
Calves, each 2.00	
Hogs.	The second
Chains hors per cwt 6.00	6.25
Thomas III as a box on a second	6.00
Light hogs, per cwt 5.75	
Heavy hors per cwt 5.75	6.00

TALKING UNDER THE SEA.

4.00

2.00

Hay, baled—The market is firm, under the sea, from La Panne, a lit- Oceanic, which is 685 feet over all. of the services rendered by her galtle Belgian fort near the French The representatives of the promoters lant sons. frontier, to Ramsgate. By means of of the new company, who asked for In the journey from ocean to ocean A despatch from Ottawa says:-The countries: Liege, Brussels, Anvers, order has yet been placed. London, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham.

submarine telephone lines, one be- HARD TIMES HIT CHRISTMAS tween Paris and London, 262 miles long, and one between Buenos Ayres Third Less Than Usual Spent for and Montevideo, 218 miles long.

REEL AND CAR COLLIDED.

Fireman Killed and Others Injured at Hamilton.

A despatch from Hamilton says :-1b rolls, 18 to 19c; packages show- While going to a fire at Keer & ing feed, 1 to 2c less than above Coombe's foundry premises, in the quotations. Creamery prints, 21 to west end of the city, shortly before seven o'clock on Thursday morning, Eggs-The market remains firm, the Bay street hose waggon collided with receipts light. Strictly fresh with a street car at the corner of scarce, selling at 23 to 25c; cold King and Bay streets. Fireman Stanley avenue, was almost instant- splendor of the German holiday seastorage, 17 to 19c as to quality; Theodore Smith, married, of 20 Cheese-Market firm. We quote: - ly kil'ed in the collision. Foreman Finest Septembers, 10 to 101c; se- Robert Wilson and Fireman Robert Aitchison and Robert Cameron were also badly injured, Wilson's injuries being of a very serious nature. The street car was badly wrecked and was thrown to the side of the street. Motorman, conductor, and passengers were uninjured. Aitchison is a son of the chief and Cameron a son of the editor of the Spectator.

COAL FAMINE IN CHICAGO.

Vain For Supplies.

Rye-Dull; No. 1, 70c, through billed. rogative of confiscating car lots of Duluth Dec. 24.—Close:-Wheat- coal as fast as they arrive here, and Beat the Record This Month by

A NINTH CONTINGENT.

BUSINESS REVIVAL.

Prosperous Times Predicted for South Africa.

A despatch from Johannesburg says :- Mr Carl Hanau presided on Wednesday at the first meeting of the Johannesburg Consolidated Gold Mines Co. since the war began. He said he was impressed with the magnitude, vast interests, and brilliant future of the company. The balance sheets showed a surplus of assets over liabilities, excluding share capital, of £3,250,000. The liabilities in issued shares were £2,680,000. The reserve fund amounted to £1,000,-000, and other liabilities totalled £850,000. The balance of profit was £67,000.

He said the company intended to build a residential hotel of a palatial description. The great demand even for private residences in Johannesburg already far exceeded the surply. When the population returned with the enormous influx that was expected, the demand would certainly increase. The company intended to import motors for tramway traffic for the convenience of residents.

Everything should be done to lighten the burdens of taxation, but when a profit was made let the Government have a share. He felt confidence in the instincts of the most and financial ability and justice.

commerce and industry would have pointed to prosperity in the Trans- under British rule.

vaal and South Africa generally. dustry would be in full swing, not- session. remnants of the Boers would still be fighting.

NEW MAIL STEAMERS.

Largest Afloat.

A despatch from London says :--Belgium and England Being Con- Harland and Woll, the Belfast ship- After speaking of their visit to

Gifts in Germany.

A despatch from Berlin says :- The most conservative estimates place Germany's Christmas spendings at one-third less than a year ago, as a result of her economic crisis. This decrease, however, is said to be accompanied only by a reduction in value, indications showing that there will be no diminution in volume. Merchants declare that this is conclusive evidence that the hard times have affected both the masses and the classes, all of whom, while intent on perpetuating the traditional dulge themselves on a considerably cheaper basis.

CANNOT CAST VOTES.

Disqualifications in Montreal for Not Paying Taxes

MONTREAL CUSTOMS.

No. 1 white, cash, 84c; No. 2 red, cash, 84c; No. 2 red, one.

New Zealand Prepared to Furnish one.

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One. A despatch from Wellington, N.Z., they were during the same period lent material is there available, re-old men with their backs covered roleuo, Dec. 24.—wheat—Dull; December, 85c; May, 85½c. Corn—Dull; December, 67%c; May 67%c. Oats—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into with wounds. The hapless wretched declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery and mur. Says :—Volunteers for the Sth New last year, and I expect at the end quiring only that moulding into declare that the robbery is the says in the robbery in the robbery and mur. Says in the robbery in the robbery is the robbery in the robbery is the robbery in the robbery in the robbery is the robbery in the robbery South Africa are already pouring in. iness has been \$200,000 ahead of by capable and experienced officers. der of Armenians are every-day oc The Christ Church Press, the leading what it was during the previous To the distinguished representation of which no notice is taken newspaper, states that if the empire year. For the half-year ending De- tives of the commercial interests of by Turkish officials. The Gazette calls for it, it is certain the colony cember 31 the revenue will be \$5,- the empire whom I have the pleasure adds that if the statements are sub will cheerfully furnish a ninth con- 000,000. Last year it was \$4,647,- of meeting here to-day, I venture to stantiated Russia will once mor 000."

WHAT HE SAID AT THE GUILD-HALL BANQUET.

Send Only the Best Emigrants to the Colonies .- The Tour Reviewed.

The Prince of Wales, in his notable speech at the Guildhall banquet, said, among other things, according to the report given in the London Daily Mail :-

Here, in the capital of our great Empire, I would repeat how profoundly touched and gratified both the Princess and I have been by the loyalty, affection and the enthusiasm which invariably characterized the welcome extended to us throughout our long and memorable tour. It may interest you to know that we travelled over 45,000 miles, 33 000 of which were by sea, and I think it is a matter of which all may feel proud that, with the exception of Port Said, we never set foot on any land where the Union Jack did not

Leaving England in the middle of March, we first touched at Gibraltar and Malta, where, as a sailor, I was proud to meet

OUR TWO GREAT FLEETS.

important trading and commercial of the Channel and the Mediterranean. country of the world, and remember- Passing through the Suez canal, a that a settlement was in the monument to the genius and courage hands of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord of a gifted son of the great friendly Milner, ensuring tact and business nation across the Channel, we entered at Aden, the gateway of the At present the industries of the East. We stayed for a short time country thought great, were in their to enjoy the unrivalled scenery of infancy. New industries would spring Ceylon where we witnessed a gor- Persons in Charge of Jails Must up, and immigration, agriculture, geous display by native races, and saw in what happy contentment its important developments. Everything various peoples lived and prospered

the great mission which was the to escape. In the case of known most immediate object of our jour- desperate criminals it will be regardney, and you can imagine the feel- ed as inexcusably culpable to neglect ings of pride with which I presided to surround them with such vigilance over the inauguration of the first and conditions of secure detention as representative assembly of the new- cannot be evaded. In cases where inborn Australian Commonwealth, in vestigation shows that a prisoner's Canadian Vessels Will Be the whose hands are placed the destinies escape is due to carelessness or neof that great island-continent.

A TRIBUTE TO CANADA.

builders, have been asked to make a Mauritius, New Zealand, Tasmania, A despatch from Paris says:-The tender for constructing three steam- Natal and Cape Colony, the Prince new submarine telephone line from ers for the new Canadian mail ser- said :- To Canada was also borne Brussels to London is now being con- vice. The specifications require that the message already conveyed to structed. The line will be 290 miles the vessels shall be 825 feet long. Australia and New Zealand of the long, of which nearly 66 miles will be The longest vessel now affoat is the Motherland's love and appreciation

this line there will be direct tele- the tender, are going to make a tour marvellous for its comfort and or- Nature Study school, to be estabphonic communication between the of the English and Scotch ship- ganization, we were able to see some- lished through the generosity of Sir great commercial cities of the two yards. It is understood that no thing of its matchless scenery, the W. C. Macdonald, to qualify teachers less possibilities of its vast and ex- advanced agricultural studies, will traordinary fertile territories. We probably be erected at Guelph in saw also the success which has coonection with the Ontario Agriculcrowned the efforts to weld into one tural College and Model Farm. Two community the people of two great buildings will be erected, and a plan

express desire of the King, New- proposing to establish the school on foundland, the oldest of our colonies and the first visited by His Majesty in 1860. The hard, seafaring population of these islands gave us a reception, the cordiality of which still fresh in our memories.

LOYALTY, STRENGTH AND UNITY.

If I were asked to specify any particular impressions derived from our journey, I should unhesitatingly place before any others that of loyalty to the Crown and attachment to the Old Country. It was indeed touching to hear the invariable reable evidence of the consciousness of qualification law. strength, consciousness of unity and It is suggested that persons who living membership in the empire, and desire to marry must submit to medthe consciousness of power and readi- ical examination to ascertain wheness to share the burdens and the their state of health gives them responsibilities of that membership.

Were I to seek for the causes which thers. A despatch from Montreal says :- have created and fostered this spirit The City Treasurer has prepared a I should venture to attribute it in a report showing that there will be no very large degree to the life and exless than 21,330 persons in the city ample of our late beloved Sovereign. disqualified for the non-payment of It would be difficult to exaggerate water and personal taxes. The dis- the signs of general sorrow for her A despatch from Chicago says :- qualifications mean that this number loss and of love for her memory Chicago is threatened with a coal of people will not be allowed to vote which we found among all races in famine. Throughout the entire city at the approaching civic elections. the most remote districts which we Buffalo, Dec. 24.-Flour-Steady. big consumers of hard and soft coal The law is that if water and per- visited. Besides this, may it not Wheat-Spring lower; No. 1 Northern are begging shippers to supply them, sonal taxes are not paid before a also be largely attributed to the tinuously maintained towards our colonies ?

AID FROM THE COLONIES.

As the result of the happy relations thus created between the Mother Country and the colonies, we have A Berlin despatch to the Cologne flag in the defence of the nation's lians who are fleeing from Turkisl A despatch from Montreal says :- honor. I have ample opportunity of territory is daily becoming greater The Customs receipts at Montreal forming some estimate of the milit- Their condition is terrible. Manj this month promise to beat the re- ary strength of Australia, New Zea- show signs of shocking maltreatment

PRINCE OF WALES' ADVICE ed generally to prevail among our brethren across the seas-that the Old Country must wake up if she intends to maintain her old position of pre-eminence in colonial trade against foreign competition.

NEED OF POPULATION.

No one who had the privilege of enjoying the experience which we had during our tour could fail to be struck with one all-prevailing and pressing demand-the want of population. Even in the oldest of our colonies there were abundant signs of this want. There are great tracts of country yet unexplored, hidden wealth calling for development, vast expanses if virgin soil ready to yield profitable returns to settlers, and all this can be enjoyed under conditions of healthy life, liberal laws and free institutions in exchange for the overcrowded cities and almost hopeless struggle for existence which, alas, too often is the lot of many in the Old Country.

But one condition, and one only, is made by our colonial brethren, and that is "Send us suitable emigrants .-I would go further, and appeal to my fellow-countrymen at home to prove the strength of the attachment of the Motherland to her children by sending to them only of her best. By this means we may still further strengthen, or, at all events, pass on unimpaired, that pride of race, that community of sentiment and purpose, that feeling of common loyalty and obligation which knit together and alone can maintain the integrity of our Empire.

WARNING ISSUED.

Hold Prisoners Tight.

The Provincial Secretary's Department, through the Inspector of Pris-Perhaps there was something still ons for Ontario, has just issued a The chairman said that the amount more striking in the fact that the circular to all sheriffs and persons in of the war debt was a matter for government, commerce and every charge of the prisons, jails, and friendly arrangement. He was of the form of enterprise in this country lockups in the province that they opinion they could rely upon the Im- was under the leadership and direc- must impress upon their jailers, turnperial demands being neither unjust tion of but a handful of our fellow- keys and guards the absolute necesnor oppressive. He added that the countrymen, and we realized the high sity of exercising the greatest vigilsituation was improving daily, and qualities of the men who have won ance and adopting the strictest prehe expected that in a few months in- and kept for us that splendid pos- cautions to that end that the prisoners in their charge are kept safely withstanding that possibly small Australia saw the consummation of and have no preventible opportunity glect the services of the officials concerned will be dispensed with. This circular letter by the inspector is due to several escapes recently from jails and lockups in Ontario.

NATURE STUDY

Buildings to be Erected Probably at Guelph.

Our final halting place was, by the express desire of the King New the several Provincial Governments

a sort of national basis. The fund with which the school has been endowed will be used for maintenance, and the travelling expenses of pupils will be paid to and from the school on the condition that the Government of the province from which they some supplies substitutes for teachers during their absence.

TO VETO MATRIMONY.

Medical Men in Austria Desire to Have the Right.

ferences to "home," even from the A despatch from Vienna says:-A lips of those who never had been, nor proposal has been made by the offiwere ever likely to be, in these is- cial organization of medical men in lands. This loyalty was unmistak- Bohemia to introduce a marriage

the right to become husbands and fa-

Medical certificates would then be as necessary in making arrangements for marriage as birth certificates now are, and it would be illegal for ministers of religion or registrars to conduct the wedding formalities in the case of couples who have not produced this evidence of good health.

The evening papers state that a bill embodying these clauses is ready for introduction in the Reichsrath.

TORTURING ARMENIANS.

Turks Continue Their Shocking Brutalities.

seen a splendid rally round the old Gazette says the number of Armen