

The Latest Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto.
Toronto, Dec. 28.—The offerings at the Union Stock Yards this morning could scarcely be called a market. Everything was sold. Receipts: 430 cattle, 2 calves, 1 sheep. Export cattle, choice \$7.25 to \$7.50; butcher cattle, choice \$7 to \$7.25, medium \$6.25 to \$6.50, common \$5.50 to \$6; butcher cows, choice \$6 to \$6.25, medium \$5.25 to \$5.75, canners \$5.25 to \$5.75, bulls \$4.25 to \$5.75; feeding steers, \$6 to \$6.50; stockers, choice \$5.75 to \$6.25, light \$4.50 to \$5.50; milkers, choice, each \$60 to \$90; springers, \$60 to \$90.

Montreal.
Montreal, Dec. 28.—Trade at the West End Cattle Market today was very slow, but prices of cattle and hogs were very firm. A few of the very best heaves were held at about 8 cents per pound; primes, 7 1/4 to nearly 8 cents; medium, 5 1/2 to 7 1/4; commons, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2.

Calves, 5 to 8 1/2.
Sheep, 6 to 12.
Lambs, 9 1/2 to 10 cents.
Hogs, about 10 cents.
Receipts—Cattle, 400; calves, 150; sheep and lambs, 600; hogs, 600.

Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.15 1/4; No. 2 northern, \$1.12 1/2; No. 3 northern, \$1.08 1/2; No. 4, \$1.04 1/2; No. 5, 95 3/4; No. 6, 85 3/4; No. 1 feed, 75 3/4.
Oats—No. 2 C. W., 40c; No. 3 C. W., 37c; extra No. 1 feed, 37c; No. 1 feed, 35c; No. 2 feed, 34c.
Corn—No. 1 N. W. C., \$1.89; No. 2 C. W., \$1.86.

Chicago.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.27 1/2 to \$1.28 1/4; No. 3 red, \$1.15 to \$1.24; No. 2 hard, \$1.27 1/4 to \$1.28 1/2; No. 3 hard, \$1.19 to \$1.21 3/4.
Corn—No. 2 yellow old, 75c to 75 1/4c; No. 4 yellow new, 69c to 71 1/4c; No. 4 white new, 69c to 71 1/4c.
Oats—No. 3 white, 42 3/4c to 43 1/2c; standard, 44c to 45 3/4c.
Rye—No. 2, 98c.
Barley—64c to 73c.
Timothy—\$5.50 to \$8.25.
Clover—\$11.00 to \$19.00.
Pork—\$18.35.
Lard—\$9.62.
Ribs—\$9.50 to \$10.00.

East Buffalo.
East Buffalo, Dec. 28.—Cattle receipts, 2,700 head; slow. Prime steers, \$8.50 to \$9; shipping, \$7 to \$8.40; butchers, \$6.50 to \$8; hogs, \$5.75 to \$7.75; cows, \$5.25 to \$6.50; bulls, \$4.25 to \$7; stockers and feeders, \$5.75 to \$7; stock heifers, \$4.50 to \$5.50; fresh cows, and springers, active and firm, \$50 to \$100.

Baltimore.
Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Wheat closed irregular and lower. No. 2 red spot and January, \$1.27 1/2; nominal; No. 3 red Western spot, \$1.31 nominal.
Corn closed easier. Spot and year, 77 5/8c; January, 78c.
Oats firmer. Standard white 48c to 48 1/2c; No. 3 white, 46c to 46 1/2c; No. 4 white, 42c to 43c.

Minnesota.
Minnesota, Dec. 28.—Wheat futures closed today as follows: December, \$1.21 3/8; May, \$1.22. Cash wheat: No. 1 hard, \$1.24 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.21 to \$1.22 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17 to \$1.19 1/2; No. 3 Northern, \$1.10 to \$1.16; No. 1 durum, \$1.17 1/4 to \$1.19 1/4; No. 2 durum, \$1.13 1/4 to \$1.16 1/4.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Cattle: Receipts 19,000. Market easy. Native beef steers, \$4 to \$5.50; western steers, \$5.20 to \$8.10; cows and heifers, \$2.80 to \$3.40; calves, \$6.25 to \$9.50.
Hogs: Receipts 24,000. Market strong. Light, \$6.85 to \$6.45; mixed, \$6.10 to \$6.60; heavy, \$6.10 to \$6.65; rough, \$6.10 to \$6.25; pigs, \$4.75 to \$5.50; bulk of sales, \$6.10 to \$6.55.
Sheep: Receipts 12,000. Market steady. Wethers, \$6.20 to \$6.90; lambs, native \$7 to \$9.50.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS

Toronto.
Toronto, Dec. 28.—Manitoba No. 1 northern, new crop, \$1.32, all rail; No. 2, \$1.29; No. 3, \$1.25.
Manitoba oats—No. 2 C. W., 51c, track, lake ports; No. 3, 49c; extra No. 1 feed, 49c; No. 1 feed, 48c.
American corn—No. 3 new, 80 1/2c.
Canadian corn—No. 2 yellow, old, nominal.
Ontario oats—No. 2 white, new crop, none offering; No. 3 white, 37c to 38c; commercial oats, 35c to 37c.
Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, new, \$1.05 to \$1.07; sprouted or smutty, according to sample, 90c to 96c; wheat, slightly sprouted, \$1 to \$1.04; feed wheat, 75c to 80c.
Peas—According to sample, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 2, nominal, car lots, \$1.90.
Barley—Good malting, 57c to 60c; feed barley, 50c to 53c.
Buckwheat—76c to 77c.
Rye—No. 1, commercial, 86c to 87c; rejected rye, 70c to 80c, according to sample.
Manitoba flour—First patents, in tote bags, \$6.80; second patents, do., \$6.30; strong bakers, do., \$6.10. Toronto.
Ontario flour—Winter, \$4.80 to \$5, according to sample, seaboard or Toronto freights, in bags, prompt shipment.
Millfeed—Car lots, delivered Montreal freights. Bran, per ton, \$24; shorts, per ton, \$26; middlings, per ton, \$26; good feed flour, per bag, \$1.60.
Hay—Baled, No. 1, track Toronto.

Hides, Skins, Wool, etc.
Toronto, Dec. 28.—Wool—Washed fleece wool, as to quality, 40 to 44c per lb. Washed rejections (burry, cotted, chaffy, etc.) 33 to 35c. Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, 30 to 34c. North-Western unwashed, according to quality, 23c to 33c.
Beefhides—Tanners are only buying on a hand-to-mouth basis. City butcher hides, green, flat, 18 1/2c to 18c. Country hides, flat, cured, 16 to 17c per lb. Part cured, 15 to 16 1/2c per lb.
Calfskins are firm. City skins, green, flat, 18c per lb. Country cured 18 to 19c per lb. Part cured, 17 to 18c lb. according to condition. Deacons or bob calf, 75c to \$1.25 each.
Horsehides—City take-off, \$4.50 to \$5; country take-off, No. 1, \$4 to \$5; No. 2, \$2.50 to \$3.50.
Sheepskins—City sheepskins, \$1.25 to \$2.25. Country sheepskins, 85c to \$2.
Tallow is in better demand, and a little stronger in price. City rendered, solid, in barrels, 7c; country stock, solid, in barrels, No. 1, 8 3/4c; No. 2, 5 3/4 to 6c. Cake, No. 1, 1-4 to 7 1/2c; No. 2, 6 to 6 1/2c.

England's Campaign for Economy.
The campaign for economy in living is a vital necessity for financing the war which is costing Great Britain nearly \$5,000,000 a day. Imports are to be reduced. Imports are exceeding exports by nearly \$5,000,000 a day and consequently depreciating foreign exchange so that England really pays about five per cent. more than the nominal price for commodities bought in America. Reduction of imports is urged as one of the most obvious practical methods of economy.
That Government expenses must be decreased and the gap between exports and imports narrowed, is agreed upon by all. Various and often conflicting remedies are proposed. A revival of the party of protection is a noticeable symptom. Some protectionist papers demand a high tariff on imports and one so frames that the colonies will have preference, diverting business from the United States to them. Thus the British empire might live on its own resources so far as foodstuffs are concerned, and spend its money with its own people, as Germany is doing.

Sobriety Up England.
Lloyd George's liquor suppressing bureau in connection with his munitions department has been so effective that it has controlled the traffic in drink far outside the zone of munitions. Drunkenness is on the decrease all through the kingdom. Although it was aimed at munition centres it has affected all localities. Only confirmed inebriates have escaped its sway. Prosecutions for intoxication have fallen off 40 per cent. Labor conditions have greatly improved as the result of the work of Lloyd George's bureau which was organized only last May to limit hours of sale of intoxicants, to forbid treating, restrict the amount of "piled" liquid and make other restrictions.

To Keep Peacocks Alive.
Means are to be adopted to prevent British peacocks from becoming extinct in cases where the only male heir has given his life to his country. In the ordinary course succession to a peerage is limited to direct male descendants of the last or of a former holder of the title. But by "special remainder," as the provision is called, the nearest of other male relatives will now be given the title. There are now at least 200 heirs to peerages in the army and navy, and a large number of these have already fallen.

Even a botanist may not be able to recognize a blooming idiot when he sees one.
Most of us get what we deserve, but few of us are able to recognize it.

BURNABY'S MANUSCRIPT.

Nobody Could Read Explorer's Handwriting.

Sir H. W. Lucy, in the Cornhill Magazine, tells an amazing story of one of the worst writers on record. Here is what he says:

"It was stated at the time of Colonel Burnaby's death that he had left behind him the manuscript of a novel, for which there was considerable competition among the publishers."

"This is quite true. The manuscript, a bulky parcel, was handed to me with discretionary power either to publish it myself or to use it in connection with the proposed biography."

"Here a singular and, as it finally proved, a fatal obstacle presented itself. Familiar for many years with Burnaby's handwriting, I could not after diligent endeavor make out more than a sentence here and there on the crowded page of manuscript."

"Burnaby's writing was, possibly with the exception of Dean Stanley's, the worst I ever saw. It looked as if before sitting down to write a letter he had pulled a twig out of the hedge, mixed a little blacking, and then gone ahead."

"He wrote the whole of his 'Ride to Khiva' and his 'Ride on Horseback Through Asia Minor' with his own hand. But before they reached the printer they were fairly written out by a copyist."

"The hapless man used to make out as much as he could, then leave blanks, for filling up which he had to seek the assistance of the author. Sometimes there were more blanks in a page than words."

"Despairing of making anything of the manuscript of the novel, it was submitted to a publisher, who turned upon it his most skillful decipherist. Neither head nor tail could he make of the manuscript, and the intention of publishing the novel was consequently abandoned."

East-End Tattooist's Confessions.

There is a boom in tattooing in the East-End of London, according to Mr. Edward Lovett, of the Folk Lore Society. The boom is not among soldiers and sailors, but among girls of the East-end, it being a rapidly growing fashion, when a local belle walks out with a young man, to have his name tattooed on her arm. Mr. Lovett gives the following amusing description of a scene which he recently witnessed in the shop of a friend in the East-end, who, among other avocations, is a tattooing artist.

"Two girls entered the shop. One of them took off her jacket, turned up her sleeve, at the same time sitting down near a table on which was a small electric apparatus. The artist then made some design on the arm with an electric needle. When the operation was finished, Mr. Lovett asked if he might see what the design was. He was allowed to inspect the arm, upon which he saw the elbow were the words, 'I love Joe Smith.' 'Of course, it was Joe Smith,' says Mr. Lovett, 'but that is a detail.'

Naturally Mr. Lovett wanted to know what happened should the girl wish to get rid of the somewhat plain statement. 'That is quite easy,' replied the tattooist. 'Should the girl change her mind, and find that she loves Bill Serogins instead of Joe Smith, I touch up the old name and convert it into a new design, usually a bunch of flowers. It is a bit difficult at times, especially with a long name, though I generally manage it somehow.'

GENERAL TRADE.

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