DIOCESE OF LONDON.

RECEPTION TENDERED THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE, MGR DONATUS SBARETTI, AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY, CHATHAM, ONT.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Donatus Sbaretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada Right Reverend Fergus P. McEvay, Bishop of the Diocese, Very Rev. Dr. Sinnott, Secretary of Delegation, Rev. P. McKeon, P. P., St Mary's, London, and Rev. D. J. Egan, Catnedral, London, arrived in Chatham, Saturday, by the 12.45 C P, R. They were met by Very Rev. Fr. James O F. M., P. P., His Worship Mayor McKeough, the city alderman the C. M B A., the C. O. F., and a large number of citizens.

A genuine welcome and the freedom of the city was extended to His Excellency, after which they immediately drove to the Ursuline Academy, where an elaborate luncheon awaited the ecclesiastical party. On arriving at the Academy the distinguished guests were welcomed by the Rev. Mother Superior and Community, who were individually presented to His Excellency. A large number of the local clergy had already assembled, and all were soon conducted to the luncheon hall, which wore a most inviting aspect. The yellow and white floral effect was maintained, and all the decorations were in perfect harmony. From the candelabra dainty ribbons floated to the corners, and the centre design of yellow and white chrysanthemums with traceries of smilax and maidenhair fern had an exquisite effect.

The menu cards were hand-painted in pretty designs and fastened with white and yellow ribbons. A panel photo of His Excellency graced the frontal cover and the under cover was ornamented with the convent crest in blue and gold.

Luncheon over, His Excellency, His Lordship the Bishop, and the attendant clergy adjourned to the auditorium, where some very fine musical selections were given. Owing to limited time, the programme was necessarily brief, but the perfection with which each number was rendered made us wish it had been longer.

The festal hall also the large corridor leading thereto were most tastefully draped in the papal colors and were all aglow with myriad lights and floral bowers. At the back towards the centre of the stage hung the coat-of-arms of the Holy Father, the Papal Delegate, the Right Rev. Bishop and that of the Ursuline Academy, having for background a drapery of smilax interwoven with yellow and white chrysanthemums. The young ladies gowned in white and wearing the convent colors were grouped in tiers on the stage. The toute ensemble presented a most charming—a memorable scene.

A throne of honor was provided for His Excellency and the Right Rev. Bishop. On each side were reserved seats of honor, for the rev clergy, His Worship Mayor McKeough and the city aldermen.

As His Excellency, wearing his robes of office, entered the hall His Worship Mayor McKeough, in an address replete with the culture and refinement so characteristic of that gentleman, greeted, on behalf of the city, the Apostolic Delegate and again tendered him the freedom of the city. In the course of his address Mr. McKeough mentioned his own childhood spent in such friendly proximity to the convent grounds, and provoked a general laugh when he smilingly referred to the many times his erring eyes glanced over the garden walls to catch a glimpse of the fair pupils of "The Pines." He spoke in glowing terms of the good accomplished by the Ursuline Ladies and of the refined, thorough and practical education they imparted to their pupils. "It is, said His worship "impossible fittingly to extol the virtues and accomplishments of the Ursuline Ladies of 'The Pines' 'Twould be like painting the lily "or perfuming the rose." Continuing, Major McKeough said "that he hoped that the bright future before His Excellence held still greater honors for one so deserving, and he trusted that His Excellency's love for Canada would never cease though he should be called to the highest and holiest position possible."

His Excellency then arose and in a clear, sweet, firm voice thanked the Mayor for his courtesy and expression of kindly sentiments. "Not only personally do I recognize them," said he, "but I heartily recognize them in my official capacity. One thing that appeals to me in Canada, and has made a lasting pleasurable impression on my heart," continued His Excellency, "is the good will amongst all classes of citizens. I have been welcomed in other cities also by honorable representatives, and could not fail to remark the broad-mindedness and good will that everywhere prevails. Your Worship's presence here to-day, also that of so many representative citizens, is a gratifying evidence of the good spirit that reigns in your Maple Leaf city.

"Did circumstances permit, I would gladly spend more time in your city," said His Excellency, "to further emphasize my appreciation of your goodness and to enjoy more fully the successful results of energy, activity and spirit, of progress, which I have already perceived characterize the citizens here." This union of classes, said he, is destined to make of Canada one of the most happy and progressive lands under the sun, and I pray that this union and good will shall endure and that peace, and law, and order shall always govern us. You may count on me," said His Excellency, "to do all in my power to promote peace, happiness and good will." He again thanked Mayor McKeough, the aldermen, and citizens for their courtesy, and congratulated them on the present prosperity and bright prospects of this grand Dominion.

Then followed the first number of the programme, "Greeting in Song" by one hundred and twenty-five young ladies, who acquitted themselves in a manner alike highly creditable to themselves and the institution. The solo parts were exquisitely rendered by Miss Gertrude Sommerville, city, while the duet was harmoniously executed by Miss Colligan, Detroit and Miss Mather, Tilbury.

Miss Laura A. McDonald, city, then read in perfect voice and manner the beautiful address of welcome from the Academy to His Excellency, which she presented with becoming grace. Two sweet little girls, Angela Crotty, niece of Rev. A. McKeon and Marie Thibodeau, city, presented lovely floral bouquets to His Excellency and to Right Rev. Bishop McEvay.

His Excellency then made a most eloquent address to the pupils, expressive of his deep gratitude to them and to their devoted teachers. He tactfully referred to the different points mentioned in their address, noting with special pleasure the reference to Right Rev. Bishop McEvay's noble work in the sacred cause of Catnolic education. He very feelingly congratulated the Ursuline Religious on the energy and zeal with which they successfully strove to impress on the youthful minds of their precious charge their duties to God, to their neighbors, and to themselves, and earnestly appealed to the pupils to be ever mindful of their own honor the honor of the Ursuline Academy and the honor due to God.

The "Memorare," solo, sextet and chorus, were admirably rendered in Latin. Miss Somerville sang the solo parts and was assisted in the semi chorus by Misses Laura A. McDonald, Gertrude Colligan, Olive Mather, Jessie McVean and Anna Faubert. This was a greatly appreciated number. Miss Somerville possesses a magnificent and highly cultured soprano voice. Its rare sweetness and flute-like tone gave a special charm to this delightful composition.

The Fantasie, "Piccolo," by Brahms, for two pianos, was an exquisite selection, and was perfectly rendered by Miss Anna L. Carson and Miss Edythe Hall. The interpretation of this number evidenced great spirit and remarkable originality.

At the close of the programme, His Excellency addressed words of congratulatory appreciation and sincere gratitude to both Religious and pupils, and concluded with these words: To day's reception will live in my memory, an occasion fraught with many happy and hallowed associations.

The pupils were then presented individually to His Excellency, after which took place the presentation of the guests.

A reception at the Pines is always highly appreciated by the large and cultured audience who are invariably present on such occasions. Whether it be Vice-Regal Party or an eminent Church Dignitary, the event never fails to afford intense pleasure to those who enjoy the privilege of assisting thereat. No feature of a visit to the Maple City is attended with more genuine enjoyment than a reception at this excellent educational institution and Saturday's function was distinctly a triumph of accomplishment on the part of the talented Ladies of the Academy and keen appreciation on the part of their distinguished guests.

The address was a work of art in itself, unique, artistic and beautiful in its conception and completion. The cover was handsomely mounted in white brocaded silk with insertion effect, and ornamented with a delicate design of violets, artistically hand painted. It was interlaced with white silk, with corner-pieces worked in pearls, and was lined with royal purple. It was written on fine parchment, exquisitely illuminated. The frontispiece was a golden cross and lilies on a pale blue background with a glimpse of the Vatican in the distance. On a picturesque scroll were the dates, 1854 and 1904, in reference to the Golden Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception. The title page was finely painted and embossed with the tiara, shield, keys and Apostolic Coat of arms, and on the closing page was the Convent crest in blue and gold.—Chatham Banner.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WINDSOR.

Windsor Record, Dec. 12.

"I am rearing a monument more enduring than bronze and lofier than the regal structure of the pyramids," said the poet Horace, speaking of the life work of the poet. What better monument could any person want than a church? "Si quaeris monumentum, circumspice," is the inscription which greets the visitor in old St. Paul's, London. That church is an enduring testimonial to the memory of Sir Christopher Wren. When St. Alphonsus', Windsor, was found too small to accommodate the large and increasing membership, it was decided to build a new church in the eastern portion of the city. The work was undertaken by the Rev. Father D. J. Downey, to whose untiring efforts the Church of the Immaculate Conception will be an enduring testimonial. The corner-stone of the new church was laid on July 3rd last, and now the stately edifice stands completed, all but some minor details.

The new church commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. The procession from St. Mary's academy to the church was one of the largest of the kind ever seen in Windsor. The Most Reverend Donatus Sbaretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, and Bishop McEvay, by whom he was assisted in the dedication ceremonies, together with the visiting priests, were escorted to the church by the members of the C. M. B. A. and C. O. F. lodges. The route of the procession was along Ouellette avenue to Wyandotte street, thence east to the church.

The church was filled to the doors but was not crowded, Rev. Father Downey having taken the precaution to confine the congregation within the seating capacity of the building by issuing invitations and admitting the audience upon presentation of the invitation.

The new church, architecturally, is of modest and artistic design. White predominates in the color effects, in harmony with the name the edifice bears. A huge dome extends from the front to the rear. The dome appears to be supported at either end by large pillars of conglomerate stone. They are light in color, and the effect upon the eye is very pleasing. Between the windows, which are of the memorial type, are the "stations of the cross," representing, in sculptured form, the different phases of the Crucifixion. The altar of the church is situate in a rotunda in the south end, and in a niche high up is a life-size statute of the Virgin Mary.

The first service consisted in blessing the church, which ceremony was performed by Right Rev. Dr. McEvay. The chanting of the Litany was proceeded with shortly before the Apostolic Delegate made his appearance robed in crimson and golden splendor. He was escorted to the dias, where he donned the vestments for the celebration of High Mass.

Previous to the sermon, the offertory was taken by the Rev. Father Downey accompanied by His Honor Judge McHugh and Dr. Reaume. The contributions were unstinted and the parish priest returned with a well-filled basket.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father McBrady, Pres. of Assumption college, Sandwich. The Rev. Father is possessed of clear enunciation, and largely owing to it and the magnificent accoustics of the church, could be heard distinctly to the remotest corner. His subject was the Virgin Mary, the Queen of heaven. He dwelt upon the joy of the Roman Catholic world at the proclamation of the dogma of half a century ago. The Blessed Virgin was the paragon of virtue. The speaker also dwelt upon the magnificent productions of art and architecture, especially in the old world, which had been the outcome of Catholic devotion. The Catholic Church stood for prayer, and never had a single prayer been addressed to the Blessed Virgin which had not been answered.

At the close of the service the Very Rev. Father Meunier, Vicar-General of the London diocese, read the following address to the Pope's representative in French and in English:

"Your Excellency: The Catholics of Windsor esteem themselves highly honored and especially privileged to greet you in their midst to-day. Permit us, in their name and in mine, to extend to Your Excellency a most cordial welcome.

"You are surrounded to-day, Your Excellency, not by strangers, but your very own. You come to us as the worthy representative of His Holiness Pius X., the Vicar of Christ, for whom we profess the most profound veneration. Welcome then, thrice welcome among us, for you come in the name of the Lord.

"Your Excellency visits for the first time a parish which within the last quarter of a century has wonderfully developed, through the hearty co-operation of two races, both eminent for their Catholic faith, namely, the French and the Irish. It would seem that Divine Providence had wished to blend here in our midst in one vigorous growth the lily and the shamrock, cherished emblems of two great Catholic nations. The united efforts of these brave Catholic hearts, their generous sacrifices for the honor of God, have endowed Mother Church in this parish with what is dearest to her heart, the temple and the school. We would call attention, Your Excellency, to the fruitful results of this strong spirit of faith and concord that animates our people, irrespective of race and tongue. To-day Catholic Windsor possesses two churches, and three Separate schools, where the little ones of the flocks are grounded in the principles of their Catholic faith, as well as in the various branches of secular learning. We can point with legitimate pride to a flourishing boarding school under the able direction of the sisters of the Holy Names, to a thoroughly equipped Catholic hospital, where the Hospitaliers of St. Joseph find a wide field for their devotedness. Your Excellency, the Catholics are but a small minority in the city, nevertheless, we enjoy our religious rights, especially with regard to the schools and we count many and many good and loyal friends among the citizens of other denominations.

"In this jubilee year, which inaugurates the reign of a Pope, whose significant device according to prophetic legend is 'Ignis Ardens,' the Catholic faith in Windsor has built as an ex-voto a temple to the Virgin Immaculate in her Conception, and to-day by a special privilege the representative of our Holy Father celebrates therein, for the first time, the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

"To Your Excellency we offer a tribute of thanks for this signal favor conferred on the Catholic people of Windsor.

"Your Excellency, we profess a great respect for our loved Bishop. It is our duty and our happiness to mention it to-day. It is he, Lord, who has striven to make this day, a great and memorable day for the people of this city. By his stirring appeals and his entire devotedness to the cause of religion and education he has made posible these Catholic schools of which we are so justly proud. He has prompted and encouraged the erection of this beautiful new church offered to-day to Mary Immaculate.

"If at this moment, Your Excellency, you seek to know the uppermost thought in our souls, the motive that directs us, I fear not to assert that deeply engraved in our hearts and minds you would find the glorious motto of Pius the X., 'To strive to renew all things in Christ,' to honor with filial love and devotion the Immaculate Conception of God, sentiments of faith and piety, to which your presence today gives a new impulse.

"We beg your blessing, Your Excellency, on the Catholic people of Windsor. Bless the pastors and the people; bless the young and the old; bless the parents and the children; bless our schools and devoted teachers; in fine, Your Excellency, bless the arms, the hearts of all the people of the city, so closely united to the Apostolic See and the successor of St. Peter; bless the new sheepfold newly erected in our midst. We fear not for its future, it is opened under the auspices of Mary Immaculate with the favoring presence of the representative of Pius X.

"May your blessing, Your Excellency, assure to all the people of this city that loving submission to the destiny which governs all things in view of our eternal happiness.

J. ED MEUNIER, V. G.
On behalf of his parishioners."

His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, made an effective reply in which he expressed his pleasure at being present at the dedication of the new church. The Catholics of Windsor had reason to rejoice over such a magnificent monument erected in honor of their religion. In conclusion he extended the Papal blessing to the assembled congregation.

Assisting the ablegate in the solemn and imposing ceremonies were Bishop McEvay, of London and Rev. Father Egan, of St. Peter's cathedral as master of ceremonies for the day. Other visiting priests were: Father Francis, Chatham; Father Prudhomme, Paincourt; Father Parent, McGregor; Father Ladouceur, Jeannette's Creek; Father Langlois, Tilbury; Father McKeon, London; Father Hogan, Strathroy; Father West, St. Thomas; Father Brady, Wallaceburg; Father Boubat, Ridgetown; Father Beaudoin, Walkerville; Father L'Heureux, Belle River; Father Chalander, Father Collins and Father Hays, of Sandwich. Rev. Dr. Sinnett, of Ottawa, accompanied the delegate as secretary.

At the evening service the ablegate and seminarians were preceded by the cross bearer and a procession of sixteen acolytes. The delegate was attired in the rich vestments of his office, the gold cope of rich texture, and the gold crosier.

The service was largely attended, the seats being filled to the doors. Pontifical vespers were celebrated by Mgr. Sbarretti, assisted by Bishop McEvay. The magnificat was chanted by Organist Pepin.

The sermon was delivered in French by Very Rev. Father Meunier, V. G., after which Bishop McEvay bestowed the blessing upon the bell donated to the church by Mrs. E. C. Walker, of Walkerville.

A short address followed by the visiting delegate.

ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Perhaps one of the most impressive of the many beautiful and solemn ceremonies of the Catholic Church was witnessed in the Cathedral on last Saturday morning by a large congregation, most of whom had come from a distance. The occasion was the elevation by His Lordship the Bishop to the dignity of the holy priesthood of Messrs. Frederick Barry, son of Mr. Garret Barry of St. Mary's parish in this city; Frank White, Courtwright; Thos. Hussey, Ashfield; Edward Goetz, Stratford; Jer. Dantzer, Dublin; Anthony Stroeder, Carlsruhe; Charles La Liberte, Tilbury; whilst the order of sub-deaconship was conferred on Mr. Norman Campeau of Amherstburg. This is the first time that such a large number of priests were ordained in the Cathedral.

In the celebration of the Mass, which began at 9 o'clock, the Bishop was attended by Very Rev. J. E. Meunier, V. G., as Archpriest; Rev. Fathers Aylward and Cherrier, C. S. B., assistants. The Rev. Fathers Egan and Downey were masters of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were also noticed: Rev. N. D. St. Cyr, Stoney Point; Rev. L. A. Beaudoin, Walkerville; Rev. P. Langlois, Tilbury; Rev. P. L'Heureux, Belle River; Rev. D. Downey, Windsor; Rev. T. West St. Thomas; Rev. F. Powell C. S. B., Assumption College, Sandwich; Rev. M. McCormack, Ashfield; Rev. J. J. Gaum, La Salette; Rev. C. A. Parent, M. Gregor; Rev. J. Hogan, Strathroy; Rev. Jas. Hagan, Merlin; Rev. D. Forster, Mount Carmel; Rev. T. Noonan, Dublin; Rev. E. Lodouceur, Jeannette's Creek; Rev. A. Emery, Kinkora; Rev. J. P. Dunn, Parkhill; Rev. F. Laurendeau, Stratford; Rev. M. O'Neil, Bothwell; Rev. P. J. McKeon and Rev. J. V. Tobin, St. Mary's Church, London, and Rev. J. F. Stanley, of the Cathedral.

The first to receive the blessing of the newly ordained priests were their parents, then their relatives and friends, and lastly the remainder of the congregation.

The priests returned to their homes on Saturday afternoon to celebrate their first Masses in their native parishes. Rev. Father Barry remained in London and sang Solemn High Mass in St. Mary's church on Sunday at 10:30, assisted by Rev. Father Powell as deacon and Rev. Father Tobin subdeacon. Rev. Father McKeon, the pastor, was master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Powell, C. S. B., of Assumption College, Sandwich, also a native of St. Mary's parish, being the preacher on the occasion.

In the evening at 7 o'clock Father Barry celebrated Solemn Vespers in the Cathedral, Rev. Father Aylward, Rector, acting as deacon and Rev. Father Powell, C. S. B., subdeacon. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Stanley, his text being taken from Psalm 24, verse 10: "All the ways of God are mercy and truth." After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Father Barry gave his blessing to those of the congregation who had not previously received it.

BELLEVILLE CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNED.

Belleville, Dec. 17.—St. Michael's church, in this city, was destroyed by fire early this morning. How the fire originated is unknown, but it is supposed to have caught in the basement. The building, which was of massive stone, was undoubtedly the best in this city, and the altar was one of the finest in Ontario. The church was built about sixteen years ago, and some of the interior decorations were almost priceless. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of $80,000. There was an insurance of $20,000 on the building.

C. O. F.

Resolutions of condolence were passed to Frank J. Nagle, by St. Basil's Court, No. 534, Brantford, on the death of his sister. May she rest in peace!

DIED.

HART—In Richmond Kentuckey, on Nov. 23, James Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hart, of Osceola, aged twenty-six years.

CUMMINGS—On Dec. 5, at Moose Creek, Mrs. Cummings, relict of the late Alex. Cummings, aged seventy years. May she rest in peace!

McDONALD—At Cornwall, on December 3rd, Mrs McDonald, wife of Capt. A. J. McDonald, aged seventy years. May she rest in peace!

LEAHY—At Wallaceburg, Ont., Mrs. P. Leahy, aged eighty-two years. May she rest in peace!

FLEMING—At Killaloe on the 7th inst., Mr. Jas. Fleming, aged sixty-six years. May he rest in peace!

KELLY—On the 11th ultimo, at Alliston, P. D. Kelly Esq., aged eighty years and four months. May he rest in peace.

NEW BOOKS.

"Shadows Lifted," a sequel to St. Cuthbert's, by Rev. J. E. Copus, S. J. Published by Benziger Bros. Price 85 cents.

A new edition of Fabiola: a Tale of the Catacombs, by Cardinal Wiseman has lately been issued in paper binding at the low price of 30 cents. Publishers, Benziger Bros.

MARKET REPORTS.

London, Dec. 22.—Grain, per cental—Wheat per cental, $1.65 to $1.67; corn, 95c to $1.10; barley, 90 to 93; oats 95 to 97; rye, 90 to $1; peas, 90 to 93; buckwheat, $1.

Poultry.—Spring chickens, per pair, 60 to 90c; live do., per pair, 55c. to 75c.; turkeys dressed per lb 13½ to 15c. ducks, dressed 75c to 1.25, ducks, live 60 to 90c; geese, each 80c to $1.25.

Vegetables — Potatoes, per bag 70 to 75c; onions, per bag $1.00 to $1.50.

Farm Produce — Hay, per ton $7 50 to $8; straw, per ton, $5.50 to $6; do., per load, $3.50 to $4.

Meat—Dressed Hogs $6 to $6 25; pork, by lb. 8 to 9; beef, by the quarter $4 00 to $6.50; veal $6.50 to $7.50; mutton, $6; to $7; lamb per pound, 10 to 10½c.

Live Stock — Live hogs $4.60 to $4.60; pigs per pair, $3 to $4.00; stags, per pair, $1.50 to $2.; sows, $3.00 to $3 25; export cattle, per 100 lbs, $4.

TORONTO GRAIN.

Toronto Dec. 22.—Wheat—Ontario continues very quiet and easier in tone; 97 to 98c bid for red and white; spring, 93c; goose, 86 to 87c; Manitoba, firm; No 1 northern, steady, at $1.03 to $1.04; No. 2, northern, 98 to 99c; No. 3, northern, 92 to 93c, Georgian Bay ports; 6c more grinding in transit. Flour quiet and unchanged; 90 per cent. patents, $4 25 to $4 40, buyers sacks east and west; 15c to 20c higher for choice; Manitoba, $5.25 to $5 50 for first patents, $5 to $5.20 for second patents, and $4.80 to $5 for bakers. Millfeed $15 to $15.50 for bran in bulk, $18 to $18 50 for shorts, east and west; Manitoba $21 for shorts; and $18 for bran, export. Barley dull and easy, at 45c for No. 2; 43c for extra, and 41c for No. 3 malting, outside, Toronto freights. Rye is unchanged; 74c to 75c for No. 2. Corn, new Canadian yellow steady, 43c; mixed, 42c, f. o. b., Chatham freights; new American No. 3, yellow, 52 to 52½c; mixed 52c, on track, Toronto. Oats firm; 33 to 34c for No. 1, white east, low freights, No. 2, 32½c, low freights, and 32c north and west. Rolled oats $4 for cars of bags and $4.25 for barrels, on track, Toronto; 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c more for broken lots outside. Peas, quiet; 67 to 68c for No. 2 west. Buckwheat quiet and easy in tone; at 50 to 51c west. Butter, fairly steady; demand for choice good; creamery, prints still scarce. Eggs unchanged, fresh, 20 to 21c; limed 20c.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 22 — Grain—Oats, 40 to 40½c for No. 2 in store here; No. 3, 39 to 39½; corn new American yellow, 54 to 55c, guaranteed to arrive sound; 60c store for No. 3 mixed; buckwheat, 54½ to 55c. Flour—Manitoba patents, $5.80 and strong bakers,' $5 50; high Ontario blended patents, $5 75 to $5 80 in wood; choice 90 per cent. patents, $5.50 to $5 60 in wood, and 25c per bbl. less in shippers' new bags; straight rollers $2 50 to $2 55, and 25 to 30c extra in wood. Rolled oats—$2 12½ to $2 15 per bag, and $4 50 to $4.85 in barrels. Feed — Ontario bran in bulk, $17 to $17.50; shorts, $19 to $20; Manitoba bran in bags $17 to $18; shorts $21. Beans — Choice primes, $1 40 to $1.45 per bush; $1.35 to $1 37½ in car lots. Provisions — Heavy Canadian short cut pork $16.50 to $17.50; light short cut, $16 50 to $17; American clear fat backs $20; compound lard 6½ to 7c; Canadian lard, 6½ to 7½c; kettle rendered, 8½ to 9½; hams, 12½ to 13c; bacon, 12 to 13c; fresh killed abattoir hogs $7 20 to $7 25; heavy fat hogs, $4 75 to $5; mixed lots, $5 to $5 15; selects, $5 25 to $5 40 off cars. Cheese — Ontario fall white, 10 to 10½; colored, 10½ to 10¾; Quebec 9¾ to 10c. Butter—Finest grades, 20½ to 20¾; ordinary finest 19½ to 20; medium grades 18½ to 19c; and Western dairy, 15½ to 16c. Eggs—Select, new laid, 23 to 24, and straight gathered, candled 20 to 21c; No. 2 15½ to 16c.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 300 head; prime steers, $5.25 to $5.50; shipping $4.35 to $5; butchers, $3.50 to $4 75; heifers $2.50 to $4.25; cows, $2 25 to $3.75; bulls, $2 25 to $4; stockers, and feeders, $2 25 to $4. Veals—Receipts, 250 head; slow; 25c lower; $4 to $4 50. Hogs—Receipts, 9 400 head; active; 5c to 10c lower; heavy, $4 75 to $4 80; a few at $4 85; mixed, $4 70 to $4 75; Yorkers, $4 50 to $4 75; pigs, $4.40 to $4.45; roughs, $4 to $4 20; stags, $3 to $3 50. Sheep and lambs — Receipts, 20,000 head; slow and lower; native lambs $5 50 to $7; Canada lambs; $6 50 to $6 75; yearlings $5.75 to $6; wethers $5.25 to $5.50; ewes, $4.50 to $4.95; sheep, mixed, $2.25 to $4.75.

Sinner and the Confessional.

Now, some non-Catholics object to the confessional on the ground that it interposes a man between the Creator and the creature. These critics maintain that the sinner should go direct to God. They overlook the fact that the Catholic penitent goes to God and that it is the confessional that sends him to the Father of Mercy more frequently than those outside the Church. The non-Catholic sinner has no one to lead him back to the path of righteousness and show him how to overcome temptation. The Catholic sinner, on the other hand, always finds in the confessional a stimulus to discard sin and lead a better life.—Catholic News.

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