Ireland !

CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Mr. Thomas O'Connor, M.P., has just returned to London from a very successful tour of the provinces, during which he delivered many lectures on the present condition of affairs in Ireland and the aims and objects of the Land League, very much in the line of his graphic and absorbing paper in the last number of the *Contemporary Review*. Mr. O'Connor said to me that he believed the situation in Ireland was most grave and threatening, and that a bloody Christmas was not at all impossible. In his opinion the greatest danger was to be apprehended in the west, where every man is armed to the teeth, and where all have revolvers, many rifles of the most approved pattern, and no inconsiderable number carry both kinds of weapons. It had been asserted, he said, that a Fenian movement was organized, and he admitted the presence of Fenian agents at work among the people, but he denied emphatically that the people were organized, and said that in his opinion a distinctly Fenian uprising was highly improbable. The success which the Land League is winning all along the line makes a Fenian movement entirely needless. Speaking of the stories of violence put about, Mr. O'Connor denied that the League had harmed or intended to harm the people. The arms now in the hands of the people, he said, may have been obtained through Irish-American societies.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Plunkett, member of Parliament for Dublin University at a Conservate meeting at Chesterfield yesterday said Government was bound to fall. While deploring outrages in Ireland, he asked his hearers to consider the influences brought to bear on his countrymen by agitators seeking their own purposes.

LONDON, Dec 20.—Mr. James Stansfield, Radical member of the House of Commons for Halifax, speaking at Sowerby Bridge yesterday, said that, as a member of the Commission on Agriculture, he had passed some time in Ireland studying the Irish question. They had now, he said, to face a great crisis, and he believed a remedy for the present state of things would be found.

Mr Justin McCarthy (Home Ruler), member of the House of Commons for Longford County, speaking before the Bermondsey Radical Club last night, said he had reason to know that Mr Forster himself is as well convinced that the State prosecutions in Ireland must fail as were any of his audience.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—The Irish Land Commission is expected to report on Thursday. It is rumored that a majority of the Commission are agreed on the outlines of a scheme, the principal features of which are the extension of the Ulster tenant right to the whole of Ireland, with the alternative of compulsory purchase, with a view to the creation of a class of peasant proprietors in the event of the owners objecting to the extension of the tenant right and a revolution. It is understood that Mr. Kavanagh and the O'Connor Don dissent from the proposal, and will make a separate report.

LONDON, Dec 20.—The *Globe* of this morning animadverts in a severe strain upon the resolution proposed in the Congress of the United States the other day, by Representative King, of Louisiana, which calls upon the United States Government to use its good offices with the Government of Great Britain on behalf of the people of Ireland at the present crisis. The *Globe* says that such an indictment as that contained in the resolution of the policy of England toward Ireland, if laid before the Ministry of a free country by a foreign power, would be regarded as an intolerable act of interference, and probably be resented as an insult. The *Globe*, however, notwithstanding its indignation at the proposed resolution of Representative King does not fail to make it an occasion for an underhanded hit at Mr. Gladstone. It recalls to the Premier's memory his love for lecturing the Porte during the recent official correspondence upon the Dulcigno question, and says he now has to take a dose of his own medicine, and endure a piece of high-handed advice, upon the same subject of humanity and good government.

LONDON, Dec. 20—The Dublin *Freeman's Journal* says that the suppression of the meeting at Cullshill on Saturday was one of the gravest intrusions on public right and liberty ever committed, and accuses the Government of postponing the announcement of its intention to suppress the meeting to the last moment, so as to provoke a collision with the troops.

The *St. James' Gazette* this afternoon says it has reason to believe that 300 experienced London police have been selected to strengthen the civil force in certain parts of Ireland, and particularly in Dublin.

The Scots Guards have arrived at Dublin; the Grenadiers are preparing to follow. A great Orange demonstration took place at Coleraine yesterday.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The *Standard* this morning says that no serious attention need be paid to Mr. King's impertinent notice of his motion, and that it is not worth while even to resent the ludicrous presumption of such a meddlesome proposal, upon which no American statesman of Secretary Evarts' rank and quality would dream of acting.

The Traversers intend, if allowed, to examine a thousand witnesses at the trial, including tenants and evicted persons, to show that their language and conduct was justified.

A circular has been issued to the Constabulary to use the utmost vigilance to protect bailiffs and caretakers placed in charge of houses from which tenants have been evicted, and to arrest all persons who illegally take possession of such houses. Another circular enjoins extra vigilance on the part of the patrol parties to prevent outrages by armed bands.

The volunteers of the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Fusilier Guards, from Windsor, to reinforce the 1st Battalion have started for Ireland.

A demonstration was made by 5,000 Irishmen in Manchester to-night for the purpose of expressing sympathy with the Land League and raising money for the Parnell Defence Fund. Chief-Justice May was denounced in violent terms.

CONDOLENCE.—At the regular meeting of the Catholic Literary and Benevolent Society, held in their hall, on the 7th inst., it was moved by J. J. Kehoe, seconded by Thos. Douglas:—

"*Whereas*, it has pleased the Almighty to deprive our brother members, John and Angus McIntyre, of their worthy father by the hand of death,

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WEEKLY REVIEW—WHOLESALE PRICES.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE.

There has been a falling off in the wholesale trade during the past week when compared with the preceding ones. This is, however, usual at this period of the year when merchants are more intent upon annual settlements than inaugurating new enterprises. Country merchants have been remarkably punctual in their payments. Remittances are flowing in, and a general good feeling is manifested in trade. The money market continues easy. The stock market, since our last weekly reference, has inclined to be weak with the exception of Bank of Montreal stock, which has had a slight upward tendency. The following is a review of the wholesale markets for the week:—

GROCERIES.—Sugars maintain a fair degree of steadiness for Raw and Refined. The changes for the week here are very trifling, and the business doing is light. Teas.—The balance of the lot offered at auction about a week since has been held for higher average price, and is likely sold. For the reason there is a fair trade doing at fully previous prices. In Young Hyson and Black Teas there is not much activity, and prices are moderate. Molasses and Syrups—Nominally about as last reported. Rice dull at $3.90 to 4.30. Coffees—A small business only to report, with a range of values fully lower. Spices firm for most articles in the line, with only a light trade doing. Fruits—Valencias steady at 7½c to 8½c. Malaga Fruit is not active, and but very little changed in prices. A quantity of old Loose Muscatels sold from about $1 30 up to 1.60 to 1.70 as to quantity. Currants firm, and rather higher. Sultanas scarce and firm. Nuts and almonds steady.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Stock-taking is over, and all our large dealers are manufacturing spring goods freely. The books have not yet been balanced, but some houses informs us that sales for the year will aggregate fully 20 per cent. increase over teose for 1879. Of course the present is between seasons, when trade is never active, but travellers are already forwarding orders for spring goods; and a good business is anticipated. Stock remains steady at former rates, and there will probably be no important change in last season's prices for boots and shoes. Payments continue prompt.

OILS.—Market rules quiet, sales being confined to small lots, at about previously quoted rates. Linseed is a shade firmer, in sympathy with the advance in England, and about 150 barrels have changed hands at 58c wine measure; Imperial gallons quoted at 70 to 72½c. Cod quiet, at 58c to 60c Imperial gall., and Steam refined Seal has sold in small lots at 64c to 65c. Straw do dull and nominal, at 46c to 48c. In Naval Stores no change can be noted; business is dull, and prices unchanged. Turpentine quiet, and held firmly at 70c Imperial gallon. The imports for November were 26,097 gallons at $14,197, 57,749 gallons at $31,698 for the corresponding month last year. Petroleum—There has been a slight decline in the price of Refined Oil during the past week, owing to a decline in London, where the price is quoted at 22c, but an upward tendency is looked for immediately.

WOOL.—Remains quiet and firm, at nominally unchanged prices; in domestic there have been no quotable sales reported, and Canada pulled is still quoted at 34c for A super, and 33c for B do. Of foreign wools stocks in this market are light, and sales few; a lot of 250 bales Greasy Cape changed hands at 18c, and small lots are sold at 18½c to 19c. The English wool sales just closed did not result as satisfactorily as was expected at the opening.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—Very little business doing; as is usual at this time of year, the demand is of a mere retail character. Stocks are generally light, and prices fairly maintained, especially for Brandies and Gins. Genuine Brandies are likely to be dearer, after present stocks are exhausted, owing to the grape crop in France being an absolute failure; the leading European shippers will not name prices for Brandy in bulk.

LEATHER.—A good steady trade is being done for the time of year. Manufacturers are buying moderate-sized lots of nearly all kinds for their Spring requirements, but no large sales reported. Prices on the whole steady, no quotable change to note. Sole leather may be reported a shade easier, although the best qualities are not over abundant, and for these values rule fairly steady. Shipments of buff and sole to England continue.

DRY GOODS.—The majority of houses are stock-taking, and stocks have been found considerably lower than at the like date last year. For the time of year the trade are kept fairly busy with sorting-up orders for cottons, woollens, and fancy goods suitable for the Xmas trade. House-sales, however, are few, customers visits being confined pretty much to those of city retailers, who continue to do a good business, and expect to be busy until after the holidays. Country merchants continue to report trade good and make prompt payments; in fact wholesale merchants complain of the frequent demands for large discounts for cash. With reference to the probable advance for colored cottons by Canadian mills, intimated in our last report, it may be stated that all orders taken now for these goods are at values at time of shipment, and the advanced quotations will probably take effect at the beginning of the new year.

FISH.—Labrador Herrings becoming scarce, that is, really good qualities, for which prices are reported firmer, at $5.62½ to $5.75, sales of good-sized lots having been made at these figures. Lake Trout is now in stock, and No. 1 are selling at $4.25 per half barrel. Green Cod quiet and firm, at $4 to $4.50, and Dry do. at $4 to $4.25. Trade is generally quiet, and for other kinds prices remain nominal, at the figures last quoted.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—There is nothing of interest to report concerning hardware; dealers are tolerably busy stock taking, but no quotable sales have been made or expected to be until the beginning of the new year. Prices throughout the list are nominally unchanged, and remittances continue first-class. The English market for Tin Plates remains firm, with upward tendency, but the demand here is confined to country dealers, and sales are quite small. The Pig Iron market has been somewhat easier, holders having shown more disposition to sell; this is owing to slightly lower prices in Glasgow, together with the easy modes of transportation to this city or the West. Warrants in Glasgow are quoted by cable at 51s 9d, Coltness at 63s and Eglinton at 53s. Sales reported here include a lot of over 100 tons Eglinton at $19.50; another of 200 tons do at about the same figure, and about 250 tons of Siemens, in lots, at $19.50 to $22 for No 1. Some holders have receded 50c per ton within the week, and are offering to sell at the reduction. About 80 tons of Bar Iron and nail plates have changed hands at from $1.80 to 2.10, according to size of lot.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The offerings of green hides has been slightly in excess of the demand the past week, and the market is a shade weaker, in sympathy with Western markets, where there has been a decline of ¼c, but we have no change to note here $10, $9, and $8, being still paid to butchers for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, with an advance of $1 on these figures charged to tanners. Sheepskins not quite so plentiful; all offering have been taken at from $1.10 to $1.25, as to size and quality.

FURS.—Manufacturers continue very buys having more orders on hand than they can conveniently execute before the close of the season, and many more have had to be refused. The offerings of raw furs are not yet large, and all are readily taken at full prices, which we quote below. The market for raccoon is strong and improving; in the course of another fortnight the supply of raw skins will likely be large. Latest London mail advices received announce that the Hudson's Bay Co. will bring forward the beaver, musquash and rabbits on the 18th January, and the remaining articles on the 14th, 15th and 16th March next. The United States and Canada fur sales, including Beaver, Musquash and Opossum, will take place in London on the 24th and 25th January, and the sale of other articles from the 15th to 30th March. The Hudson Bay Co.'s importations include 8,487 Bear skins, 109,032 Beaver, 4,533 Fisher, 17,732 Fox, 14,658 Lynx, 42,847 Martin, 31,134 Mink, and 10,211 Otter. Bear, $7 to $10; Fisher, $7 to $9; Otter, $10 to $12; Beaver, per lb., $9.50 to $4; Red Fox, $1.25 to $1.60; Cross, $2 to $5; Martin, $1 to $1.25; Mink, $1 to $2; Lynx, $1.50 to $2; Skunk, 50c to 90c; Raccoon, 40c to 60c; Fall Muskrat, 7c to 10c; Winter do, 9c to 11c; Kitts, 2c to 5c.

FARMERS PRODUCE MARKET.

THE POST OFFICE, Tuesday afternoon.

Appearances at the above markets indicate a lively business, with good prices ruling. The attendance to-day at the Bonsecours market was greatly increased, buyers evidently making their purchases for Christmas. There is no change whatever in the quotations for grain, fruit, vegetables, beef, dairy produce, or salt fish. For poultry, however, the prices have gone up considerably, as we expected, but considering the splendid quality of goods, the market prices for them cannot be said to be excessive, when compared to those of previous years. Turkeys are worth from $1.80 to $2.25 per pair, according to quality and weight, and by the pound at 9 to 11 cts. Quite a large sale was made this morning to Mr. S. Carsley, who purchased fifty large turkeys of the finest quality, none under the weight of twelve lbs., for ten cents per lb., of Messrs. P. L'Abbe & Co., 96 Bonsecours Market. These turkeys are intended for presentation to his married employees for their Christmas dinner. Geese have also increased in prices 25 cts. per pair, being now quoted at $2.00 to $2.25. Business in fruit is very lively, and in fact in all lines this week.

Below will be found careful quotations for farmers' produce:—

FLOUR, MEAL AND GRAIN.—Flour, per 100 lbs., $3 00 to $3.20; Buckwheat flour, $2.30; Oatmeal, $2.30 to $2.40; Cornmeal, do, yellow, $1 50; do, white $1.60; Bran, $1.00; Barley, per bush. 65c to 70c; Oats, per bag, $1; Peas, bush. $1; Buckwheat, per bush. 60c; Beans, white and yellow, per bush. $1.60.

FRUIT.—Cranberries, Cape Cod, from $7.00 per barrel; Apples, per barrel, $2.00 to $2.50; Lemons, per case, $7.00; do, per box, $4.00 to $5.00; White Grapes, per lb., 15c to 20c; Malaga Grapes, per keg, $6.00; Valentia Oranges, $6.50; Columbus Pears, $6.00 per box.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, new, per bag, 40c; sweet do, per brl, $5; carrots, new, per bush, 30c to 45c; onions, new, per brl, $2.50; cabbages, new, per dozen, 25c to 40c; beets, per bush, 40c to 50c; celery, per dozen, 30c to 40c; turnips, per bush, 45c.

POULTRY AND MEAT.—Dressed Fowls per pair, 60c to 70c; black ducks do, $1.25; turkeys, 9c to 10c per lb, $1.80 to $2.25; partridges, per brace, 60c to 70c; woodcock, $1.25; geese, $2.00 to $2.25; beef, per lb., 10c to 12c; mutton, do, 6c to 10c; lamb, per quarter, 50c to $1.20; veal, per lb., 10c; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 14c to 16c lard, 14c; hares, couple, 30c; snipe and plover, per doz., $3; ducks, blue bills, per pair, 70c. Farmers Beef 4c to 5c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Best print butter, 25c to 28c per lb.; best tub butter, 18c to 22c; eggs, packed, per doz., 20c to 24c; new laid, 30c to 35c; Roll butter first-class 25c.

SALT FISH.—Codfish per lb 6c; Salt Mackerel 5c; Herring 5c; Sardine, small keg 30c; Salmon 12c; Sea Trout 10c; Halibut 10c; Salt Eels 25c a pair; Snow Birds 30c doz; Hares 30c per brace; Oysters, in bulk, $1.20 per gallon.

The funeral of the late Mr. Daniel Hoolahan, which took place Sunday afternoon, was very largely attended, the *cortege* including many of our most influential fellow citizens. The St. Bridgets T. & A. Benefit Society, of which corporation Mr. John Hoolahan, son of the deceased gentleman, is president, attended in large numbers, the officers in regalia and members wearing their badges, the whole under the marshalship of Mr. John O'Brien, sen. Mr M. Feron was the undertaker. A *requiem* mas for the repose of the soul of the deceased was sung in St. Bridgets Church on Monday morning at 7.30 o'clock. The deceased was a native of the County Kerry, Ireland, and a resident of this city for over 25 years, he having attained the ripe old age of eighty years. He was a quiet, inoffensive citizen, having lived in the east end of the city during his entire residence here. He was a practical Catholic and died in peace, having received all the rights of holy religion. He was a true lover of the land of his birth, dear old Ireland, which he loved with an undying love, and was a firm believer in her yet winning back her just rights and privileges to constitute her a nation, free and independant. May his soul rest in peace.

The age at which Englishmen begin to write verses is between eighteen and twenty-two. If they they do not write then they probably never write at all.

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The TRUE WITNESS has within the past year made an immense stride in circulation, and if the testimony of a large number of our subscribers is not too flattering it may also claim a stride in general improvement.

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But we want to extend its usefulness and its circulation still further, and we want its friends to assist us if they believe this journal to be worth $1.50 a year, and we think they do. We would like to impress upon their memories that the TRUE WITNESS is without exception the cheapest paper of its class on this continent.

It was formerly two dollars per annum in the country and two dollars and a half in the city, but the present proprietors having taken charge of it in the hardest of times, and knowing that to many poor people a reduction of twenty or twenty-five per cent would mean something and would not only enable the old subscribers to retain it but new ones to enroll themselves under the reduction, they have no reason to regret it. For what they lost one way they gained in another, and they assisted the introduction into Catholic families throughout Canada and the United States of a Catholic paper which would defend their religion and their rights.

The TRUE WITNESS is too cheap to offer premiums or "chromos" as an inducement to subscribers, even if they believed in their efficacy. It goes simply on its merits as a journal, and it is for the people to judge whether they are right or wrong.

But as we have stated we want our circulation doubled in 1881, and all we can do to encourage our agents and the public generally is to promise them that, if our efforts are seconded by our friends, this paper will be still further enlarged and improved during the coming year.

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