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LIVE STOCK MARKET.

PRICES FOR HOGS.

CHICAGO.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Dec. 23.-Cattle-Receipts,

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

Cheese-rirm and unchanged; receipts,

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 16c to 25% dairies, 16c to 22c. Cheese—Steady, 25 to 12c.

PITTSBURG.

OIL CITY. Oil City, Pa., Dec. 22.-Credit balances.

LONDON.

BREMEN.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

\$1 20/2; southwest, \$1 16; May, \$1 26.

Chicago, Dec. 22.-Flaxseed-Northwest,

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

LONDON.

London, Dec. 22.-Raw sugar-Centrifugai, los 3d, nominal; Muscovado, l4s; beet sugar, December, l4s %d.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Beans—December, \$1 50; January, \$1 61; February, \$1 62 bid.

New York, Dec. 22.-Sugar-Raw firm,

renned, 3/20; spirits, 8/2d.

1,958 boxes.

New York, Dec. 23.

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******* LOCAL MARKETS. London, Friday, Dec. 23. There was very little business transacted at the market this forenoon. The rain last night placed the roads in bad rain last night placed the roads in bac shape for hauling heavy loads; conse-quently the number of loads of hay and oats which usually comprise the offerings this day of the week was not very large. About a dozen loads of hay were on the stand, and sales were brisk, at higher prices, viz., \$8 and \$8 50 per ton. As there will be no opportunity for the farmers to bring in hay until next Tues-day, there should be a brisk demand on that day for a considerable number of that day for a considerable number of

*Metropolitan Ry ... 119% 120
Mexican Central ... 19% 20%
Missouri Pacific ... 105% 105%
N. Y. Central ... 140 141
Norfolk & Western ... 78 78½
Ontario & Western ... 39%
Pacific Mail S.S. Co. 42½
Pennsylvania ... 135% 136¼
People's Gas ... 105% 106
Reading ... 76¼ 78
Peopublic I & S. 16¼ Several loads of straw sold today at \$5.50 and \$6 per ton.

About half a dozen loads of oats were Owing to Monday being observed as Christmas Day, there will be no shipment of live hogs, which will be made on

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, stock broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, Dec. 23. — Noon. — As might have been expected, today's market was entirely of a holiday char-No pressure to sell was evidenced like the day before, and stocks strengthened early. There seemed to be a disposition among shorts to cover. Stocks are offered only in small volume, making the covering pretty difficult. The powers of absorption in the market were shown by the easy way in which one broker was able to dispose of ten thousand Steel, common, and three thousand Steel, preferred, in Rock Island is thought to be due to manipulation by insiders, and it is reported that this stock, which has been left alone for some time, is now to be made speculatively attractive. There to be a possibility that the market will rally further during the afternoon. Sales to noon, 163,400.

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Montreal Street Railway215
Toronto Street Railway105
Twin City Transit1061/2
Richelieu & Ontario 61%
Montreal Telegraph160
Bell Telephone160
Dominion Steel, com 18
Dominion Steel, pfd 58
Montreal Power
Nova Scotia Steel, com 67
Detroit Railway 781/4
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Mackay, com 40½
Mackay, pfd
Montreal Railway, bonds1041/2
Dominion Coal, com 62½
Dominion Coal, pfd
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Quebec Bank
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Toledo Railway 241/2
101000

No session this afternoon.

SALES: C. P. R., 50 at 129¾; Montreal
Railway, 2 at 214; Power, 20 at 80; Mackay, preferred, 100 at 74¾, 25 at 74¾;
Scotia, 50 at 66½; Winnipeg Railway, bonds, 10,000 at 104, 1,000 at 104¼, 3,000 at 104¼, 3,000 at 104, 1,000 at 104¼, 3,000 at 1 1041/2; Trinidad, 200 at 82, 200 at 83; Iron, common, 30 at 173s, 25 at 17½; R. and O., 50 at 61%; Winnipeg Electric Railway, 50 at 110½; Dominion Cotton, 25 at 38½; Bank of Commerce, 1 at 166; Molsons Bank, 3

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Canada Permanent, P. R., 4 at 130; Canada. 20 at 38; C. P. R., 4 at 130;	DO-
minion Steel, 25 at 17%; Sao Paulo,	10
at left	

board until Tuesday, Dec. 27. CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Musonic Temple, for The Advertiser. Chicago, Dec. 23.					
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	
Wheat-	1	1 12%	1 111%	1 12%	
May	1 1172	361/2	98	981/2	
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Corn-	15.51	451/2	451/6	451/2	
May				40%	
July	4078	45%	4578	70/8	
May	311/4	31%	31%	311/2	
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LIVERPOOL Liverpool, Dec. 23.-Wheat-Spot nomi-Liverpool, Dec. 23.—wheat—spot nominal. Futures steady; December nominal; March, 7s 1½d; May, 7s 1½d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, dull, 4s 7d; do, old, steady, 4s 10½d. Futures quiet; January, 4s 3%d; March, 4s 3%d.

Peas—Canadian firm, 5s 1ld.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter steady. Hops (in London)-Pacific coast steady, 7 10s to £8 10s.

Beef-Firm; extra India mess, 66s 3d.

Pork-Easy; prime mess western, 68s 9d.

Hams-Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet,

Hos. 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, weak, 35s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, easy, 39s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, easy, 39s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, easy, 37s; short clear backs, 16 to 24 lbs, easy, 37s, shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 38s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, dull, 36s; American refined, in pails, quiet, Butter—Good United States firm, 75s.

Cheese-American finest white and colored strong, 49s; do, September make, ored strong, 488, ud, september make, strong, 528.

Tallow—Prime city steady, 228 9d; Australian (in London) easy, 268 6d.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 388 3d.

Rosin—Common firm, 78 3d.

Petroleum—Refined quiet, 6½d.

Linseed Oil—Firm, 168 6d.

Resistant of wheat during the past three Receipts of wheat during the past three lays were 142,000 centals, including 19,000

Receipts of American corn during the past three days were 1,100 centals.

Weather—Foggy.

PLENTY OF WORK FOR ALL N. S. WILLIAMS, Broker,

New G. T. R. Roundhouse Does Not Clash With Stratford Shops.

A local G. T. R. official was asked this morning if the building of the new roundhouse in London would make this city more important as a center for repairs to engines than Stratford. The pairs to engines than Stratford. The reply was in the negative. The works at Stratford were, during the year, endanged for the mayoralty, and again the building has been torn apart, until well onto \$10,000 has been torn apart, un Prices for live hogs for Tuesday morning next, delivered at the factory in Pottersburg: 160 to 200 lbs, \$4 50; lighter and heavier hogs, \$4 25. that place. The fact is that the tre-mendous traffice over the G. T. R., in-Chicago, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; market strong; good to prime steers, \$6 20 to \$6 75; poor to medium, \$3 85 to \$5 80; stockers and feeders, \$2 15 to \$4 15; cows, \$1 35 to \$4 40; heifers, \$2 to \$5; canners, \$1 35 to \$2 40; bulls, \$2 to \$4; calves, \$3 50 to \$6 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 23,000 head; market weak; mixed and butchers, \$4 30 to \$4 60; rough heavy, \$4 30 to \$4 40; light, \$4 10 to \$4 40; bulk of sales at \$4 35 to \$4 50. bulk of sales at \$4 35 to \$4 50,
Sheep—Receipts, 8,000 head; market ing and 2 larger staff of clerks will strong; good to choice wethers, \$4 65 to \$15; fair to choice mixed, \$3 75 to \$4 70; native lambs, \$4 75 to \$7. share of importance, so the present main line is now receiving relatively East Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 20 head; fairly active and steady; prime steers, \$5 50 to \$6; shipping, \$4 50 to \$5 25; butchers, \$3 75 to \$3 85; heifers, \$2 75 to \$425; cows, \$2 25 to \$3 85; bulls, \$2 25 to \$425; stockers and feeders, \$2 50 to \$3 90. Veals—Receipts, 200 head; active, and 25c higher.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000 head; slow, 10c lower; heavy, \$4 55 to \$4 65; mixed, \$4 50 to \$4 55; Yorkers, \$4 30 to \$4 45; pigs, \$4 25 to \$4 35; roughs. \$3 75 to \$4: stags. \$3 to opment is sweeping all over Ontario. to \$4.35; roughs, \$3.75 to \$4; stags, \$3 to opment is sweeping all over Ontario, \$3.25 per cwt. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6,000 head; will not feel the benefit. One of the active; sheep steady, lambs 10c to 20c main causes, of course, is that the higher; native lambs, \$5 to \$7 40; no railway system which already covers Canadas; yearlings, \$5 50 to \$6; wethers, \$5 to \$5 25; ewes, \$4 50 to \$4 75; sheep, mixed, \$2 50 to \$4 75. this Province like a network, is to spread its arms throughout the great Northwest and draw fresh quantities of new business towards the old cen-

SHOOTING AFFRAY

ters, one of which is London.

Man Injured at Questionable Resort New York, Dec. 22.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 5,230 pkgs; street prices, extra creamery, 26½c to 27c; official prices, creamery, common to extra, 17c to 26½c. East of the City.

A shooting affray occurred on Wednesday night at a questionable resort east of the city. A man, whose name cannot be learned, had two fingers on his right hand shot off, and also received a bullet wound in the leg. A physician was telephoned for to at-Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—Oil opened and tend him, and it was stated that the closed at \$1.55. man was in a serious condition. The physician immediately obtained a carriage and drove to the place. On \$1 30; certificates, no bid; shipments, Pennsylvania, 120,176 barreis. the way out he was met by a horse galloping at full speed, driven by a man who appeared to have only the use of one hand. When the doctor arrived at the place he was informed London, Dec. 22.-Petroleum, American that the injured man had suddenly dsappeared, but no more particulars Bremen, Dec. 22.-Petroleum, 6 marks of the affair were forthcoming. The physician returned home out of pocket the price of the livery.

The man who was shot is said to

have called at an east end hotel, hatless and greatly excited. After securing a drink he drove off at top speed.

DEATH OF MRS. GILLEAN

Resident of This City for 62 Years Passes Away After Short Illness.

At noon today there passed away

Thieves Visit Two Offices and Secure Little for Their Trouble.

A cheap imitation of "Raffles, the Amateur Cracksman," operated in London last night. Two places were entered, and in both places the jobs were bungled. Nothing of value was taken in either case. The first place broken into was the

office of Donald Ferguson, lumber street. Here the safe, which had been

the front door, the men climbed in a back window. They found a few cents in the cash drawer and then turned their attention to the safe. It was locked and the thieves deliberately broke the combination tumber off it. They were unable to open the safe. Today the firm is left in a bad predicament.

BROKE A WINDOW. Little time was taken up by the magistrate at the police court this mornng. George Williams was charged with being drunk, and while in that condi-tion breaking a window on Richmond street valued at \$5 50. The charge was no money and will spend a month in jail. Another drunk was bailed to appear in a week. SENT FOR TRIAL.

Samuel French, the young Indian who was wanted since June, 1902, on a charge of criminally assaulting a young squaw of the Caradoc reserve, and who was only captured a few weeks ago, was brought before Squire Smythe this morning. Crown Attorney McKillop was present for the crown. After a thorough xamination French was committed for rial. He will be allowed to elect whether he will be tried by a judge or jury, and the trial will come off very soon.



· A Merry Christmas from Gray & Parker to All People.

A long list of prices and descriptions would be burdensome to you at this time. Christmas is so very near—rush everywhere. We made a special purchase of Handkerchiefs a few days ago-they are here for you at greatly reduced prices. They are worth up to 75c each. Your choice of any of them now for only 350.

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10 dozen only Ladies' Fancy Silk Stocks and Collars, of silk braid, very pretty assortment...25c dozen Ladies' New Silk Stocks and Novelty Collars, very pretty; splendid assortment. On sale, special 50c

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White and Black Silk Belts, of newest styles; splendid assortment, for Friday and Saturday's selling25c, 50c, 75c and \$1 00

LADIES' WHITE LAWN COLLARS. 5 dozen only Ladies' Dainty White Lawn Collars, embroidered in pretty designs; very

swell. Sale price 20c dozen only Dainty White Lawn Collars, very new and effective styles; to wear with ribbons. Sale price25e and 35e

MEN'S FURNISHINGS. Men's Ties, worth to 50c, for25e Men's Colored Shirts, 75c, for50c Men's Braces and Handkerchief Sale.

Ladies' Kid Gloves and Parasols for Christmas Gifts.

LADIES' KID GLOVES.

Special Sale of Ladies' Kid Gloves for this week. CHRISTMAS RIBBONS.

Special Sale for Friday, Saturday and Nights. 300 yards Silk Neck Ribbons, special assortment; all ribbons in plain or fancy colors; the reguPARASOLS FOR GIFTS.

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ray and Parker Friday and Carling Street Saturday.

Attempts to Explain the Overdrafts Are Failures Wade, to occupy the chair. The children acquitted themselves admirably, and short addresses were given by Mr. E. Littlejohn and Mr. John McCool.

Ald. Judd's Remarkable Claim statements as this, he must be begin-Re Reduction of City Debenture Debt is Exploded.

of the mayor's dinner to help along by the committee in the matter of making repairs to the fire hall. Time his campaign for the mayoralty, and making repairs to the fire hall. Time and again the building has been torn debenture debt of the city has been reduced by the councils of the past three years, conveying the impression

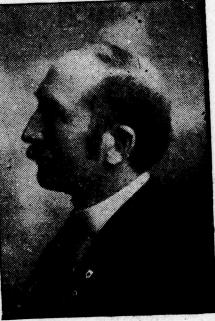
CANDIDATES FOR

ning to "hae his doots" about his Ald, Judd also dragged the fire hall to be given to the poor. into the election arena. He told of all the good things Ald. Matthews, as chairman of No. 3 committee, has of Aberdeen school, the members of the chairman of No. 3 committee, done for the city, but he did not tell Ald, Judd last night took advantage of the woeful extravagance displayed

Why was it that two years in succession the board of works has had an that for this state of affairs the coun- overdraft, and has laid the overdrafts cils over which Mr. Beck has presided to the door of new sewers and culverts

were to be thanked. But no man at the meeting knew better than Ald.

Judd that for whatever reduction has sewers and culverts needed to be put been made in the debt the councils re- down. If Ald, Judd wishes to put the ferred to deserve no credit. As every matter in its true light he will tell the citizen knows, a debenture issue is people that in order to meet the ex-merely a mortgage, covering a certain penditures of the Conservative council period, say 20 years, and that each the tax rate should have been increased year the council must provide a sinking this year—Ald. Judd admits he advised fund—if a 20-year debenture, \$1,000 a an increase—but that the council took year—and the interest on the issue. "a gambler's chance" on pulling There is no choice in the matter. The through till 1905, when the people are sinking fund and interest must be to pay taxes on an additional million provided for, and these items come of assessment. Is there any difference Strathroy, and one of the pioneers of under the head of uncontrollable exbetween increasing the tax rate and West Middlesex. Deceased, who was penditure. And, of course, during the putting on an extra \$100 or \$200 on the three years referred to by Mr. Judd, poor man's cottage? Is it not a delib-from Argyllshire in 1842, and immethe sinking fund and interest have erate scheme to pull wool over the diately settled at Strathroy, where he been provided for as usual. No matter eyes of the ratepayers? Last night what body of men may be in power in Ald. Judd was kept tolerably busy exthe city hall, this is a duty which can- plaining the overdrafts and eulogizing not be shirked, and they deserve no the perpetrators of the extravagances, credit or praise for doing that which but if he intends to convince the pubthey must do. If Mr. Judd's mayor-alty campaign depends upon such he will be kept busier still.



HONORS ON JAN. 2

Mr. A. E. Welch Mr. A. E. Welch, who is an aspirant for school board honors, is a wellknown resident of the city, where he has resided for many years. Although not a member of the board of education in the past, Mr. Welch has taken a keen interest in matters relating to the schools, and he would make a worthy member of the board.

PRODUCE MARKET.

at at the TORONTO.

Towns, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Trade in Ongregated search of this city, Mrs. James Gillean, at the family residence, 133 Maple street. Death resulted from a baralytic stroke, which occurred about the days and winte, with some sates at the days ago, and was not unexpected to the days ago, and was n

ACCEPTABLE IN ONE WAY Wet Weather Will Fill Many Empty

London Cisterns.

weather is rainy. This is a state of afand serious to some. There is always brisk, cold weather are absent at Christed feeling of delight and enthusiasm. A Christmas or New Year's greeting does not sound well on a watery street. OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR 1905. On the other hand, the wet weather least, have soft water.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

with a turkey today. -Inspector Parkinson, of the Dominion secret service, was a visitor at the

police court this morning. -Mr. James Robertson, with Wants Legacy Left by His Cousin, few years ago, is now a resident of

Rev. S. Salton opened the proceedings, and then called upon the superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. R. H. The Christmas tree, as usual, was loaded with presents for the children, and the pastor was not forgotten. It was one of the most successful ever held, and best of all, the proceeds are

At the closing concert of Grade VIII. of Aberdeen school, the members of the class presented Mr. Fred Chapman, assistant to Principal Kirk, of the Model

A dispatch from Ottawa announces that a medal for long service and good conduct has been granted to Quartermaster-Sergeant Dunlevy, of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., stationed at Wolseley Barracks. Quartermaster-Ser-geant Dunlevy is one of the oldest members of the permanent force, and has many friends in London, who will hear with satisfaction of his receipt of the coveted medal. Sergeant-Major Borland (of Toronto), who is well known here, also has been granted the

MIDDLESEX PIONEER DEAD. The death is announced at Port Huron of Mr. John Black, formerly of carried on a carpentering and build-ing business for many years. He leaves a widow and two sons, Judge J. L. Black, of Port Huron, at whose house he died, and A. N. C. Black, of St. Thomas. He had been a member of the Strathroy town council and was a lifelong Liberal, and an ardent supporter of Hon. George W. Ross.

PRESENTATION TO TEACHER. The closing exercises of Brick street school were of a very interesting character. Lunch was served at noon, after which there was a public examination of the pupils, conducted by Miss Edith Fair. This was followed by a pro-Two days before Christmas-and the gramme of songs, recitations, dialogues and drills. Mr. Bogue, who has always fairs that is unpleasant to all citizens taken a great interest in educational matters, occupied the chair. A very a feeling in Canadian atmosphere that interesting part of the exercises was there is something wrong if snow and the presentation of a heautiful dressing-case to the teacher, Miss Maud mas time. This feeling is not unknown Fair, as an expression of the pupils' even to people who have passed the goodwill. Miss Fair has been re-enspring of life, and who no longer look gaged to teach in the same school durupon St. Nicholas' Day with any marking the coming year with an increase ed feeling of delight and enthusiasm.

Westminster Lodge, No. 404, A. O. U. W., held its regular meeting recently which is now upon us, has a value W., held its regular meeting recently which, under the circumstances, is beand elected the following officers for ing highly appreciated by many house- 1905: Past master workman, Joseph Irholders. The city water is remarkably win; master workman, F. McConnell; "hard" and very unpleasant to wash foreman, C. McGeary; overseer, C. with. The supply of rainwater has Pate; recorder, F. McMillan; financier, been very scarce during the past month U. A. Buchner; receiver, R. A. Lyons; or so on account of the suddenness of the first touch of frost, which came in Milligan; outside watch, H. Gardner; a dry season, and prevented the cis- medical examiners, J. M. Piper, M.D. terns from getting their usual supply and D. M. Hogg, M. D.; auditors, E. before winter sets in. Thus, if London B. Smith, Jos. Wyckoff; representative has not snow for Christmas it will at to grand lodge, F. McMillan; alternate, R. A. Lyons. SUNDAY AT ST. PETER'S.

The choir of St. Peter's will render a very appropriate musical programme -The Sherlock-Manning Organ Com- at 10:30 o'clock on Christmas morning. pany presented each of their employes Preparations have been in progress for NAPOLEON'S UKANDSON SUES wife and baby son, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rob-Mass of St. Cecelia (Charles Gounod), former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rob-ertson, 421 Pall Mall street. Mr. J. Rob-ertson, who lived in London until a "Kyrie" (trio and chorus), soloists, Miss the cortege the firemen who were acting ertson, 421 Pan Man street. Mr. J. Robertson, who lived in London until a few years ago, is now a resident of Battle Creek. Mich.

Ranahan (tenor), and Mr. W. P. Reynolds (bass); "Gloria in Excelsis" (so-fire, which was in a tailor-shop. The correct which was in a tailor-shop. The fire which was in a tailor-shop. The correct was postponed until the blaze. prano solo and chorus), "Domine" (bass funeral was postponed until the blaze solo), "Qui Tollis" (tenor solo), "Qui was extinguished, when the services Sedes" (soprano solo), "Quoniam" (cho-

CHRISTMAS

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LONDON.

rus), "Credo" (chorus), "Et Incarnatus (trio and chorus); "Adeste Fideles" (arranged by Novel-lo), soloists, Miss Bessie Dwyer (soprano), Miss Mabel Rowan (alto), Mr. Thos. Ranahan (tenor), Mr. W. P. Reynolds (bass); Sanctus (tenor solo and chorus), Benedictus (soprano solo and chorus), Agnus Dei (tenor solo, soprano solo and chorus); postlude, "March Pontificale" (Lemmens), from Sonata

FUNERAL GOES TO FIRE

Department Stampeded While Following Fireman's Body to Grave.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 22.-A clang of alarm, jarring discordantly on the toll of muffled bells, today turned the funeral of Thomas Proof, the oldest fireman in the La Crosse department

The coffin, laid on a draped hose cart drawn by two of the finest horses in the service, was opposite the Central station when the alarm sounded. Immediately behind it was the large aerial truck, drawn by three horses, and with a swing it was guided out of the pro-J. P. O'Donnell, the conductor, and Mr. cession and started in a dash down State street. Scarcely had it cleared services promise to be of the usual degree of excellence. The programme includes: "Pastores" (a managed by Law to follow their materials) includes: "Pastores" (arranged by Lam- to follow their mates. They were checked after running some distance.

(LONDON) Proved to be the best by analysis of four chemists, and by awards of the world's great exhibitions, especially *Chicago 1893*, where it received ninety-six points out of a possible hundred, much higher than any other porter in the United States or Canada.