THE HOUSEHOLD.

(Specially prepared for THE POST *and* TRUE WITNESS.)

[The Editress is prepared to answer all questions on matters connected with this Department.

BLACKBERRY SHORTCAKE.

Blackberry shortcake may be made by this recipe: Sift half a pound of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a heaping teaspoonful of sugar and the same quantity of salt. Mix with this a quarter of a pound of butter, which should be as firm as possible adding little by little half a pint of cold-blooded milk. The mixing should be done with a knife, rapidly. Place the paste on a floured pastry board, turning it about until it is covered with the flour. Roll out to the thickness of half an inch and cut it in round pieces the size of a breakfast plate. This may be done by inverting a plate on the paste and cutting around it. Lay the pieces on a greased pan and bake. When done, cut around the edge and pull them apart. Lay the blackberries on each half piece, sprinkling them well with sugar. The berries on the top layer should be placed upright. Serve with cream.

CURRANT PUDDING.

Make a good paste and roll out thin; have ready some currants, picked and washed. Strew thickly all over the paste, roll it up; scald and flour a thick cloth, roll the pudding in it and tie tightly at each end; put into boiling water, and boil for two hours.

FRICASSEED EGGS.

Fricaseed eggs, for a very nice relish for meats, are much in favor with some persons. Take six eggs, boiled hard, two ounces of butter, a sprig of parsley (minced), two minced mushrooms, one half pint of gravy, a spoonful of flour. Put the butter in a saucepan, and when melted stir into it the minced mushrooms and the parsley, and season it with pepper and salt. Let the mushrooms cook for a few minutes, and when done pour in the gravy, and thicken it with the flour. Allow the mixture to boil, stirring constantly, and then add the hard-boiled eggs cut into slices. Boil it up at once and serve.

CABINET PUDDINGS.

A cabinet pudding makes a very nice dessert, and is a good way to use up the pieces of stale cake that remain in the cake box. Take pieces of stale cake, or a cake that has happened to go wrong with you, and soak them in sherry wine, just enough wine to make them moist. If the cake be very stale, it would be a good idea to steam it a little first. Butter your mold well, and sprinkle in it enough raisins and citron to cover the bottom. Now put in a layer of your cake, and continue this until your mold is about two thirds full. Let your last layer be of cake. Mix in a bowl three tablespoonfuls of sugar and three eggs, until they are a cream; then mix in slowly a pint of milk just brought to a boiling point. Pour this over the cake, etc., in your mold. Put the mold into a pan of cold water, so that the water will cover one-third of the mold. Set it over the fire until the water boils, then put the whole into the oven to bake an hour. Serve with wine sauce.

A VIRGINIA SOUP.

A quart and a pint of liquor in which a corned ham was boiled, cooled, skimmed and strained; one cup of milk, four well-beaten eggs, two tablespoonfuls minced parsley, pepper, two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, eight Boston crackers, split and dipped in hot milk, a tiny bit of soda in the cup of milk. Heat the milk to boiling and stir in the parsley, the cornstarch, wet with cold water, and the pepper; boil again, take out a cupful and mix it gradually with the beaten eggs. Have the milk ready scalded in another vessel; pour this in with the eggs and all back into the soup kettle. Heat almost to the boil, stirring all the while, and pour into the tureen lined with the split and dipped crackers. The soup is far better than might be expected.

STEWED DUCKS.

Clean and truss, but omit the stuffing. Sprinkle the bottom of a pot with onion and a little green sage. Lay in the ducks; cover with thin slices of fat salt pork and pour in a large cupful of cold water. Fit a tight top on the pot and set where the contents will not boil in less than an hour. Stew slowly two hours and one-half before raising the lid, then turn the ducks and leave until tender, probably for an hour or more. Lift the fowls to a hot dish to keep warm, strain the gravy, thicken with browned flour, boil up and pour, partly on the ducks, partly into a boat. An excellent method of disposing of tough fowls.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.

To the Editor of THE POST *and* TRUE WITNESS:

The usual round of duty, with the assistance of an express train, brought "Glingall" to Woodstock a few days ago. On looking about for a conveyance to the hotel, I encountered a long black looking arrangement, much in the style of an ambulance, which was in charge of a boy about 12 years old, who had a voice that would be a fortune to a senator, and with which he was eloquently appealing to the passengers to patronize his "line." This worthy, who is driver, conductor and managing director of his transportation business, soon landed me at the Commercial House, one of the best hostelries in town, where mine host Forbes attends to the wants of the knights of the road in a very acceptable manner. This is a thriving town of about 7,000 inhabitants, having railway communication with the two great trunk lines by means of the Great Western and Credit Valley divisions respectively. The town has a distinctively "western air and appearance, it is the seat of many large manufactories, and has doubled its population within the past five years, and I was assured by no less an authority than Mayor Francis, that in three years more Woodstock would be a city. Being located in the North Riding of the County of Oxford, it possesses the proud privilege of being represented in the Local Legislature by the indomitable Mowat himself. And an idea of the strength of Liberalism in Woodstock may be gathered from the fact that both of the local daily newspapers are staunch supporters of that party.

A feature that immediately strikes the attention of strangers is the large number of handsome and elegantly dressed ladies to be seen on the streets usually in the afternoons. An enthusiastic Woodstockite confidentially informed your correspondent that in this particular his town was ahead of anything in Ontario.

The Catholic population of Woodstock numbers some 200 families, comprising about 1,000 persons in all, and considering that a few years ago they were but a fraction of this number, the increase is most gratifying. The Rev. M. J. Brady, who succeeded the late lamented Father Carlin two years ago, is in charge of this congregation, and during the past two years has—in addition to his numerous other duties—been diligently engaged in the erection of a new church, which was first opened for divine service the week before Christmas. The church is a handsome structure of red brick with stone facings, 75 x 150 in dimensions, and is neatly and comfortably finished. It is a credit alike to both pastor and people.

The organist of the church, Miss Katie Landy, is a young lady of very superior musical talents; she is a student at the Woodstock Collegiate Institute, and hails from Arthur, Ont.

Among the most prominent Irish Catholics here Mr. Farrell, of the Royal Hotel, is probably one of the oldest residents and best-known citizens. He met with a severe accident some three months ago, having his leg broken by being thrown out of a waggon, but I am glad to say he is almost recovered from the effects of his injuries.

The O'Neil House, by Mr. J. F. O'Neil, is the leading hotel in the town, and, having been recently built, is furnished with all modern improvements, and fully equal to the best city hotels in the province.

A busy and well known citizen also is Mr. J. J. Landry, bookbinder, who, besides supervising his own business, is secretary of the Mechanics Institute, a prominent member of the Woodstock Amateur Athletic Association, and secretary of the C.M.B.A.

I may mention that, when in Detroit last week, I met Mr. E. Kennedy, formerly of the Shamrock lacrosse team. Ed. was looking well, and made many enquiries about people and things in Montreal.

"GLINGALL."

SCANDAL-MONGERS.

Do you hear the scandal-mongers
Passing by,
Breathing poison in a whisper;
In a sigh?
Moving cautiously and slow,
Smiling sweetly as they go,
Never noisy, gliding smoothly like a snake,
Slipping here and gliding there
Through the meadows fresh and fair,
Leaving subtle slime and poison in their wake?

Saw you not the scandal-monger
As she sat,
Beaming brightly 'neath the roses
On her hat?
In her dainty gloves and dress,
Angel-like and nothing less,
Seemed she—casting smiles and pleasant words about
One she hugged and shook her head,
Raised her eyes and nodding said,
When you spoke of friends, and yet it left a doubt.

Did you watch the scandal-monger
At the ball,
Through the music, rhyme, beauty,
Light and all?
Moving here and moving there,
With a whisper light as air,
Casting shadows on a sister woman's fame.
Just a whispered word or glance,
As she floated through the dance,
And a doubt forever hangs upon a name.

You will find the scandal-mongers
Everywhere;
Sometimes men, but often women,
Young and fair;
Yet their tongues drip foulest slime,
And they spend their leisure time,
Casting mud on those who climb by work and worth!
Shun them, shun them as you go,
Shun them, whether high or low,
They are but the moral serpents of the earth.

A PRIEST'S FEAST.

Sunday being the eve of the feast of St. Anthony, patron saint of Rev. Abbé Giband, P.P., and the 25th anniversary of his appointment as director of the Ville Marie congregation, the opportunity was taken by the congregation to celebrate the event in a remarkable manner. In the morning Mass was said at Notre Dame des Anges by the rev. director, after which M. Pierre Demers, prefect of the congregation read to the Rev. Abbé a beautiful address. The address was accompanied by a magnificent golden chalice, a golden ampulla for carrying the holy oils, a golden basin and cruets and a rouge receptacle for the *viaticum*. The Rev. Abbé Giband briefly answered Mr. Demers's address, thanking the congregation for their generous gifts and blessing them. At the seminary yesterday, the Rev. Abbé Giband was the recipient of many appropriate congratulations.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—The new German Liberals of the second Berlin district met today for the purpose of deciding on their action in the coming election for the Reichstag. Three thousand electors attended. It was resolved to support Prof. Virchow against Gen. Von Moltke as candidate. Herr Richter, in a speech advocating this policy, admitted the personal merits of Von Moltke as supreminent, but he contended it was not the duty of the electors to provide that military interests of the Empire should be strongly represented in the Reichstag, but rather to elect to that body those who could and would defend the civil interests of the people to the end that there might be a proper equalization of civil and military claims put forth. The views of eminent civilians should be recognized in opposition to the one-sided military view. When the Duke of Wellington, continued Herr Richter, utilized his military glory and his personal merits to override the constitution of England, Englishmen defiantly declared that though he had been victorious in Spain and at Waterloo he should not be victorious against the people of England in like manner. Gen. Von Moltke, though he had been victorious over Austria and over France, should not be permitted to be victorious against the citizens of Berlin. Prince Von Hohenlohe, Governor of Alsace-Lorraine, has returned to Strasburg. It is stated he has been instructed from Berlin to treat the partisans of protesting (or anti-annexation) candidates for the present election campaign, with the utmost possible legal repression.

A KENTUCKY MYSTERY SOLVED.

LOUSVILLE, Ky., Jan 18.—On October 22 one of the most frightful tragedies that ever took place in Kentucky occurred in the eastern portion of Knox county. The house occupied by the Poe family was burned down and in the ashes were found the charred remains of eight persons. They were the bodies of Mrs. Kitty Poe, Miss Mary J. Carson, Miss Mary Burns, and five Poe children, Molly, Axy, Laura, Pearly and Willy. It was afterwards developed that they had been murdered, after which the house had been set on fire. News has just reached here of the arrest of seven persons, all neighbors of the murdered family, charged with participating in the diabolical affair. Their names are Amelia Worms, Brice Mills, Balmor Mills, Wright Smith, Elias Jackson, Mollie Stamper and Pinda Hammond. The Worms woman is thought to be the leader of the gang and instigator of the affair. She is a notorious courtesan and had great influence over the others who were arrested. On the day after the murder the woman was overheard to say to one of the others: "Thank God we burned everything up so there can be no traces left."

No evil propensity of the human heart is so powerful that it may not be subdued by discipline.—Seneca.

THE IRISH PARLIAMENTARY VACANCIES

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Mr. Parnell, writing to the Dublin *Evening Telegraph* with reference to the vacancies in the Irish party, says that after consulting with his principal colleagues, it was decided to ask Smith McNeill to offer himself as a candidate in South Donegal and that he consented to run. After referring to Mr. McNeill's fitness for office as a consistent advocate of home rule for years and one who earned Mr. Gladstone's approbation as a writer on Irish subjects, Mr. Parnell says: "Mr. McNeill's return as a Protestant Nationalist by a Catholic electorate will have great effect in dispelling the fears and prejudices of Northern Protestants, affording, as it will, to Ulster a signal example of that love of toleration and absence of bigotry so remarkable among the Catholics in Ireland." Mr. Parnell further says: "It has also been settled that Mr. Healy will contest Longford in the place of Justin McCarthy. So we will no longer be without Mr. Healy's great energy and fighting power, which were so much wished for during the last session."

TREVELYAN ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—George O. Trevelyan was presented by his former constituents at Howick to-day with a portrait of himself. In his speech of thanks Mr. Trevelyan dwelt at some length on the political situation. He said there was nothing in the objections to Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule bill which could not be removed without destroying the liberal character of the measure or making it less acceptable to the Irish people. As for himself, Mr. Trevelyan said he was sincerely desirous of a reunion of the Liberal party on honorable terms, but that he never could consent to have the control of the law and order in Ireland transferred from the hands of the present central authority.

BIGAMIST AND DESERTER.

HAMILTON, Jan. 23.—A sad case has just come to light here. L. Whiting, an agent for a leading firm of organ makers, was married in 1880, in St. Catharines, to a Miss Temple, and brought his wife to this city. Whiting subsequently went to Renfrew to work, and for some time his wife had not heard of him. It was recently learned, however, that on January 8 he had married a Miss Nellie Villeneuve, of Fort Coulonge, about forty miles from Renfrew, and the chief of police telegraphed for his arrest, but too late, as he had disappeared, and is now supposed to be in the United States. His wife fully trusted him. She has four young children. She does not think Whiting has left Canada.

THE CHOLERA IN THE SOUTH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Despatches from Buenos Ayres state that the deaths from Asiatic cholera in that city in November were 93. Business is virtually suspended. The death rate in Rosario has some times reached 50 per day. The Government authorities are working energetically to extirpate the plague by modern methods.

COMMERCE.

Weekly Review of Montreal Wholesale Markets.

Business generally is very good, and payments are considered fair. In a wholesale way matters are brisk and prospects for the future encouraging. Retail business is also good.

FLOUR, GRAIN, &c.

FLOUR.—The market has assumed a quieter appearance, although a fair amount of business has transpired. Sales of Ontario patents have been made at $4 15 to $4 50, and superior has changed hands at $3 95 to $4. Extra has been placed at $3 75, and spring extra at $4 45. Superfine has since been placed at $3 10 to $3 15. In Manitoba flour, sales of strong Bakers' have been made at $4 40 to $4 50, and medium sorts have sold at $4 10 to $4 15. We quote: Patents, $4.15 to $4 60; Strong Bakers' (American), $4.40 to $4.70; Strong Bakers' (Manitoban), $4 40 to $4.50; Strong Bakers' (Canada), $4 00 to $4 20; Superior Extra, $3.95 to $4 00; do, choice, $4.10 to $0 00; Extra Superfine, $3.75 to $3.80; Fancy, $3.65 to $3 70; Spring Extra, $3 45 to $3 50; Superfine, $3.10 to $3 20; Fine, $2.80 to $2 90; Middlings, $2 25 to $2.40; Pollards, $2 00 to $2.10; Ontario bags (strong) b.i., $1 80 to $1.90; do (spring extra), $1.60 to $1.70; do (superfine), $1.40 to $1.50; City strong in sacks of 140 lbs (per 196 lbs), $4.30 to $4.35.

OATMEAL.—Car lots are still quoted at $3 95 to $4 05 per bbl., jobbing lots at $4 10 to $4 25. Granulated $4 25 to $4 50, in bags $2 00 to $2 10 for ordinary, and $2 15 to $2 25 for granulated. Cornmeal, $2 30 to $2 50 per bbl.

BRAN.—Steady at $14 in car lots. Shorts, $15 to $61.

WHEAT.—Canada red winter was offered to parties at $1c at points west of Toronto, but buyers' views were 80c. These prices are equal 92c to 93c here, but these figures are not obtainable. Red winter is quoted here for May delivery at 95c.

CORN.—The market on spot is quiet, and prices are nominal at 48c to 49c in bond and 55c duty paid.

PEAS.—The market is still very quiet and prices are nominally unchanged at 64c to 65c per 66 lbs The market has declined in London, England.

OATS.—There have been sales along the line on Montreal account at 25c per 34 lbs, for storage in this city until May. Here prices are quoted at 27½c to 28c.

BARLEY.—Malting barley 55c to 60c per bushel. Feed barley 45c to 50c.

RYE—The demand is nil, and prices are nominal at 48c to 50c per bushel.

BUCKWHEAT—Here prices are quoted at 42c to 43c per 48 lbs. In the country sales have been made at 40c.

MALT—Montreal No. 1, 90c to 95c, and other kinds from 75c to 85c per bushel in bond.

SEEDS.—Sales of red clover were made at points west of Toronto at $5 25. Here prices are quoted at $5 50 to $6 Timothy is steady at $2 40 to $2 50 for Western, and at $2 50 to $2 75 for Canadian. Alsike is quoted at $6 00 to $7 00. Flaxseed, $1 20 to $1 35.

PROVISIONS, &c.

PORK, LARD, &c.—Sales were reported of 150 bbls. of Montreal short cut mess pork in jobbing lots at $15. The recent decline in the Western market has not affected prices here. In smoked meats, sales of hams were reported at 11c to 11½. Green hams and flanks have sold at 8½c to 9c. Tallow is slow sale, and prices are unchanged. We quote: Montreal short cut pork per brl, $00 00 to 15 00; Chicago short cut clear per brl, $00 00 to 15 00; Mess pork, Western, per brl, $14 00 to 14 25; India mess beef, per tce, $00 00 to $00 00; Mess beef, per brl, $00 00 to 00 00; Hams, city cured per lb, 12c to 12½c; Hams, canvassed, 00c to 00c; Hams and flanks, green, per lb, $00 00 to 00 00; Lard, Western, in pails, per lb, 9½c to 9¾c; Lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb. 00c to 9c; Bacon, per lb, 10c to 10½c; Shoulders, per lb., 0 00 to 0.00; Tallow, common refined, per lb, 4½c to 4¾c.

DRESSED HOGS—The receipts of hogs to date have been nearly three times those for the corresponding period of last year. Prices are quoted at from $6 00 to $6 10 for heavy averages, and at $6·20 to $6.25 for light in car lots.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER.—The strength of the market has certainly increased, sales having been made at fully ½c per lb above what could have been realized then. The principal enquiry has been for Western and Brockville goods. Sales of Morrisburg are also reported at 19c. Selected Townships have sold at 21c to 22c in lots. We quote:—Creamery, fine to fancy, 24c to 25c; do, good, 00c to 23c; Townships, fine to finest, 20c to 22c; do, fair to good, 17c to 19c; Morrisburg, fine to finest, 19c to 20c; do, fair to good, 16c to 18c; Brockville, fine to finest, 19c to 20c; do, fair to good, 16c to 18c; Western, fine to finest, 18c to 18½c; do, fair to good, 16c to 17c; low grades, 14c to 15c.

ROLL BUTTER.—Arrivals are well taken up at steady prices, sales in boxes and barrels having been made at 16½c to 18c, a good sized lot being sold at the outside figure.

CHEESE.—The market is firm, and holders are getting full prices, further sales of fine white having been made at 12½c for shipments. Stocks here are getting down to small compass. Prices in New York have advanced to 12½c for finest, but at that figure holders do not feel disposed to sell. We quote:—Finest Fall colored, 12½c to 12¾c; finest, white, 12½c to 00c; fine, 12c to 12¼c; medium to fair, 11c to 11½c; lower grades, 10c to 10½c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.—The market is firm at the advance with sales of limed at 22c to 23c, and of new laid at 25c to 30c. Held fresh stock 19c to 21c.

GAME.—Holders of partridges have been pushing sales at 40c per brace, but stocks on hand are ample and will require more pushing before they are disposed of. Deer carcasses have sold as low as 4c per lb., and we quote 4c to 5c per lb. Saddles have sold at 7c to 8c.

DRESSED MEATS.—Farmers' frozen beef 4c to 4½c per lb for hindquarters, and 3c to 4c for forequarters. Mutton carcases 5c to 7c per lb.

DRESSED POULTRY.—The supply of poultry has been considerably reduced during the past week and there is still plenty for all requirements. Sales have been made of turkeys at 8c to 10c per lb as to quality, chickens at 5½c to 6½c, geese 5½c to 7c, and ducks at 9c to 10c.

BEANS.—Medium beans remain steady at $1.15 to $1 25 per bushel for fine to choice, and hand-picked are held higher. Car lots, 90c to $1.05, as to quality.

HONEY.—The sale of a lot of 200 lbs of strained honey is reported at 10½c per lb. in small tins, and we quote 10c to 11c. Comb honey is in rather limited supply at 15c to 18c.

MAPLE SUGAR, &c.—There has been a fair demand for the season, and sales of sugar have transpired at 8c to 9c as to quality. Maple syrup quiet at 90c to $1.10 per tin.

HOPS.—The demand is almost nil, and altogether few Canadian hops are offered; holders have to make concessions in order to sell. We quote 14c to 18c for good to choice Canadians, for 1886 growth, and 8c to 10c for old.

POTATOES.—Two car loads of potatoes have been received, and sales are reported at 60c to 65c per bag. In single bags, sales have been made at 75c to 85c.

ONIONS.—The market is steady at $2 75 to $3 per bbl.

ASHES.—The market has undergone no material change since last report, a few small sales having been made at $4 20 to $4 25 for first pots.

FRUITS, &c.

APPLES.—The market is quiet and unchanged with sales of a few jobbing lots at $3 to $3 50 per bbl, carloads of Western being quoted at $2 50 to $2 75.

EVAPORATED APPLES.—The market is very strong at 12c to 12½c. Stocks are light.

PEARS.—Boston pears in boxes have sold at $5, and in barrels prices are quoted at $8 to $10.

GRAPES.—Almeria grapes have been placed at a wide range in prices, from $2 50 to $5 50 in kegs.

DATES.—Sales have been made in round lots at 6c, and in broken lots for Western shipment at 6½c to 7c per lb.

CRANBERRIES.—Soft fruit have been sold at $5 to $6 per bbl., fresh at $8 to $9 and fancy at $11.

ORANGES.—Sales of Valencia oranges ex Polynesian were made at $4 50 to $5 in cases, Jaffa oranges sold at $4 to $4 50 per box, and Florida at $4 to $5; Bitter oranges $3.50 to $6. The receipts from the Polynesian were 1,000.

LEMONS.—The demand is limited, and business is slow at $2.50 to $4 50 as to quality, sales having been made at the inside figure. Messina and Palmero in cases $5 and Naples in cases $8 to $9.

COCOANUTS.—Firm at $6 per 100, under limited supplies.

GENERAL MARKETS.

FISH OILS.—The market has been very quiet, the enquiry being almost nil. Newfoundland cod oil is quoted at 39c to 40c, Gaspé at 37c to 38c, and Halifax at 34c to 35c. Steam refined seal oil is quiet and quoted at 48c to 50c, cod liver oil 65c to 70c.

OYSTERS.—Receives, $3 to $4 per bbl for Malpeques and Narrows, common at $2 50 to $2.75.

HARD COAL.—The market is steady at $6 50 for stove, $6 25 for chestnut and $6 for egg and furnace, per 2 000 lbs, delivered.

STEAM COAL.—The market is firm and steady. We quote Cape Breton $4 to $4 25, Pictou $4.50 to $4 75, and Scotch at $5 50 per gross.

GROCERIES.—Business has been quiet during the week, caused by lack of communication with the country districts. There is no movement in teas. Sugars are firm, also syrups and molasses.

FISH.—The market is strengthening. We quote green cod at $4 for No. 1, and $4 25 to $4 50 for No. 1 large. Dry cod, $5. There is nothing doing in herrings and salmon. The storms are seriously injuring the business. Fish of all kinds are reported to be scarce at St. John, N.B., and the trade are looking for an advance. They also expect higher prices in Cape Breton, where there is a fair stock and the season is over.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—Business in these lines continues light, and not much trade is expected till after Carnival. Pig iron is firmer at the advance. Bar iron is firm; Canada sells at $2 40 to $2 50. Tinplates are unchanged and steady.

FOODS AND SUGAR.—Orders are still coming in freely. Manufacturers are busy and a good spring trade is anticipated. Travellers are doing well. Payments are fair.

LEATHER.—Business continues quiet and very satisfactory. Shipments continue to England, where there is a fair demand. Prices are unchanged. Tanners are busy.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Receipts are rather large. The market is active. Prices remain unchanged.

FURS.—The local fur trade is very dull and there is no bright outlook.

WOOL.—In wool business is quiet, nothing having been done during the week. Prices are unchanged.

HOPS.—We are yet unable to note any improvement in hops, and those who would not ordinarily object to purchase, defer doing in the hope of a change in buyers favor.

DRY GOODS.—There is a rather good movement in this line, and travellers are meeting with a favorable demand everywhere. There has been no change in the prices to note.

THE HORSE MARKET.

The horse market has been more active, and a good number of sales have taken place, both for export and local account. There is a good enquiry for light driving horses, which are scarce, while heavy beasts sell slow.

BREVITIES.

It is so easy to believe in the guilt of a fellow-man who stands stripped and degraded.

Our minds are as different as our faces; we are travelling to one destination—Happiness; but few are going by the same road.—Colton.

There are men whose presence infuses trust and reverence; there are others to whom we have need to carry our trust and reverence ready made.

To the end of men's struggles a penalty will remain for those who sink from the ranks of heroes into the crowd for whom the heroes fight and die.

A mind in the grasp of a terrible anxiety is not credulous of easy solutions. The one stay that bears up our hope is sure to appear frail, and if looked at long will seem to totter.

Unscrupulousness gets rid of much, but not of wounded vanity, or the sense of loneliness, against which, as the world at present stands, there is no security but a just and loving soul.

Wife—I don't see how you can say that Mr. Whitechoker has an effeminate way of talking. He has a very loud voice.

Husband—I mean by an effeminate way of talking, my dear, that he talks all the time.

Contributor—I've an article here I'd like you to look over. It's called "Intelligence in Politicians."

Magazine Editor—I'm sorry, but we don't print short articles.

The New York *Herald* tells of a bride who wore about her throat a diamond tiara, the gift of the bridegroom. This apparently marks the inauguration of a new fashion, and no doubt some blushing bride will wear a coronet on the third finger of her left hand.

When a woman feels purely and nobly, that ardor of hers which breaks through formulas too rigorously urged on men by daily practical needs, makes one of her most precious influences; she is the added impulse that shatters the stiffening crust of cautious experience.

The small girl went to church on Christmas with mamma. Papa remained at home trying on his new Christmas hat. When they got home he said to his pet: "Well, darling, what was the text?" "I'm not quite sure, papa, but it sounded like 'Many are cold, but few are frozen.'"

Very slight words and deeds may have a sacramental efficacy, if we can cast our self-love behind us in order to say or do them. And it has been well believed through many ages that the beginning of compunction is the beginning of a new life; that the mind which sees itself blameless may be called dead in trespasses—in trespasses on the love of others, in trespasses on their weakness, in trespasses on all those great claims which are the image of our own need.

BIRTH.

HUBBARD.—At 40½ Aylmer street, January 20th, the wife of Michael Hubbard of son. 17 1

SHANNON.—At 37 St. Philip street, the wife of Mr. N. W. Shannon, of a daughter.

McCALL.—At No. 96 Cathedral street, on the 23rd inst., the wife of E. McCall, of a son.

BUTLER.—In this city, on January 1st, the wife of Thomas Butler, of a son. 5 1

HAMILTON.—At 151 Ottawa street, on Wednesday, Jan. 19th, the wife of J. Hamilton, of a daughter.

JEFFERSON.—At 43 Murray street, on January 20, the wife of George Jefferson, of a son. 16

O'HAGAN.—On the 16th inst., at 277 St. Martin street, the wife of P. S. O'Hagan of a daughter. 14 1

KENNEDY.—At No. 233 William street, on the 18th inst., the wife of John Kennedy of a son. (Dublin *Freeman's Journal* please copy.)

MARRIED.

BEISER—O'BRIEN—In this city, on the 11th inst., at the Bishop's Palace, by the Rev. J. M. Finard, Mr. John Beiser, of New York, to Miss M. A. O'Brien, of this city. No cards.

WHITE—O'GRADY—At St. Ann's Church, on Thursday, the 6th January, by the Rev. Father Strubie, A. White to Mary C., daughter of Mr. O'Grady, of this city. 5 1

FARMER—SLATTERY.—In this city, on the 10th inst., at St. Ann's Church, by the Rev. Father Mousley, Patrick Farmer, of Cote St. Paul, to Miss Mary Ann Slattery, of this city. Boston and Michigan papers please copy.

DIED.

BEHAN.—On Friday, Jan. 21st, Joseph Behan, aged 22 years, and nine months.

NELLIGAN.—In this city, on the 20th inst., Joseph, son of P. Nelligan, aged 4 years and 3 months.

MAGUIRE.—In this city, Thursday, 20th inst., Hugh Maguire, printer, aged 31 years and 2 months.

O'DONNELL—On Sunday, January 9th, at 63 Richardson street, the wife of M. J. O'Donnell, of a son. 7-2

COLLINS.—In this city, on the 23rd inst., Ann, aged 1 year, youngest daughter of John Collins.

SAGE.—At Denver, Col., on the 10th inst., of consumption, John Richard Sage, aged 28 years, son of John Sage, Montreal. 15 1

MAGUIRE.—In this city, on the 20th inst., of congestion of the brain, Agnes, second daughter of C. J. Maguire, aged 1 year and 11 months.

CURRAN.—In this city, on the 22nd inst., Margaret Carney, aged 50 years, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, beloved wife of Daniel Curran.

McCARTHY.—At St. Henri, on the 18th inst., Mary Lynch, aged 53 years, a native of Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, beloved wife of Jeremiah McCarthy.

CUTLER.—On Saturday, 22nd inst., Rosanah Richardson, aged 48 years and 9 months, beloved wife of John Cutler, native of the County Armagh, Ireland.

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Insolvent Act of 1875 and Amending Acts.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.—SUPERIOR COURT.—In the matter of Martin O'Loghlin, of Montreal, trader, an insolvent, and Arthur A. Perkins, Assignee. On Wednesday, the ninth day of March next the undersigned will apply to the said Court for his discharge under said Act.

MARTIN O'LOGHLIN,
By Cruickshank & Murray, his attorneys *ad litem*.
Montreal, 25th January, 1887. 25 5

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CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. Superior Court. No. 248. Malvina Beauchamp, of the City and District of Montreal, wife of Gustave Arthur Lamontagne, merchant, of same place, Plaintiff, vs. the said Gustave Arthur Lamontagne, Defendant.

An action for separation of property has been this day instituted by Plaintiff.

Montreal, January 19th, 1887.

ADAM & DUHAMEL,
25 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LIVE STOCK.

RECEIPTS AND EXPORTS OF LIVE STOCK.

The following were the receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles by the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ended January 24th:—Cattle 725, sheep 200, calves [illegible] hogs 20.

At Point St. Charles cattle yards the offerings of cattle were large for the season and an active business was done, there being a good demand from butchers. The enquiry from exporters, however, was slow at about steady prices. Choice beeves sold at 4c to 4½c and butchers' stock brought from 3½c to 4c per lb live weight. There was a good enquiry for sheep, but owing to the light supply buyers could not fill their wants, and prices advanced ½c, sales being made at 4 to 4½c per lb live weight. Live hogs were dull and steady at 4½ to 4¾c per lb. Calves were scarce and firm at $5 to $10 each as to quality.

HAY AND STRAW.—The receipts have been light on account of the heavy condition of the country roads, and the market was quiet and steady with a fair demand. We quote choice timothy at $12 and inferior $8 per 100 bundles. Pressed hay remains quiet and unchanged at $12 for No. 1, $11 for No. 2 and $10 for No. 3 per ton in large quantities. Straw $4 to $6 per 100 bundles as to quality. A fair demand for all kinds of feed at steady prices. Moullie $22, bran at $14, and sorts at $15 per ton.