Miscellaneous.

At Gateshead, England, a case has come to light of a female Fagin, wife of a clerk, who compelled her children, by dreadful threats, to pick pockets.

-Notwithstanding the competition of American companies, 400,000 sewing machines were made in Germany last year, and probably many more have been made this year.

-To add realistic effect to "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at Logansport, Ind., a live bloodhound was introduced, and the brute heightened the realism by breaking his chain and biting an actress seriously.

-A bird dealer at Des Moines sold a parrot for \$40, with the assurance that it did not know any bad language; but the purchaser soon found that it swore like a trooper, and has sued to recover the money.

-Sporting guns are now made in England with the hammers concealed in the lock mechanism internally, so that persons who prefer to handle their weapons from the muzzle in going through brush need not find death in the gun.

-Mr. Crawford, who has been successful in carrying off the ribbons of the turf, is staying at Cannes, and has with him his jockey, Fordham, who is in failing health. Lord Rosebery, with similar consideration, has sent his jockey, Constable, to winter in Madeira.

-Saunders's News Letter, the oldest paper in Ireland, died a few weeks since. It was lately edited by Dr. Shaw, a fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, a very genial, brilliant, and witty writer. On his retirement it sank slowly into a well-earned grave. It used once to be called in Dublin "Slaunder's Daily Abuse."

-A little more than forty years ago all the table cutlery used in the United States came from England. At present, out of an annual consumption of nearly \$2,000,000 worth, England supplies but 8 per cent., and this country not only manufactures nearly all that is needed at home, but ships large quantities to South America, Australia and Europe.

-A society of cotton pickers (colored) of Williston, S. C., are governed by their own laws in relation to theft. The sum of five dollars was recently stolen, and the culprit was immediately tried by a jury of six and found guilty. He was sentenced to receive fifty lashes on his back, and be expelled from the society. The sentence was executed to the letter.

-The late Earl of Durham's two eldest sons were twins, and so marvellously alike that the elder, now Lord Durham, had to be marked for identification. He determined, 50 cents on the dollar, payable one-third in however, that the second twin, who only cash, one-third in six months and one-third came into the world half an hour after his in twelve months, unsecured. elder brother, should be well provided for, and he built and laid out a charming residence called Fenton and attached an estate to it for

-Some sensation has been created in London by the officiating clergyman, the rector of St. Peter's, Kensington, having at the Millais wedding, instead of reading the last portion of the marriage service, substituted a new and improved version, in which it was explained, or rather stated, for no one could explain what was meant, that a husband should be as indulgent to a wife as heaven is to the Church.

-Mr. Blennerhasset, M. P., for Kerry, Ireland, is to introduce next session a bill to of affairs in Montreal wholesale markets. abolish the arbitrary marriage regulations Trade in nearly all lines of wholesale busiwhich compel marriages to be solemnized be- ness has been of a dull, holiday character, fore noon. This has been a great inconvenience, especially to the working classes, and was in- changed; the scarcity of hides in this market, troduced to prevent bibulous bachelors from presenting themselves at the altar in an intoxicated state, a danger which has passed

who is a Jew, is ragarded as the greatest of business done during the past six months, quity lawyer who has sat in that court in and are looking forward with general confithis generation. He sees every point before | dence to the result of the coming spring trade. it is stated by counsel, and whenever any of But while wholesale business has been generthese gentlemen attempt a paradox he de- ally quiet, the city retail trade during the molishes it and its authors by a word. Neither past week has been decidedly active, and of his predecessors, Lord Langdale and Lord some of our leading retail houses report the Romilly, was regarded as an eminent lawyer, volume of business done considerably in exthough just and painstaking.

-It is thought a pretty good joke in Paris that both M. Gambetta and his secretary have not noticed any material improvement should have forgotten, when they moved into over their sales during the holidays last the Palais Bourbon, to make the declaration of their change of residence required by the law. If the law is enforced they must pay porters and retailers, bankers and customers, double taxes on their twelve horses and five carriages, by way of a reminder to be more time of generous good will, feasting and thoughtful next time.

-The Berlin National Museum has just been enriched by what is declared to be the largest modern group of sculpture extant. The artist is Prof. Gustav Muller of Coburg, a sculptor long resident at Rome, and he has been engaged upon this work for eleven years. It is a Prometheus group, representing the bound Titan at the moment when the eagle first pierces his body with his claws, while two Oceanides, beautiful nude female figures, endeavor to loosen his chains. The one tries to ward off the bird, the other sinks down overcome with horror. The conception and execution are said to be very fine, and the figures, especially the female ones, are highly praised. The whole group is modelled out of one block of the finest and purest Carrara marble, weighing three hundred-weight, and its owner regarded it as such a unique mass that it was with difficulty that he was persuaded to part with it. With the exception of the very roughest outline, the execution of the group is entirely from Prof. Muller's own

Why allow a cough to lacerate your throat and lungs? Why incur the imminent danger of consumption, when in an incredibly short space of time, and for an insignificant sum, you may cure yourself? THOMAS' ECLECTRIC On does the business thoroughly. A single bottle often suffices to relieve the difficulty. This peerless remedy overcomes with equal certainty, swelling of the neck, inflammation of the muscles and stiffness of the joints, lameness and crick in the back, tumors, piles, dysentery and a variety of other painful and harrassing disorders. It may be taken in-wardly with as much safety as it is applied outwardly. Colic, whether of man or beast, is cured by it in fifteen or twenty minutes. Sores, excoriations and abrasions of the akin are healed by it with gratifying rapidity. All medicine dealers sell it. Price, 25 cents. Prepared only by NORTHROP & LYMAN.

Note.-Eclectric-Selected and Eclectrized.

FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE, Tuesday, December 30.

Financial.

The Sun Mutual Insurance Company of this city declares a dividend for the half-year at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, psyable January 2nd.

has declared a dividend of four percent for the half year ending Sist December, payable after The Canada Guarantee Company has declared a dividend of four per cent for the half-year ending December the 3ist, payable after January the 6th.

—The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending December 19th were \$102,873.20, against \$79,891.03 in the corresponding period last year, an increase this year of \$22,482.17.

The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending December 20th, and the corresponding week last year, were:—
1879. 1878.

Passengers, mails and express Total \$200,188 \$170,108

Increase for 25 weeks from 30th June.... \$371.557

Business Troubles.

-Isidore Leclaire has made a demand upon George Jolicour, dry goods merchant, this city, for \$839.

Wm. A. Charlebois, trader, Montreal, has been attached for \$500 by Jas. G. Boyce. L. J. Lajoie, assignee.

The writ of attachment issued against John McClellan has been withdrawn, the matter baving been settled.

A writ of attachment has been issued against Wilson, for \$203. H. A. Bain, assignee.

-George Smyth has issued a writ against John B. and R. Smyth & Co, merchants and traders, for \$300. J. M. M. Duff, assignee.

Ferdinand Cocquereau has issued a writ of attachment against John McCaughan, shoemaker, for \$219. A. Bourbonniere, assignee. Thomas Robinson has issued a writ of at-

tachment against Frs. X. Pepin, baker, Pointe aux Trembles, for \$215. A. Bourbonniere, assignee. A writ of attachment has been taken out through the office of A. Bourbonniere, official | ported dearer. assignee, against H. L. Gittleson, of Morin's

-A writ of attachment has been issued against Francois X. Pepin for \$215, at the ininstance of Thomas Robinson. A Bourbon-

A writ of attachment was issued this afternoon against John McClellan for \$235, at the instance of Arthur M. Perkius. Arthur H. Plimsoll, assignee.

Messrs. McGauvran, Tucker & McDonnell lumber merchants, have offered their creditors

-At a meeting of creditors of M. A. Finn, of St. John, N.B., held yesterday, Mr. William Pugsley was appointed assignee. The total amount of the liabilities is \$22,236.25, a portion of which are due in Montreal, and the estimated assets \$6,925. An offer of twenty eents cash was made on behalf of the insolvent, but no action was taken by the meeting.

THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

Monday Evening, Dec. 29.

The last week of the year 1879 has been truly a holiday period, judging from the aspect with prices remaining almost uniformly unand the rise in values in foreign grocery markets, have caused a very few exceptions. Nearly all our wholesole merchants, who have been reviewing, -Jessel, the English Master of the Rolls, express themselves satisfied with the amount cess of that of corresponding periods for some years past, while others state that as yet they year. On the whole, we believe the holiday season among our business men, between imemployers and employees, will have been a merry-making; and all ought, therefore to enter upon a happy, glad New Year, with

renewed vigor and determination. There has been very little business doing in produce or provisions during the week, and values for all descriptions remain nominally unchanged, though generally firm. Ashes may, perhaps, be termed an exception, pats being quoted a little lower to-day, at \$4.65

per 100 lbs. A fair sorting-up demand exists for boots and shoes, and business is reported quiet but steady. A few spring orders have been received, and the prospects for the spring trade are said to be good. No change in prices as

In drugs and chemicals business is reported very light, and partakes of the holiday dullness; no large orders are being received, and

prices remain in statu quo. of the season's trade are satisfactory, as well as the prospecis for spring business. Prices for cottons and woolens are stiffening up, as the season fadvances. Manufactures on both sides of the lines as well as in Europe are advancing in values for all kinds of goods, and notably for cottons and woolens. Remittances this week show an improvement over those of last, and travellers will start out with spring samples about the middle of January. Those now on the road are forwarding fair-sized orders for spring woolens.

Raw furs are quiet and remain unchanged. There is very little coming forward, and sales are few and only of small lots. There is a very fair demand, however, for manufactured

The sorting-up trade in groceries during the past week has been fairly good, and shows an improvement as compared with the corresponding period of last year. White with a rise in foreign markets. In fruit, an advance of ic per lb. is reported for Valencias, while Malagas are quiet, with prices unof importance in teas during the week, and coftes, spices, and tobaccos also, values are unaltered. Remittances continue good.

The wholesale hardware and iron trade continues quiet, and prices are firm, with the Business in the local money market continues dull, at 5 to 6 per cent. interest for loans on time. Bates of discount for commercial paper still range from 7 to 8 per cent. as to name and date. Draits on New York dull at 1 prem.

Sterling Exchange rules quiet, at \$1.081 between banks, and \$1.081 to \$1.081 cash over the counter. The postal rates in New York are unchanged, viz, \$4.82 for 60-day bills, and \$4.841 at sight.

have seen a private letter to a wholesale firm here, which states that during the week previous to that in which it was written, no less than 37,000 to 38,000 tons of iron, tin-plate, -The Accident Insurance Company of Canada

\$10 for No. 1, \$9 for No. 2, and \$8 for No. 3, from butchers. The demand from tanners vance seems to have curtailed business some-The advance, however, was due to competition and the high prices in the West, the ruling price in Toronto now being \$10. Sheepskins are steady, at \$1.25 to \$1.50 each. Echrane has shipped via the same port 594 Calfskins nominal, at 10c per lb.

In leather the market continues quiet, and will remain so until about the 10th January, it is expected. This remark applies more particularly to the local trade, as large sales of sole leather for shipment to England have been made here this week. Prices are rather firmer since the advance of 50c per 100 lbs for hides, which took place the latter part of last week. We have no changes as yet to note in our price list, but for some lines higher figures are expected to rule after the holidays. Remittances fair.

In oils, a few broken lots of refined petroleum have sold during the week at 17c, and single barrels are quoted at 171c to 18c. Car lots are held at 161c in store. A Petrolia despatch says: The Crude Oil market is firm and steady, but prices, for the first time in many weeks, have remained stationary. There Samuel Beautoy at the instance of Hamilton is not much business doing. Christmas and the holiday season always make matters quiet. The drain on stocks still continues. We look for no marked change in the market until after the New Year. The quotation may be said to be \$1.55 to \$1.60 on board. Refined is steady. The price 13c in London is still quoted, and refiners do not care about selling much at that figure. It is probable that the new year will see another advance. Drilling is remarkably active, but new territory is wanted before crude values can be much affected. Cod oil here is firm and quoted higher, at 52c to 55c. Linseed is also re-

> The wool market remains quiet, mainly because of the smallness of stocks held here Unassorted pulled is quoted at 28c to 30c, but there is no super in the market. Foreign wools are firm but unchanged; a round lot of Cape sold here during the week at 22c. The ruling price in Toronto for sleece is 30c.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS. Bousecours and St. Aun's-Prices at Farmers' Waggons, etc.

FRIDAY, December 26.

The attendance of farmers at Bonsecours Market this morning was very fair, and the offerings of grain on Jacques Cartier Square, also of poultry and meats were fairly large, more than sufficient to meet the demand, for there were not many buyers out. There are really no quotable changes to note in prices: oats sold at 70c to 75c, buckwheat at 90c to 51 per bag of 2 bushels; corn at 70c to 75c per bushel, and a little barley was offering at 65c per bushel, and a little barley was offering at 65c per bushel. Poultry was not in active demand at previously quoted prices. Dressed beef was offered at 3c to ic per 1b. for forequarters, and at 5c for hind do. There was neathing doing scarcely in apples—fruit of any kind, or in vegetables. One dealer in Bonsecours market received this morning a bushel of watercresses, which he sold at \$2: this is, of course, a rarity in vegetables at this season of the year. American Consul here:—December 22—12 horses at \$1.661.50.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, Monday, 8th December, 1879.—Cattle at market, 4,820; sheep at market, 11,030. Best beef, 73d to 83d per 1b; inferior and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary for and secondary, 61d to 7d per 1b; inferior and secondary for and secondary for and se

date:—
VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 50c to 80c per bag;
CAPTOIS. 25c to 40c per bushel; choice onions
\$1.75 to 2:00 per barrel, or 60c to 70c per bushel;
parsnips, 50c per bushel; beets, 35c to 40c per
bushel; turnips, 50c per bag and 25c to 40c per
bushel; celery, 25c to 30c per dozen; cabbage,
15c to 30c per dozen, or 4c per head; American
lettuce, \$1.20 per dozen heads; artichokes, 75c
per bushel.

hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, see to 15c per brace.

MEAT.—Beef.—Roast beef (trimmed), 19c to 12c; sirioln steaks, 12c to 15c; mutton, 8c to 10c; veal, 8c to 12c; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 10c to 13c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh sausages, 9c to 12c; Bologna sausages, 12c to 15c; dressed hogs, \$6.50 to 6.75 per 100 pounds. Dressed beef, fore-quarters, \$3.50 to 4.00; hind-quarters, \$4.50 to 6; ventson, 8c to 15c per 1b.

Fish.—Haddock, 6c; codfish, 6c; mackeref, 12c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 12c per 1b; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 30c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked cels, 25c to 40c per couple.

The Apple and Potato Trade. There is scarcely any demand here at pre-

sent for Canadian apples or potatoes, and none at all on export account, so dealers say. Holders, however, are sending forward to Great Britain consignments of apples almost every week, to be sold on commission. Mail advices received here yesterday report sales in In dry goods trade remains quiet, as is Liverpool on the 8th inst., of Canadian usual between seasons. Dealers are, as a apples, in good condition, at from rule, still engaged at stock-taking, and reports 13s 3d to 23s, and those in a wet and damaged condition at from 7s to 12s 3d per brl. the same date Canadian potatoes sold in Liverpool at from 58 3d to 58 6d per cwt in barrels, and at 4s 6d to 4s 9d in bags. Prices here are quoted at \$2.50 to 3 per brl for good winter apples, and potatoes are worth 50c to 60c per bag, as to quality. A consignment of California pears, which are worth \$4 per box here, were shipped to Liverpool per the SS Winnipeg, on her last trip, by a dealer in Bonsecours market, and advices were received today of their having been sold at 18s to 20s. A Liverpool paper of the 6th inst., says:

"For some weeks past Canadian potatoes, in large numbers, have been arriving in Liverpool, finding a ready market, and these in course of a week or so, will be supplemented by heavy consignments of turkeys, prairie hens, and quantities of game for the Christmas season. Last year, the trade in Canadian poultry was engaged to a considersugars have advanced ic per lb., in sympathy able extent, and was a success, which will result in the area of operations this year being extended. The first steamer will probably reach the Mersey in the course of a week or changed. There have been no transactions two with some 10,000 turkeys, besides other prices for all kinds remain unaltered. For many of the turkeys will be despatched to the Parisian markets."

THE CATTLE MARKETS. St. Gabriel.

prising only two car loads of heavy cattle be. longing to Mr. Robert Craig, of Brantford. One lot of small cattle, from St. John's, was driven to Viger Market. Mr. Craig sold his sheet iron, chains, etc., were shipped to the cattle, about 40 head altogether, to different butchers at \$52 each. E. B. Morgan bought have again advanced, being now quoted at the per lb., live weight, being part of Mr Craig's first offerings, referred to above. EB Morgan, of Osbawa, will ship his 160 and others is reported brisk, but the last ad- head cattle on the SS. Prussian in a day or two. They were nearly all purchased at the Don and at Mitchell. During the past week one leading exporter has shipped 210 head cattle to Europe via Halifax, and Mr A Mc-

sheep from Glencoe. AT VIGER MARKET

to-day business was rather dull. There were very few cattle in the yards, the receipts comprising only about 50 head of cattle, and about the same number of sheep and lambs. Only about 10 head of cattle were driven down from the St. Gabriel market by Mr. R.
J. Hopper. The attendance of local butchers was rather small, but although the majority of them have been pretty well supplied with beef for the holiday trade, the demand to-day seemed fully equal to the supply, and for good qualities of beef and mutton good prices were generally realized; for the best cattle offering prices paid would range from 4c to 5c per 1b, live weight, and for common about 21c to 3c do. Sheep, or lambs rather, sold at \$3.50 to \$4 each. Mr. R. J. Hopper sold to-day-at both markets-30 head of cattle for \$1,405, or at from \$34 to \$52 each, an average of about \$46.50 each. Mr. Girard, from Grenville, had 18 head of good cattle and 17 lambs under offer; he had sold, up to noon, some half-dozen head of cattle at from \$18 to \$28 each, and all the lambs at \$3.50 each. Mr. A. Comptoel, of St. Julie, sold 44 lambs at \$3.75, and another small lot was reported sold at \$4 each. Mr. Coutu, of this city, bought 5 head of cattle at \$26 each.

Montreal Horse Market. SATURDAY, Dec. 27.

There was a fair business done in horses in this city during the past week, but the official report of shipments to the United States show a decrease of 16 horses and of \$2,634.50 as compared with those for the week previous. The total number of korses shipped this week was 123, valued at \$5,070.50, against 130, costing \$10,705, for the week ending last Saturday. American buyers stopping at the American House still complain of the scarcity of first class horses, and of the high prices asked by farmers for common "workers." Six car loads were shipped from the American House yards during the week, chiefiv by buyers from the States of New York and Mass. There are now about 18 horses in the stables, ready for shipment next week. At the weekly auction sale on the Corporation horse market yesterday Mr. Maguire sold four inferior animals at from \$10 to \$14 each, and one horse was fold privately at \$75. The following is the list of shipments recorded at the office of the American Consul here:—December 22—12 horses at \$1,661.50.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, 8th December.—Best beef, 63d to 71d per lb; inferior and secondary, 5d to 61d per lb. Mutton, 6d to 91d per lb. Of beasts, this week, there was about an average supply. The supply of inferior stock was very large and trade was slow. Prime

bushel; colery, 25c to 30c per dozen; cabbage, 15c to 30c per dozen, or 4c per head; American lettuce, \$1.20 per dozen heads; artichokes, 75c per bushel.

FRUIT.—Apples, \$2.00 to 3.50 per barrel; femona, 25c to 30c per dozen, or \$7.00 to \$9.00 per case; Valencia oranges, \$7 per case or 25c per doz; cranberries, \$5 per barrel, or 40e per gallor; California winter pears at \$4.00 per box; grapes, Malaga, \$7.50 per keg of 50 lbs.

GRAIN, \$TC.—Oats, 70c to 75c per bag; buck-wheat, 45c to 50c per bushel; peas, \$0c to \$1.00 per bushel; barley, \$00c to 50c per bushel; peas, \$0c to \$1.00 per bushel; barley, \$00c to 50c per bushel; bran, 70c percent; cornmeal, \$1.20 to 1.25 per bag; Corn, 75c to 50c per bush; Canadian corn, \$1.20; moalle, \$1.00 to 1.20 per bag; buckwheat flour, \$1.80 to \$2.00 per corn, \$1.20; moalle, \$1.00 to 1.20 per bag; buckwheat flour, \$1.80 to \$2.00 per dozen; packed do., 18c to 20c. Flue cheese, 12c to 12c per lb; cordinary, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8c to 9c per bac; pleons, \$1.00 to 1.50 per pair; geese, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per pair; ducks, tame, 50c to \$6c per brace; pigeons, \$1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens 50c to 57c per pair; chickens, 50c to 57c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per hrace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair; black ducks, 60c to Montreal Fuel Market.

SATURDAY, December 27.

The coal trade in this city is, for the most part, quiet, at unchanged prices. We hear of one or two dealers, who are kept busy filling small-sized orders for hard coal, and, judging from the order-book of one dealer, shown us to-day, the "spell" of cold frosty weather, which we have been experiencing during the week now closing, must have caused deep holes to be made in a good many coal celtars throughout the city; within a day and a half he had written down over 40 orders, all of which were filled at our quotations. The majority of our city dealers, however, report trade quiet. We understand that a few carloads of the coal, for so long ice-bound in the Richelieu River, have been arriving in the city from St. Johns per the G. T. R. during the last few days, and now that the river will have "taken," and the ice-bridge well formed, it is expected that the balance of the large stocks still on the barges will be brought into the city by rall without further delay.

Over 200,000 tons of coal have been shipped from Pictou during this season. In New York there is not much business doing now in Antracite coal, and prices for actual sales are said to be about 75c per ton under circulars. There is a curtailment of production taking place now, and there does not seem to be any question that a still greater one will take place later. At the present time, it is so imperceptible as to have no influence over buyers; but when the greater curtailment takes place, its effect must be felt soon. The shipments of coal from Philadelphia during November were 2,385,665 tons, as compared with 2,176,708 tons for November, 1878. The stock of coal on hand at tidewater shipping points, November 30th, 1879, was 508,990 tons; on October 31st, 534,090 tons; decrease, 25,100 tons.

The demand for fire wood in this market has somewhat increased during the past week, owing to the colder weather and high prices for coal, but trade can scarcely be called active, all round, as yet. Prices are unchange

.w. Wood.—Retail prices per cord dellyered from wood.—Retain prices per cord delivered from the yard: Long maple, \$\frac{3}{3}\ \text{ feet, \$5 00; long birch,} \frac{3}{3}\ \text{ feet, \$5 50: long beech, \$\frac{3}{3}\ \text{ feet, \$5 00; short maple, three feet, \$5 50; short birch, three feet, \$5 00; short tamarac, \$\frac{2}{3}\ \text{ to \$3 \text{ feet, \$3 50; short hemlock, \$\frac{2}{3}\ \text{ to \$8 \text{ feet, \$\frac{3}{3}\text{ 10}.}

Montreal Hay Market.

SATURDAY, Dec. 27. The offerings of hay and straw at the College street market during the week ending today have been comparatively small, the total not exceeding 200 loads, against about 300 loads for last week. The average daily receipts comprised only about a dozen loads, until yesterday, when upwards of 80 to 100 loads were brought to market. The demand for both hay and straw has been good, and prices, though firm, are reported nominally unchanged, ranging from \$6 to \$9.50 per 100 bundles, as to quality, for hay, and \$2 to \$4 per descriptions of poultry. It is expected that 100 bundles for straw. It is expected that hay of the turkers will be despatched to the will be more plentiful during this next week, when farmers from the other side of the river will be able to cross over on the icebridge. Prices for pressed hay and straw remain unchanged at the figures quoted in our last report.

> New York Live Stock Market. Trade in live stock in New York last Friday was stondy, both as to values and demand. Horned cattle were slow of sale, owing to the delay of some of the cattle trains. The herds on sale ranged from coarse to choice. At Sixtieth street yards prices ran 83c to 113c 1 or 1b,

weights 8; to 10; cwt. At Harshmus Cove yards prices ranged from 6;c to 12c per 1b, weights 6; to 10; cwt. From 55 to 53 lb has been allowed net, general sales on 56 lb net. Milch cows not quoted. Veals and calves also not quoted. Sheep seld at 4;c to 6;c per 1b; lambs, 6c to 7;c per 1b; mixed flocks, 0;c per 1b; exes, 4;c to 6;c per 1b; The flocks as above reported ranged from coarse to choica. Live hogs sold at 4c to 4;c per 1b; city dressed not quoted at noon. A lot of 200 Canada lambs, weighing from 33 to 100; lbs each were sold at from \$7.30 to 7.50 per 100 lbs, being the highest figures realized this season.

Liverpool Provision Market. CHEESE .- Market steady, demand quiet,

and holders firm; this is the present state of affairs here, and likely to be so until after the approaching Christmas holidays. Buyers of ripe cheese, or medium qualities for immediate consumption, are the most numerous, and these descriptions are exceedingly scarce. In comparing stocks at the end of this month with previous years, it should be noted that they consist here almost entirely of one description, viz :- fine cheese, held for top prices. We quote choice September makes. 64s to 67s; medium to fine qualities, 56s to 62s. Total shipments from New York to all ports in England and Scotland, for week

ending to-day, 42,523 boxes.

Butter.—The demand is slow, and holders are free sellers. We quote fine creamery, 110s to 120s, and fine daity at 100s to 110s,next quality below this grade, 90s to 95s. Hadgson Bros.' Circular, of Dec. 13.

Commercial Items.

—Canadian hops shipped from Montreal some time ago sull remain unsold in the English markets, the demand for such descriptions being very limited.

—A Halifax, N.S., despatch says:—The Cumberland Meat and Produce Company has been organized for the purpose of exporting meat, dead and alive, and agricultural products to Great Britain. One of the Directors is now in town arranging for the shipment of 400 quarters to Livernool.

-The freight business at the Halifax station of the Intercolonial Railway during the past week amounted to 317 cars inwards, and 135 outwards.

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