

THE SUIT.

When the rays of the sunset's vista o'er- shadows, And heralds are rife in the halls of the west, Ousted in their manes of dazzling glory, They sink 'neath a golden river of rest, I would I could sink like the rays, by a river of splendour, by whose banks I once played young and pure, where life and its aims is a wearisome by-gone, Then, leave me to rest by the banks of the Sair.

The bells of old Carrick will send their soft music Over the breast of the river; the waves will keep time, And the rush of their melody only can soothe me. My dead heart would throbb to their answering chime. The grass round its banks to me is the greenest, Each pebble a record would be to me still, They could tell of the many bright moments there squandered, On my way to the school at the foot of the hill.

Then lay me to rest, away in old Ireland, That island of fame, misfortune and pain, And, perhaps, when the chains of her tyrannical arm are broken, I'll wear in my slumbers her war-cry again, I will be borne on the river, caught up by each ripple, Till the harmony swells melodious and pure, And I'll be the sound in my bed by the streamlet, In Carrick afar, on the banks of the Sair.

GRACE O'BOYLE.

Ottawa, May, 1881.

EXECUTION SALES FOR RENT.

HOW THE LAND LEAGUERS GO TO WORK.

The following interesting report is taken from the Freeman's Journal of April 28th. It is only one of hundreds which are reported, and will give an idea of the general policy both of the League and the Emergency Committee, a body of men acting for the landlords :-

No more stirring spectacle has been witnessed in this portion of Meath for a very long time than was presented here to-day at the sale of three lots of cattle seized on executions for rent. The cattle were seized at the suit of Mr. James Thomas Barlow, of Blackrock, Dublin, who owns a large tract of land in the district lying between here and Nobber. The tenant offered the Government valuation as a rent. The landlord refused to accept it, and several of the tenants have been served with writs. The three tenants against whom judgment has been marked, and whose cattle were this day put up for sale, are Mrs. Bashford, yearly rent, £89; valuation, £66; Mr. J. Phillips, yearly rent, £166; valuation, £102; and Mr. T. McCann, yearly rent, £153; valuation, £114. Each tenant was sued for a half-year's rent, with costs. The cattle were seized and lodged in pound four or five days ago, and though some friends of the tenants offered solvent security that the cattle would be forthcoming on the day of the sale, the sheriff refused to allow them to be taken out of the pound. Early this morning a large body of police were drafted into the town from different districts of Meath and the surrounding counties. The entire body of police, who were under the command of Mr. Coogan, numbered over 200. The Ardree Rifle and Drum Band and the Carrackmacross brass band, arrived in the village with large contingents. No less than 4,000 persons were assembled at the sale, including the officers of various branches of the Land League, Mr. Harrington, of the Land League, arrived in town about half-past twelve, and met with a hearty ovation. He was received by Rev. Father Monahan, P. P.; Very Rev. Canon Hoey, P. P.; Rev. T. Gilheaney, C. C.; Rev. J. Ward, C. C.; and other clergymen, with Messrs J. McCarthy, Drogheda League; Mr. P. Lynch, Nobber branch; J. Tevlin, Kells branch; M. F. Flood, Drumconrath League; J. Dogherthy, do; J. Stein, M. Sullivan, &c.

THE TRUE WITNESS FOR 1881.

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.

This is the age of general improvement and the TRUE WITNESS will advance with it. Newspapers are starting up around us on all sides with more or less pretensions to public favor, some of them die in their tender infancy, some of them die of disease of the heart after a few years, while others, though the fewest in number, grow stronger as they advance in years and root themselves all the more firmly in public esteem, which in fact is their life. However, we may criticize Darwin's theory as applied to the species there is no doubt it holds good in newspaper enterprises, it is the fittest which survives. The TRUE WITNESS has survived a generation of men all but two years, and it is now what we may term an established fact.

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.

On receipt of \$1.50, the subscriber will be entitled to receive the TRUE WITNESS for one year.

Any one sending us the names of 5 new subscribers, at one time, with the cash, (\$1.50 each) will receive one copy free and \$1.00 cash; or 10 new names, with the cash, one copy free and \$2.50.

Our readers will oblige by informing their friends of the above very liberal inducements to subscribe for the TRUE WITNESS; also by sending the name of a reliable person who will act as agent in their locality for the publishers, and sample copies will be sent on application.

We want active intelligent agents throughout Canada and the Northern and Western States of the Union, who can, by serving our interests, serve their own as well and add materially to their income without interfering with their legitimate business.

The TRUE WITNESS will be mailed to clergymen, school teachers and postmasters at \$1.00 per annum in advance.

Sheriff has put them up in one lot and sold them under the value you can see him for the balance.

The next lot put up was that of Mrs. Bashford. There were 16 head of cattle, but the auctioneer, as if taking advantage of the warning just mentioned, only put up eight. They were bought in by Mr. Harrington for £2 less than the amount of execution, the bidding being similar to the first case.

The third lot put up was seven head of cattle belonging to Mr. McCann, to satisfy an execution for £86. Mr. Goddard bid £30. Mr. Harrington advanced by his favorite bid of 1s, and the emergency man having declined to go farther, the lot was struck down to Mr. Harrington at £30 1s, which fell short of the amount of the execution by £55.

Mr. Harrington declined to pay auctioneer's fees in either case, and the sheriff having consented to give up the cattle without requiring fees, a time was mutually arranged to settle accounts. The band, followed by the crowd, then proceeded towards the Land League rooms. Rev. Father Gilheaney, President of the League, addressed the people. He was followed by Mr. Harrington, who spoke at considerable length, and dwelt strongly upon the condition of the County Meath. Father Ward also addressed the people.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Harrington having received a message from the Sheriff, proceeded to the police barracks to settle accounts with the Sheriff and auctioneer. On his arrival the following animated dialogue occurred in front of the barracks :-

Sheriff-I will have to get auctioneer's fees from you, Mr. Harrington. Mr. Goddard will take the cattle at the price and pay the fees.

Mr. Harrington-He will not get the cattle.

Sheriff-I'll give him the cattle if you don't pay the fees.

Mr. Harrington-Then I charge you with deliberately breaking my word.

Mr. Goddard-I'll give the fees.

Mr. Lowry-Mr. Goddard objects on behalf of the landlord.

Mr. Harrington-Who is he, and what right has he to object? Is not a landlord-he is not even a landlord's relative (cheers and laughter).

Mr. McEnroe here put up the cattle again. Mr. Goddard commenced bidding at £90. Mr. Harrington refused to bid, and commenced writing out a notice to the sheriff. The sheriff said he would give over the cattle to Mr. Harrington. The crowd cheered again and again at this victory, and the cattle were immediately taken out and paraded through the village with "rack-rent" marked on their foreheads. Mr. Harrington received a warm ovation at the hands of the people, and he and several of the gentlemen at the sale were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Devin, of Millpark.

FINANCE.

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In conclusion, we thank those of our friends who have responded so promptly and so cheerfully to our call for amounts due, and request those of them who have not, to follow their example at once.

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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAWS.

MADRID, May 15.-The Government at the request of foreign representatives will limit the power inflicting fines on foreign vessels entering Spanish ports with errors in papers, bills of lading or certificates. The fine will be smaller, but will still be inflicted if vessels arrive without Consular advice, and they do not comply with the rules of the Board of Health in ports. Vessels forced by distress to enter the Spanish Dominion will be excepted from the severities of the new regulations reform, and at the request of the American Government be extended to the Colonies, as American vessels have been fined and sequestered in Cuba and Manila.

Mrs. W. F. Long, Bethany, Ont., writes :- "I was one of the greatest sufferers for about fifteen months with a disease of my ear similar to ulcers, causing entire deafness. I tried everything that could be done through medical skill, but without relief. As a last resort, I tried Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and in ten minutes found relief. I continued using it, and in a short time my ear was cured and hearing completely restored. I have used this wonderful healer successfully in cases of inflammation of the lungs, sore throat, coughs and colds, cuts and bruises, in fact it is our family medicine."

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Dairyman's Association met at Belleville on Saturday, and after a long discussion it was resolved to hold the next Butter and Cheese Exhibition in connection with the exhibition of the Toronto Industrial Association in September next.

UNSPEAKABLE TORTURES are experienced by the neuralgic, and these beset them upon the slightest occasion, particularly when they catch a trifling cold. Until the attack passes off they are racked with pain and rendered sleepless and miserable. Their sufferings are, however, altogether unnecessary, for that pain-soothing specific, Thomas' Electric Oil, subdues the inflammation and tranquilizes the tortured nerves in an inconceivably short space of time. This inexpensive, economic and effective preparation, which, unlike other oils, loses nothing by evaporation when applied outwardly, is also taken inwardly as a medicine. Used in both ways, it is a superlatively fine remedy for rheumatism, lameness, kidney troubles, piles, coughs, colds, bruises, burns, scalds, corns and other physical ailments. Elderly people who suffer from sore or weak backs, should by all means use it. Sold by all medicine dealers. Prepared only by NORTON & LYMAN, Toronto, Ont.

Finance and Commerce.

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are in improved demand. Ex-ship large sales are reported in salt soda, alum and soda-ash. Borax, 15c to 17c; sugar, lead, 15c to 14c; bichromate of potash, 15c to 16c; soda ash, \$1.50 to \$1.90; cream tartar, ground, 32c to 34c; do, crystal, 29c to 31c; bleaching powder, \$2.75 to \$2.87; toll do, \$2.25 to \$2.40; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.50; sal soda, \$1.15; saltpetre, \$3.50 to \$10.00 per 100 lb; whitening, 55c to 70c; quinine, \$3.90 to \$4; castor oil, 10c to 11c; opium, \$8.00 to 8.50; bl-carb soda, \$3.30 to 3.50.

Boots and Shoes.-Prices are firm owing to advance in wages, &c., but as long as leather continues cheap there is not much chance of higher prices. A few scattered orders are dropping in from travellers who report country people busy and stocks not much broken. Men's split boots, \$1.75 to 2.25; do split brogans, 90c to \$1.10; do buff congress, \$2 to 2.25; do split, \$2.50 to 3.25; do cowhide boots, 2.50 to \$3; women's split bala, 90c and \$1; do pebble and buff balmorals, \$1.15 to \$1.50; do prunella, 60c to \$1.60; Misses' buff and pebble bala, \$1.00 to 1.20.

IRON AND HARDWARE.-New consignments of hardware are being received, and they are wanted, as the market has been well cleared of most descriptions. Remittances are satisfactory, and prices nominally unchanged. The pig-iron market is weak and sales have taken place in European and American markets at lower rates. The prospects of a strike in Scotland does not appear to help the market. Coltness, \$19.50 to 20.50; Langloan, \$19.50 to \$20; Gartsherrie, \$19 to 19.50; Summerlee, \$19.10 to \$19.50; Eglington, \$18.50 to 19; Hematite, \$25 to 27; bars per 100 lbs. Scotland and Staffordshire, \$18 to 19; ditto best \$2.10 to 2.25; Sweden & Norway, \$4.50 to 4.75; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6 to 6.50; Canada, plates, Swansea and Penz, \$3.25 to 3.50; Hatton, \$3.15 to 3.20; Arrow, \$3.60 to 3.60; Coke, IC, \$4.75. Tin sheets, charcoal best No. 26, \$10 to 11; coke, best No. 25, \$8 to 9; Galvanized Sheets Morewoods Lion, No. 28, 7 1/2c; other brands, 6 1/2 to 7c; Hoops and Bands, \$2.40 to 2.50; Sheets, best brands \$2.50 to 2.75, Steel per lb cast, 11c to 13c; Spring per 100 lbs \$3.25 to 3.75; Best do \$5 to 6; Tire, \$3.25 to 3.75; Sleigh Shoes, 2.50 to 2.75; Bolt Plates, per 100 lbs, ordinary brands, \$2.50 to 3; Ingot Tin, \$24 to 25.00; Ingot Copper, \$18 to 19; Horse Shoes, 3.75 to 4; Coil Chain, 1/2 inch, 4.25 to 4.50; Sheet Zinc, 5.50 to 6; Lead, per 100 lbs, Pig, \$5 to 5.50; ditto, sheet, 6 to 6.25; ditto, bar, 5.50 to 6; Canadian Shot, 6 to 6.50; Cut Nail, per 100 lbs, 10d to 60d, (3 inches and larger) 2.60; Spikes, pressed, per 112 lbs, 2.50 to 4; Pressed Nails, per 100 lbs, 7.25.

GRAIN.-The late auction sale was well attended, and 1,000 pkgs. sold at fair prices, better probably than recently at private sale. Nagasaki Japan may be quoted at 25c to 35c; common Japan, 20c to 25c; good common to medium, 27c to 30c; fair to good, 34c to 40c; new to choice, 41 to 52c. Young Hyson, first, 48c to 50c; seconds, 36c to 45c; thirds, 30c to 35c; fourths, 25c to 29c. Gunpowder, low grades, 38c to 40c; good to fine, 50c to 60c; finest, 64c to 70c. Congon, fine to finest, 41c to 60c; lower grades, from 20c. Souchong, common to choice, 35c to 60c. Sugar.-The market is still decidedly firm. Montreal yellow, 7 1/2 to 9 1/2; granulated, 9 1/2 to 10c; Grocers A, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2; raw sugar 7 1/2. Molasses.-Firm and steady. Sales of Porto at 45c to 47c. Barbados, 50c to 55c; Rico Rico, 45c to 54c. Bright syrup, 70c to 72c; medium, 65c to 68c. Spices quiet. Cloves, 40c to 50c. Black pepper, 13c to 16c; white, 16c to 17c. Fruits are quiet and unchanged. Valencia raisins, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2; Sultanas, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; Currants, 6 1/2 to 8c; Prunes, 6c; Malaga figs, 6c to 7c; E. S. almonds, 6c to 7c; S. S. Tarragons, 13c; Walnuts, Bordeaux, 6 1/2 to 7c; Filberts, 8 1/2.

WOOL.-The market exhibits a sluggish tone, but holders think the future will be favorable to their interests as the London sales opened auspiciously. The market is quiet. Cape, 17c to 18c; Grassy Australia, 22c to 28c; Canada pulled, A super, 34c to 35c; B super, 32c to 33c; and assorted, 33c.

SEEDS.-Clover is quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.80 per bushel. Timothy, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per bushel.

HIDES are still unsettled at \$7 to \$9.50 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Lambskins, 30c to 35c; calfskins, 12c.

FURS.-The usual summer dullness is now being experienced. Muskrats are about the only offering. We quote: Spring Muskrat, 15c to 17c; Winter Muskrat, 10 to 12c; ditto Fall, 8c; Kitts, 3c; do spring, 18c; Red Fox, \$1.00 to \$1.40; Cross Fox, \$2 to \$2.50; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2; Marten, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Otter, \$6 to \$8; Mink, \$12 to \$15; Seal, 75c to \$1.25; Beaver, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Bear, large prime, \$6 to \$8; ditto small, \$4 to \$5; ditto cub, \$2 to \$4; Rabbit, \$4 to \$6; Skunk, black, 40c to 60c; Raccoon, 40c to 60c.

LEATHER.-In consequence of a firm market for hides in New York holders of sole leather have been less anxious to sell, but the market is still over-stocked and there is no real strength in it. Sales are few and far between. Hemlock Spanish sole, No. 1 B A, 24c to 25c. Ordinary 24c to 25c; No. 2 do 22c to 23c; buffalo sole, No. 1, 21c to 23c; do No. 2, 19 to 21c; hemlock slat No. 1, 26c to 28c; waxed upper, light and medium, 36c to 42c; splits, large, 22c to 30c; do small, 23c to 28c; calskins, (27 to 35 lbs) 60c to 80c; do, (18 to 26 lbs) 60c to 70c.

Flour in Liverpool was quoted at 9s to 11s; red wheat at 8s 6d to 9s; corn at 5s; barley at 5s 3d; oats at 6s 2d; pork at 7s 6d, and cheese at 6s 6d. Cheese yesterday was worth 60s.

Sales of about 700 bbls. of flour, and 800 to 900 bags were reported to-day. The leading demand was for Ontario bags, which changed hands at \$2.50 and \$2.60, and medium bakers, which realized \$5.35, \$5.40 and \$5.45. Still a fair enquiry for grain is reported. A cargo of 8,000 bushels of No. 1 white winter wheat sold at about \$1.22, and a cargo of No. 2 Chicago spring at about \$1.18.

Cheese-New, 10c to 11c, according to quality. Lard-14 1/2 to 15 1/2 for pails. Pork-Heavy Mess, \$19.50 to \$20.50. Hams-Uncovered, 14c. Bacon-11c to 12c. Ashes-Pots, \$4.05 to \$4.12 1/2 per 100 lbs for Firsts.

THE CITY RETAIL MARKETS-MAY 17. The city markets were not very well attended to day owing to the inclement weather. Farmers now have little to sell beyond root crops and have moreover lots of field work on hand. Grain was firm and dairy produce easier.

Flour, MEAL AND GRAIN.-Flour, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.20; Buckwheat flour, \$2.10; Oatmeal, \$2.30; Cornmeal, do, yellow, \$1.50; do, white \$1.60; Bran, \$1.10 per 100 lbs; Barley, per bush, 80c to 90c; Oats, per bag, \$1; Peas, per bushel, 92c; Buckwheat, per bush, 75c to 80c; Beans, white and yellow, per bush, \$1.60 to \$1.80.

Fruit.-Apples, per brl, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Lemons, per case, \$5.50; do, per box, \$3.50; Malaga Grapes, per lb, 30c; Malaga Grapes, per keg, \$8.00.

VEGETABLES.-Potatoes, per bag, 60c to 70c; carrots, per bush, 45c; onions, per brl, \$3.50; cabbages, per brl, \$1; beets, per bush, 30c to 40c; celery, per dozen, 60c to \$1; turnips, per bush, 45c; rhubarb, \$1.75 per doz.

POULTRY AND MEAT.-Dressed Fowls per pair, 60c to 80c; black ducks do, \$1.50; turkeys, 9c to 10c per lb, \$1.80 to \$2.25; geese, \$2 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, 12c; ham, 12c to 14c lard, 14c to 15c; snipe and plover, per doz, \$3; ducks, blue bills, per pair, 90c; quails, \$2.75 per doz; plover, \$3 per doz.

DAIRY PRODUCE.-Best print butter, 18c to 22c per lb; best tub butter, 15c to 18c; eggs, in boxes and in baskets, 12c to 14c; Roll butter, first-class, 16c to 20c.

MONTREAL HAY MARKET. The demand for hay has been fairly active, and sales have occurred at \$12 to \$13 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs each. Best quality is scarce, large shipments to the States having reduced stocks very considerably. Prescott hay of good quality is readily taken at \$13 to \$14 per ton, a large quantity being required for the exportation of live stock. In Boston good to choice Eastern and Canada hay commands \$21 to \$23 per ton.

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.-MAY 16. This market has been only moderately active the past week, and next week there will probably be still fewer sales to report, as scarcely any buyers are in town from the United States. On the Corporation market several lots of fine serviceable horses have been sold to the local trade at satisfactory prices. The following dealers were in town since our last report:- D. M. Farley, Nashua, N. H.; A. F. Andrews; South Paris, Me.; D. L. Sanderson, Worcester; C. H.enson, Lowell, Mass.; A. E. Austin; Meriden, Conn.; J. Conns, Springfield, Mass.; H. W. Adams, Hartford, Conn.; Gregory Lynder, Silvery Plains, N. Y.; S. Parsons; Shannon Springs, N. Y.; M. Hicks, Worcester, Mass.; Z. R. Folson, Biddeford, Me.; D. P. Beattie, St. Paul, Minn.; W. Noltes, Reddy, Mass.

Weekly export of horses to the United States.-May 9th-2 horses, \$270; 11 do \$1,443.50; 10 do \$1,250; 6