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THE RED BREST OF THE IRISH ROBIN.

Of all the merry little birds that live up in the tree, And carol from the sycamore and chestnut, The prettiest little gentleman that dearest is to me Is the one in coat of brown and scarlet waistcoat. It's cockit little Robin! And his head he keeps a-bobbin'.

Of all the other pretty fowls I'd choose him; For he sings so sweetly still. Through his tiny slender bill, With a little patch of red upon his bosom. When the frost is in the air, and the snow upon the ground, To other little birdies so bewildering,

Picking up the crumbs near the window he is found Singing Christmas stories to the children; Of how two tender babes Were left in woodland glades, By a cruel man who took 'em there to lose 'em; But Bobby saw the crime (He was watching all the time) And he blushed a perfect crimson on his bosom.

When the changing leaves of Autumn around us thickly fall, And everything seems sorrowful and saddening, Robin may be heard on the corner of a wall Singing what is solacing and gladdening. And sure, from what I've heard, He's God's own little bird, And sings to those in grief just to amuse 'em; But once he sat forlorn On a cruel Crown of Thorns, And the blood it stained his pretty little bosom. —Boston Pilot.

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THE MARKET REPORTS.

Wheat in Flumes—The Visible Supply—Wheat Live Stocks—The Latest Quotations. Monday Evening, Dec. 23. The Visible Supply. Dec. 23, '01 Dec. 21, '00 Dec. 21, '99. Wheat ... 58,805,000 41,473,000 58,878,000 Corn ... 11,131,000 7,891,000 12,301,000 Oats ... 2,606,000 3,347,000 4,414,000 Rye ... 2,010,000 2,000,000 1,319,000 Barley ... 2,010,000 2,000,000 2,042,000 Wheat decreased 55,000 bushels this week; a year ago which increased 391,000 bushels.

Toronto St. Lawrence Market. Receipts of grain were light on the street market this morning, only 1,000 bushels of wheat. Prices were about steady. Wheat—Was steady, 100 bushels of goose selling at 47c per bushel. Barley—Was steady, 500 bushels selling at 54c to 61c per bushel. Oats—Were a little heavier, 300 bushels selling at 40c per bushel. Rye—Was steady, 25 loads selling at \$11 to \$12 per load for timothy and \$7 to \$8 per load for clover.

British Cattle Markets. London, Dec. 23.—United States cattle, 6 1/2; Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Canadian cattle, 5 1/2 to 6; choice, 6 1/2. Demand firm; stock mostly steady.

Montreal Live Stock. Montreal, Dec. 23.—There were about 350 head of butchers' cattle, 25 calves and 250 sheep and lambs offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. The butchers were present in large numbers and there was a bid demand. Cash prices paid for anything good in the shape of beef and veal, and even the common stock brought better prices than they have been doing for a long time past. There were very few prime cattle on the market and Mr. G. Martel bought six of the best, paying 66c per lb for choice beef and 45c per lb for the others. Pretty good stock sold at from 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c per lb, and the common animals at from 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c per lb. Sheep sold at from 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c per lb, and lambs at from 2 1/2c to 4 1/2c per lb. Fat hogs sold at from 6c to 6 1/2c per lb, weighed on the cars.

East Buffalo Cattle Market. East Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,200 head; steady to strong for good grades; others slow to 10 to \$3.00. Steers, \$3.40 to \$4.00; rough and coarse steers, \$3.40 to \$4.00; stockers and cows, \$3.00 to \$4.00; veals, \$4 to \$7.75. Hogs—Receipts, 27,600 head; higher, fairly active; rough, \$5.75 to \$6.25; choice, \$6.25 to \$7.00; mixed packers, \$6.15 to \$6.25; medium to choice, \$6.10 to \$6.25; pigs, \$5.10 to \$5.20; roughs, \$4.25 to \$4.50. Sheep—Receipts, 21,000 head; good demand; strong; choice, \$5.30; good to choice, \$5.10 to \$5.25; fair, \$4.75 to \$4.85; sheep choice handy wethers, \$5.70 to \$6; common to extra mixed, \$3.10 to \$3; culls and common, \$1.75 to \$2; yearlings, \$3 to \$4.25. Stock butchers' cattle, 25 calves and 250 sheep and lambs offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. The butchers were present in large numbers and there was a bid demand. Cash prices paid for anything good in the shape of beef and veal, and even the common stock brought better prices than they have been doing for a long time past. There were very few prime cattle on the market and Mr. G. Martel bought six of the best, paying 66c per lb for choice beef and 45c per lb for the others. Pretty good stock sold at from 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c per lb, and the common animals at from 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c per lb. Sheep sold at from 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c per lb, and lambs at from 2 1/2c to 4 1/2c per lb. Fat hogs sold at from 6c to 6 1/2c per lb, weighed on the cars.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; 500 Texas; 10c to 12c higher; good to prime, \$9.25 to \$7.00; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$2; stockers and feeders, \$2 to \$4.00. Hogs—Receipts to-day, 40,000; mixed steady; heavy shade lower; mixed and butchers, \$4.70 to \$6.20; good to choice, \$5.25 to \$6.25; roughs, \$4.25 to \$4.50; light, \$5 to \$5.75; bulk of sales, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; steady to active; choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.25; western fat sheep, \$3 to \$4; native lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.10.

Montreal Grain and Produce. Montreal, Dec. 23.—Grain—There is a fair cable demand for Manitoba wheat, but otherwise the market is very quiet. Feed barley at 65c; and rye at 62c. Flour—The market is quiet but prices are firm. No. 1 white, \$4.30; No. 2 white, \$4.25; No. 3 white, \$4.20; straight rollers, \$3.65 to \$3.75; strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$4; and straight rollers in lots at \$3.50. Meal—There is a fair demand at \$5.50 to \$5.75 per barrel and at \$2.70 to \$2.75 per bag.

Feed—The "avenue" continues good and prices rule firm at 42c for Manitoba bran and at 22c for shorts per ton. Cheese—This market is quiet and unchanged. Finest Ontario colored, 10 1/2c; 10 1/4c; finest Ontario white, 10c to 10 1/4c; finest townships make, 10c to 10 1/4c; finest Quebec make, 9c to 10c. Butter—There is a fair jobbing trade at steady prices. Finest townships, full creamery, 20 1/2c; 20 1/4c; Quebec full creamery, 18c to 19c; western dairy, 15 1/2c to 16c; Manitoba dairy, 14c to 15c. Provisional market is quiet but firm. We quote: Selected heavy Canada short cut mess pork, \$22 to \$22.50; heavy Canada short cut mess pork, \$21 to \$21.50; Canada short cut mess pork, \$20 to \$21; heavy Canada mess pork, long cut, \$21 to \$21.50; heavy Canada short cut clear pork, \$21 to \$21.50; light Canada, \$20 to \$21. Canadian lard in 20-lb pails, 14c; compound refined lard in wood pails, 20-lb, 9 1/2c; Hoar's Head brand, in 20-lb pails, \$3.15 to \$3.20. Eggs—At 1 1/2c to \$1.50; 20-lb tin pails, 14c lower; hams, 13c to 14c and bacon 15c per lb.

Leading Wheat Markets. Closing previous day. Closing to-day. Dec. May. Dec. May. Chicago ... 77 1/2 81 78 1/2 82 New York ... 84 1/2 87 1/2 84 1/2 87 1/2 Toronto ... 75 1/2 78 1/2 75 1/2 78 1/2 Duluth, 1st ... 75 1/2 78 1/2 75 1/2 78 1/2 Minneapolis ... 79 1/2 82 77 1/2 80 1/2 Milwaukee, 2nd ... 88 1/2 91 1/2 85 1/2 88 1/2 St. Louis ... 84 1/2 87 1/2 81 1/2 84 1/2

British Markets. London, Dec. 23.—Close—Wheat, on passage, rather firmer; cargoes about No. 1 selling, iron, loading, 30s 3d sellers, from December and January, 30s 3d sellers. Maize, on passage, rather firmer. Wheat, English country markets of Saturday quiet, French country markets of Saturday quiet, but steady. Antwerp, Dec. 23.—No. 2 red winter, 18 1/2c. Paris, Dec. 23.—Close.

To enjoy alone is to be able to share. No participation can make that of value which in itself is of none. It is not love alone, but pride also, and often only pride, that leads to the desire for another to be present with us in possession. Johnny (in the garden)—Father! father! look out of the window. Father (putting out his head)—What a nuisance you children are. What do you want now? Johnny (with a triumphant glance at his playfellow)—Tommy Brooks wouldn't believe you'd got no hair on the top of your head. HAD LA GRIPPE. — Mr. A. Nickerson, farmer, Dutton, writes: "Last winter I had La Grippe and it left me with a severe pain in the small of my back and hip that used to catch me whenever I tried to climb a fence. This lasted for about two months when I bought a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. I had used it both internally and externally, morning and evening, for three days, at the expiration of which time I was completely cured."

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