

Thirteen hundred live turkeys were shipped from Orillia last week for the British market. They were bought at 6¼ cents per pound live weight, or about 8¼ cents dressed.

Aroostock county, Maine, produced this year between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 bushels of potatoes. Prices have ranged from \$2.25 to \$1.65 per barrel for the merchantable roots; those sold to the starch manufacturers have brought from 30 to 50 cents.—Gazette.

The Dominion Government has decided to provide at St. John, accommodation and shipping facilities for the handling of 1,800 head of cattle. This will enable shippers to send cattle by the Intercolonial direct to St. John, from which port they will be sent to Liverpool.

Russian and Australian importers of provisions in Great Britain have organized a company to build extensive cold storage warehouses in London, with a capacity of 11,000 tons, at a cost of over \$1,000,000. The Russian Government, it is said, will work in unison with regard to supplying refrigerator cars and steamers.

Prof. H. H. Dean, of the Guelph Agricultural College, is of opinion that there are too many small cheese and butter factories in Eastern Ontario. For instance in Prescott county there are over 60 factories. He thinks that if there were fewer factories the best buildings, equipment and operatives could be secured, and the cost of output reduced. This would, of course, be a distinct gain.

The Department of Agriculture has forwarded another lot of specially fattened chickens in cold storage to Liverpool this week. It was from various fattening stations and contained 2,592 chickens. Returns have just been received regarding the first shipment of fattened chickens sent. They were sold in Liverpool, wholesale, at 14c. per pound, and the net returns were equal to \$1.31 cents per pair of chickens at Montreal.

W. Weddel & Co.'s circular, dated London, 15th Nov., stated that Canadian butter continued to meet a good demand though prices were about 2s. lower on the week, being just below those of choicest Australian. Secondary Australian was then very poor value compared with Canadian of the same price. The demand for cheese continued virtually unchanged, although buyers were beginning to show more interest in the market. The arrivals, as one would expect, showed very fine quality.

A joke in the London Punch about Canada! And a trade joke! Surely one must copy anything so rare as that, whether it be racy or not. Punch heads it: The Sincerest Form of Flattery, and relates this story: Lady Customer (to grocer).—I see, Mr. Phiggs, that you have charged me with English Cheddar, and what you sent was undoubtedly Canadian. Mr. Phiggs.—Well, ma'am, it was such a beautiful imitation that I was deceived by it myself. I cannot say more. Lady Customer.—No. But you will take less.

—The following were the quotations on the Halifax Stock Exchange for the following stocks on 25th inst.: Bank of Nova Scotia, 233-7; British North America, 133¼-7¾; Merchants', 175-7; Union, 154½-8; Peoples', 124-6; Halifax, 164½-8; Commercial Bank of Windsor, 99-102; Yarmouth, 98-101; Exchange Bank of Yarmouth, 92-106.

—It is easier to make a fairly approximate estimate now of the grain crop of the Northwest than was the case a few weeks ago, when everyone was laboring under the excitement of the coming harvesting operations. Special correspondents' reports to the Northwest Farmer give fairly reliable material for the following estimates: Manitoba—Wheat, 23.76 bushels to the acre; oats, 44.44; barley, 35.43; flax, 13.60. Assiniboia—Wheat, 29.31 bushels; oats, 56.69; barley, 39.63; flax, 17.50. Alberta—Wheat, 30.29 bushels; oats, 54.13; barley, 37.17. Saskatchewan—Wheat, 28.50 bushels; oats, 50.75; barley, 38.33. The tendency of reports seems to indicate a loss in quality on wheat on account of the wetness of the fall. It is gratifying to observe the general immunity from damage by frosts and winds.

—"Have some turkey with us, because we have been very prosperous." Such is the Thanksgiving Greeting received yesterday, on an illuminated card, from the Finance Publishing Co., of Cleveland. We reciprocate the good will that prompted our contemporary to so address this office. We are having prosperity, too—likewise turkey.

—A company will shortly apply to the Dominion Government for incorporation under the name of the Canso Bridge Co., limited, for the purpose of building a railway, tramway and passenger suspension bridge from a point near Port Hastings to a point near Cape Porcupine. In view of the renewed agitation in favor of a fast Atlantic line this new project is of importance.

—The shipbuilding industry of the United States, says The Iron Age, exclusive of the United States Navy Yard, had in 1900 a total invested capital, by the census returns, of 92 per cent. The number of ship-building establishments \$76,699,000, an increase of 181 per cent. in ten years. The value of the product of the yards was \$73,444,000, an increase was 1,083, having 46,121 wage-earners. Cost of materials used amounted to \$33,041,000; total wages, \$24,388,000, while there was expended \$3,582,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

—It has been definitely announced both by Sir Charles Rivers Wilson in London, and by Mr. Reeve in Montreal, that Mr. Charles M. Hays has been re-engaged by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and that his title will be vice-president and general manager. The people of Eastern Canada will welcome the news. Mr. Hays in his five years' connection with the road did it faithful and most effective service. When he left it he was able to leave behind him a good man to take his place. It is no disparagement of Mr. Reeve, who will return gladly to his California olive groves, to say that people will rejoice to see Mr. Hays once more at the helm. He has guided the craft so well and so profitably already that they desire to see him continued in the responsible position of the management.

—Once in a while there comes to light an incident relating to heroes or heroines in humble life, the recital of which makes one's heart beat faster. A despatch from Paris to The London Times says the "Prize for Virtue," value 1,000 francs, has been awarded to Cecile Morand, a seamstress, who is a dwarf and lame, and who, from the age of 13 years, has supported a paralytic father, a sick mother, and ten brothers and sisters. Let us be careful after reading this, how we cast doubt upon the reality of some of Dickens' portraits of the fortitude of the lowly poor. In the very same paper which records Mdle. Morand's touching devotion we find an instance copied from The London Globe, of the great-hearted sympathy of the British Tommy Atkins with the relatives of a comrade. Here is the simple story, which tells its own tale: "The kit of a trooper in the South African Constabulary, whose death left his widowed mother entirely unsupported, has been sold among his comrades for ninety times its value. Among other items, two half-penny match boxes went for £2 3s. Truly, 'the men are splendid.'"

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.*

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, November 28th, 1901, compared with those of the previous week:

CLEARINGS	November 28, 1901.	November 21, 1901.
Montreal.....	\$15,159,874	\$21,610,930
Toronto.....	10,361,408	14,093,841
Winnipeg.....	4,522,617	5,290,930
Halifax.....	1,436,313	1,892,984
Hamilton.....	907,874
St. John.....	571,454	815,160
Vancouver.....	752,596	985,933
Victoria.....	565,495	629,503
Quebec.....	1,073,915	1,476,205
Ottawa.....	1,369,569	2,043,929

\$..... \$49,747,288

Aggregate balances this week \$..... Last week \$7,200,986

* Five days only: Thanksgiving Holiday 28th.