

appears elsewhere in this issue, was the attraction at the yards this week.

MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, Dec. 9th, 1904.

The market here for farm produce has changed but little in the past two weeks. During that time arrivals of produce by sailing vessels from P. E. Island have been numerous, and potatoes, turnips and other vegetables are in oversupply. The low prices prevailing on the Boston market have thrown more produce than usual into Halifax for local consumption. Still there has been no heavy slump in prices, potatoes continuing to sell at 30 cents and turnips at 25 cents per bushel at the vessel. The cold snap now being experienced has temporarily checked the discharging of vegetables, as they cannot now be handled without freezing.

Oats are very firm. There are practically none coming over from the island and we are dependent altogether on the Ontario article. In the matter of hay, we are importing largely from Quebec and prices have advanced 50 cents per ton. The agricultural societies are holding their annual meetings this month and a good deal of the attention of these organizations was taken up with hay importations, these being the channels through which free carriage of hay over the I.C.R. has come. Surprisingly large quantities of Quebec hay have thus been brought down, showing how great was the shortage of last year's crop in this province, as well as in P. E. Island.

Eggs are very firm on account of the small supply. The price is steadily advancing. Butter and cheese also are firm. Meats of all kinds are easier, on account of the desire of farmers to reduce their stock and save fodder.

Pat's Hottest Christmas

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"Come, come, cheer up," he said, as soon as he could speak. "Nora, here's Pat trying to make me believe he's a thief, and I don't know what not. Now I call on him to prove it; isn't that fair?"

Nora came trembling, trying to smile, but down went her head on Pat's pillow, and she could do nothing but sob.

"Oh, come, come!" said Mr. Norcross again, at a loss for words, from this unexpected desertion on the part of Nora, "the fever has outdone you both. I tell you, Pat, there no money missing at the bank, not a cent; don't you believe me?"

Pat raised himself on his elbow. "Nothin'—missin'—at the bank!" he repeated slowly. "Ah, had loock ter mel but I ken show ye different. Nora, has any one meddled with the clo'es I put off me when I was tuk sick?"

"Nat a soul but meself, Pat, not a blisid soul," sobbed Nora.

"Then, begorra, fetch 'em to me, Nora darlint, an' I'll show ye a proof."

Never was a man more anxious to convict another than was Pat to convict himself.

As his memory brightened, he could see the little roll in the upper pocket of his old vest. He actually now recalled the sum—fifty dollars. His shaking hand snatched the clothes from Nora; he searched the pocket; he looked up puzzled—nothing there; then another pocket, and another, and then those in the coat, till every one was hanging inside out.

"Nora," he asked, as a last resort, "hev you tuk it?"

"Oh, whisht now, Patsy, jewel," said Nora, finding her voice, and stroking his big hand as if it were little Tim's. "It's still in the fever ye been, poor boye. An' it's Nora McKenna ye used ter. An' it's Nora McKenna that she'd finger

it over an' niver know it? Oh, now! begone wid ye, Pat, fur impachin' of yer wife, an' on this blisid Christmas Day of all days! Aint ashamed of yerself ye bees, Pat, ter be a-layin' there a-shrivin' ter disgrace yerself in this whurrin' an' the nixt, a gain-sayin' wid yer two big, obstinate, odd eyes ivery wurrd the praisidint hasin' ye sayin'! Hev the grace ter be ashamed of yerself, Pat, me darlint, an' own up now as 'tis gramin' ye've been."

Poor, bewildered Pat fell back on his pillow.

"Begorra," said he, "it's moighty quare! But, faith, 'tis a foine, holy day fur a man ter git the praisidint of himself!"

"Ochone," said Nora, "an' it's a better praisidint the saints hev sint ye than yerself, you poor, dear, odd wakenin'! Pat, ken ye shand a troifle more? Will, faith an' ye've gut ter," she said, merrily. "None, ye blisid choild, come here 'n kiss yer father."

The child came slowly from the other room leading old granny by the hand, who oiled each rheumatic hobble with pious ejaculations, and so slow was her progress that she had time to involve nearly every saint in the calendar before they reached the bed.

"Nora," said wonder-stricken Pat, "whose don't is this? Is this a brass?"

"No, no, Pat, 'tis a fine, fine brass him!" said Nora, turning around.

But in the confusion "Mr. Praisidint" had slipped away.

Prince Edward Island

We have had a good deal of rainy weather during the latter part of November. Some of our farmers turned their cattle out to pasture nearly every day up to December 1st, as they find it necessary to economize in fodder. Many of the farmers are leaving orders for the government hay. The price is \$1.50 per ton. There was a small attendance at the market on December 2nd, owing to cold, disagreeable weather and rough roads.

CHARLOTTETOWN MARKETS

Beef qr. per lb., 4 to 5c, small, 6 to 10c; mutton, per carcass, 5 to 6c; chickens, per lb. 8c, pair 45 to 60c; fowl, per lb., 7c, per pair, 60 to 65c; turkeys 12 to 13c, per lb., and \$1.25 to \$1.50 each; geese, per lb. 5c, and \$2.00 to \$1.00 each; ducks 75 to 80c, per pair; eggs 25 to 28c, per doz.; butter, fresh, 33 to 24c, per lb.; apples 16c, per doz.; cranberries 8c per qt; cream 20c per qt; sausages 12c per lb.; hay 75c per cwt.; wheat \$1.90 per bu.; oats, per bu. 39 to 40c; straw, per cwt., 50c, per ton, pressed, \$10.00; potatoes 20c per bu.; flour, per cwt. \$2.70; carrots, per bu., 50c; bran \$1.00 to \$1.25 each; pork 4 1/2 to 5 1/4c.

SUMMERSIDE MARKETS

Beef carcass, per lb., 4 to 5c; buckwheat 40c; barley 45 to 48c, per bush; wheat 18 to 19c; chickens, per lb., 6 to 10c; ducks, per lb., 8 to 10c; geese, per lb., 8 to 10c; turnips, per bu., 15 to 16c; pork 5c per lb.; hay, pressed, \$14 per ton; straw, pressed, \$6.00; eggs, per doz., 20c; oats, black, per bu., 38c; white, 37c; potatoes 20 to 22c, per bu.; flour, per cwt., \$2.50.

The Manchester Trader sailed on December 2nd direct for Manchester. Her cargo, which was valued at \$10,000, included 2,300 sheep, 40 cattle, 3,000 cases canned meats, 1,700 cheese, 300 cases apples, and sundries.

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