

BOSTON, MASS., 31st Dec.	
Flour—	Butter—
Choice winter. \$3 00 to \$3 50	Creamery \$ 38 to \$ 40
Choice spring. 3 00 to 3 00	Dairy 30 to 32
Corn meal bbl. 3 15 to 3 25	Common..... 16 to 17
Oatmeal, bbl. 6 75 to 7 35	Cheese—
Oats, 55	Best factory... 12½ to 13
Wool—	Farm dairy... 11 to 12
Western fine... 41 to 42	Beans, pr bu.—
Pulled extra... 30 to 43	Hand picked. \$ 30 to \$ 35
Canada pulled... 30 to 40	Mediums..... 2 00 to 3 30
Combing..... 33 to 40	Common..... 2 50 to 3 00
Hay—	Potatoes, per bus. 75 to 90
Coarse, ton... 21 00 to 22 00	Onions, per bbl. 2 50 to 3 00
Fine..... 14 00 to 15 00	Hops..... 99 to 99
Oat straw..... 9 00 to 10 00	

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Buffalo, N. Y., U. S. A., Dec. 30.

Carefully prepared statistics bearing on the Buffalo live stock trade show that the movement of 1881 was not up to that of 1880. The total receipts show a decrease of 3,236 car loads of cattle, 2,097 of hogs, an increase of 508 of sheep, and a decrease of 216 of horses; making a total decrease of 5,041 car loads. The total shipments eastward show a decrease of 3,518 car loads of cattle, 2,177 of hogs, an increase of 42 of sheep, a decrease of 223 of horses, forming a total decrease of 5,876 car loads of all classes of live stock. The cattle trade of the year just closed has been of a prosperous nature. Interior butchers have been liberal buyers, and probably a larger business has been done in that direction than during any former year in the history of the trade. The receipts of cattle from Canada show a marked increase as compared with 1880, being no less than 2,984 car loads, while the total number of loads coming to hand was 12,254. The class coming from the Dominion is known as stock cattle, and as all of them change hands in this market the trade is one of importance. In price they have ranged from \$2 to \$4 50 per cwt., with most sales at \$3 35 to \$4 35. Sheep and lambs—Buffalo is probably the largest receiving point for this class of stock west of New York, western shippers usually finding buyers for all kinds of stock. The trade is largely speculative, and on the whole has been remunerative. On the average the market for hogs has ruled \$1 50 to \$2 per cwt. higher than in 1880; the trade has at times ruled fairly active, stimulated as it frequently has been by the presence of Philadelphia and New York buyers, a number of whom are located here. There has also been a steady local demand on the part of three or four packing firms who kill the year round.

Montreal, Dec. 29.

The supply of cattle at Viger Market to-day was small, coming about 100 to 170 head, among which only a very few could be classed as good stock. Two butchers left the market to-day without buying, on account of the offerings not being suitable for their trade. Two of the best steers on the market were sold at 8c per lb. live weight, but the run of sales was on medium to fair grades at 4c to 4½ per lb. Common stock sold at 3c to 3½ per lb., a lot of six lean 2-year-old cattle selling at 3c to 3½ per lb. The offerings of sheep and lambs were small, numbering only some 70 or 80 head, sales of which transpired at \$3 to \$4 25 for lambs, and at \$4 to \$5 50 for sheep, but the latter were very ordinary. Dressed hogs remain steady at \$8 to \$3 25 as to quality, notwithstanding the bad weather for handling.

IMPORTANCE OF RICE.

The Indian rice is the staple article of food for many millions of population, and besides the enormous consumption of it there, there was exported from four ports from January 1 to October 31, 1881 874,200 tons, equivalent to 6,993,600 tierces of 280 pounds each. During the same time London and Liverpool received 283,309 tons, distributed 230,592 tons, and had on hand October 31, 123,191 tons, and afloat for three months 139,950 tons, making a visible supply of 263,141 tons, equivalent to 2,185,128 tierces. If a pound of rice is equal to two pounds of wheat as an article of food, the exports from India for ten months are equivalent to the supporting value of about 65,000,000 bushels of wheat.

LONDON VIEW OF WHEAT.

The London correspondent of the Financial Chronicle, under date November 19, says: The most important feature in the grain trade this week is a quiet sale for wheat, caused by the large quantities which are now coming forward from Calcutta and Bombay. It appears that Indian growers and merchants were under the impression that, by holding, prices should become more remunerative; but now that the quotations have declined, there is more desire to sell, and liberal shipments are being made. The mildness of the weather also contributes very considerably to the inactivity of the trade. Produce is still being shipped freely from Russian ports, and there are very strong indications that we shall be amply supplied with foreign produce during the winter months. Millers therefore are by no means inclined to purchase in excess of their actual requirements, but there is no pressure exhibited to sell on press sales.

AUCTION SALE OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK. On the 7th February next there will be sold by Public Auction, on Lot 16, Wilmet Township, Waterloo County, the following Thoroughbred Stock, viz:—16 cows and heifers, and 6 bulls and bull calves. Subscriber's premises are four miles from Baden Station, on the G.T.R. Parties attending sale will be conveyed to and from the station. JOSEPH Y. SHANTZ, Haysville, Ont. 193-a

A Meat Diet.

It is generally conceded by the majority of poultry breeders that a meat diet is essential during cold weather, when worms, bugs and insects are not to be found by the birds. But though considered necessary to atone for the lost insect food, it should be used sparingly.

In winter and early spring, to keep up egg production, the fowls must have something to work on. The best way to supply them, if there is not enough of waste meat scraps from the breeder's table to meet the required demand, is to get scraps from the butcher or slaughter-house. The waste

meat, offal and the bloody pieces which are un-saleable can be bought for a cent or two a pound.

The best way to utilize these scraps and to render them more digestible and nutritious is to cut them into fine pieces, put them into a boiler with plenty of water, and boil them until the bones separate from the flesh. Then stir cornmeal into it until it makes a thick mush, season with salt and pepper, and cook till done. Feed this when cold to the poultry and they will eat it with evident relish, and you have a most excellent food which will keep during cold weather.

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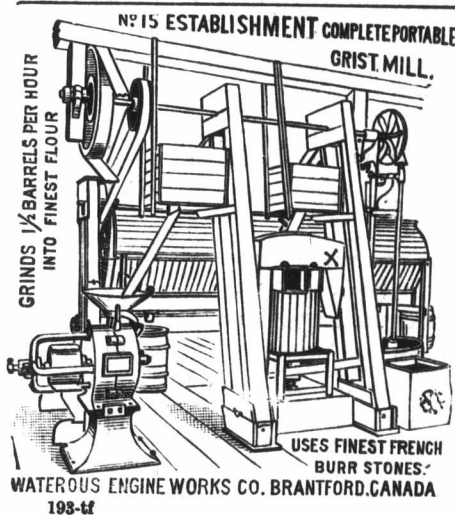
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