LESSON VIII.-FEB. 23, 1908.

Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda .- John 5

Commentary.—1. The sick at Bathesda (vs. 1-4), 1, after these things (R V.)—The "things" about which John had written in chapter 4—the beauling of the state of t healing of the nobleman's son. a feast-What feast was this? Ancient writers say the Passover, but recent writers say the Passover, but recent writers think it must have been the writers think it must have been the feast of Purim, which was celebrated on the 14th and 15th of Adar (March). Edersheim calls this feast the "unknown feast," and then suggests that it was either the feast of Wood-offering (August) or the feast of Trumpets (September). These various views tend to show the uncertainty.

2. by the sheep gate (R.V.)—From Neh. 3: 1, 32; 12:39 we see that there was a sheep-gate, "so called because the sheep, for sacrifice were driven through it into the city." This gate was near the temple, the Hebrew tongue—Hebrew here means Aramais, tongue-Hebrew here means Aramais the language spoken at the time, not the old Hebrew of the Scriptures.— Cam. Bib. Bethesda—This name does not occur elsewhere. It means "house of mercy." The site is not identified with certainty. The traditional spot is near Castle Antonia. But Dr. Robinson thinks "the fountain of the an intermittent spring in the Viigin," an intermittent spring in the southeast of the city, near the Pool of Siloam, probably covered arcades; colonnades or verandahs, open at one side to the air, but protected against the sun or rain overhead. In a hot country like Palestine such buildings

are very necessary.—Ryle.

3. multitude—The sick congregated here in great numbers. waiting, etc.

—The last part of verse 3 and all of verse 4 are omitted from the Revised Version. This is wanting in so many of the original manuscripts that our of the original manuscripts that our revisers think it is not properly in the text. If John did not write these words they must have meen inserted by copyists as an explanation of v. 7. They would therefore reflect the popular idea of the pool at the time they were inserted, which Dr. Whedon thicks was early in the secondary thinks was early in the secondary century. The omission of v. 4 in no va, weakens the truths taught in this

II. An important man healed (vs. 5-11. An important man healed (vs. 5-9). 5. an infirmity—The original im plics rather a loss of power than a positive disease; probably it was a nervous disease of paralytic type.—Abbott. thirty and eight year—the duration of the illness is mentioned, either to show how inveterate and difficult it was to heal or rather according to the contract of th ficult it was to heal, or rather, according to verse 6, to explain the deep compassion with which Jesus was affeeted on beholding the unhappy man odet. From verse 14 we may in that his disease was the result the sins of his youth. knew—The word "knew" in the

original indicates one of those in-stantaneous perceptions by which the truth became known to Jesus accord-ing as the task of the moment de manded. Verse 14 shows that the whole life of the sufferer is pres eye of Jesus, as that of the Samaritan woman was in chapter 4.-Godet. saith unto him—Usually Christ waited until he was asked be-fore he relieved the suffering, but in this and a few other cases he healed without being asked. He read the man's past life and present condition of mind, and saw that he was in a state to receive spiritual good from the healing, wilt thou—Why does he ask a question to which the answer the healing, wilt thou—Why does he ask a question to which the answer was so obvious? Probably in order rouse the sick man out of his lethargy and despondency. It was the first step toward the mans' having sufficient faith; he must be inspired with some expectation of being cured.

—Cam. Bib. This is the same quesbib. This is the same ques-Christ is continually asking

e who are in sin as sick. Is troubled—This spring, probably the Fountain of the Virgin, is intermittent to this day, and various travel-lers have seen it suddenly rise from five inches to a foot in five minutes.—Peloubet. Whedon thinks that the moving of the waters arose from an underground connection of the pool with the city waterworks. "The occasional and inter mittent disturbance of the water is not to be understood as a regular ocurrence, but as something sudden and quickly passing away. Hence the man's waiting passing away. Hence the man's waiting and complaint."—Myer. Put me into the pool—Literally, "in order to throw" me into the pool; perhaps implying that the gush of water did not list long; and there was no time to be lost in quiet carrying.—Cam. Bib. While I am com-

such as we have seen for choice seats in a car or hall."

8. Rise, etc.—Commands like these would test the mun's faith and obedience.
"As in the case of the paralytic (Mark 2, 9), Christ makes no enquny as to the man's faith. Christ knew that he had faith; and the man's attempting to rise and carry his bed after thirty-eight years of impotency was an open confession of faith.—Cam. Bib. Bed—Probably only a mat'or rug, still common in the East. And walk—Jesus speaks here as God. He speaks in no name but it is own, (temple praising God for his wonderful

the Jews interpreted this as forbidding the carrying of the lightest weight. But caming is made clear by Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves,

and lading asses," etc. "To forbid this man from carrying his bed was like forbidding a modern man to move a campstool or a chair." 11. The man replied. He that made me whole" told me to carry my bed. This was the same as saying that a man who could perform such a great miracle as healing him had such a great miracle as healing him nad authority to tell him what to do. "But why did our Lord command this man to carry his bed on the Sabbath?. 1. He was a poor man, and if he had left his bed he might have lost it. 2. Christ showed by this that He was Lord of the Sabbath (see Matt. 12, 8). 3. This was not contrary to the spirit of the law.

4. It was consistent with the wisdom of Christ to perform his miracles so they might be seen and known by a multitude inight be seen and known by a multitude of people. The healed man carrying his bed on the Sabbath day would call attention to the miracle and cause it to be generally known."—Clarke. It is always

right to do good on the Sabbath day. 12. They asked him who the man was that had told him to carry his bed on the Sabbath. "They ignore the miracle and attack the command. They ask not, Who cured thee, and therefore must have divine authority?'. but, 'Who told thee to break the Sabbath, and therefore could not have it?"-Cam. Bib. They cared not for knowing what they might admire as a work of mercy, but what they might, make the ground of an what they might, make the ground of an accusation. How many are like them, always locking out for something with which to find fault.—Ryie. 13. But as Jesus had been in Jerusalem but little, the man who was healed did not know him, and Jesus now had disappeared in the crowd. 14. Soon after this Jesus had been in Jerusalem but little, the man who was healed did not know him, and Jesus now had disappeared in the crowd. 14. Soon after this Jesus had been in Jerusalem but little, the man who was healed did not know him, and Jesus now had disappeared in the country of the country in the crowd. him, and Jesus now had disappeared in the crowd. 14. Soon after this Jesus found the man in the temple and said to him. "Sin no more." This was not an him every man and the country of Europeans, snound the man in the temple and said to him. "Sin no more." This was not an every man gendarme officers, which expending the mandate for Europeans. found the man in the temple and said to him, "Sin no more." This was not an accidental meeting; Jesus had his eye on the man, his work with him was not yet finished. God makes this same accidental meeting; Jesus had his eye on the man, his work with him was not yet finished. God makes this same demand of every sinner. And yet there are those who insist that it is impossible to live without sin in this life; but if such is the case then Jesus asked this to except treaties already concluded such is the case then Jesus asked this such is the case then Jesus asked this man to do the impossible. Unless he ceased his sinning a worse-thing would come upon him. "More sinning after this warning would deserve greater punishment (see Heb. 6: 4-6); and after so long a cturse of sin, a repetition of the sins would naturally produce greater evils than any he had yet experienced.

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15. After this the man told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him of him whom so many counted as a prophet, if not as the Messiah himself, would have been sufficient to stop the abouths of gainsavers. Had it been in a paser spirit that he went, as Chrysoston ingeniously observes, he would not have gone and told them that it was Jesus who had made him whole, but rather it was Jesus who had bidden him carry his to receive the state of the state was Jesus who had bidden him carry his bed."—Trench. "He meant his statement for a justification of Jesus; they used it for his persecution." 16. Then the "AIR. C. O. Knowles, news editor, and Mr. C. O. Knowles

Faith is the way of man's approach to God; the link uniting the human and the divine. Unbelief shut man out of Eden. Faith brings man back to union with God. A solvent bank honors every draft presented for payment. God honors the faith of every man. "According to your faith," is a true, unfailing ax-

"Wilt thou be made whole?" (v. 6). This question is put to a poor paraly-tic, waiting by the troubled waters at the pool of Bethesda. It was probably time of the feast of Purim, a feast celebrated by works of beneficence and gracious gifts. Christ entered into the spirit of the feast. He, who needed no solicitations to excite his sympathy, of fraud. fered to the despairing, diseased man, one of life's best gifts—perfect health. Had the man doubted or hesitated, had he said, "I do not know why you should be interested in me;" "I have no right to expect you to do this for me;" "I have no right to expect you to do this for me;" "I have done nothing which should give me have done not him to him newspaper office about the methods of the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts as well as a comparison of the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts as well as a comparison of the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Justice Mabee said that the defendant Roberts and the plaintiff Mr. Just fered to the despairing, diseased man, one a claim on you," the Saviour could not have bestowed upon him the boon of health, All physical healing is a type of the spiritual. Sin and sickness are twinborn. Christ died to atone for both. He said to those suffering from sin, "Wilt thou be made whole?'

"I have no man when the water troubled to put me into the pool" (v. 7.) All earthly hope was gone. Only the divine Son of man could help this hopeless cripple. Such crises come to some lives. Such a crisis came to the railroad evangelist, Jennie Smith. She had been a helpless cripple for sixteen years, Much of the time suffering intense ag-ony. One limb, subject to awful spasms, was confined in a strong box, after unuscarrying.—Cam. 18th. While I am coming—"Thus picturing the extreme haste and rapidity with which the favorable opportunity was seized. There was a rush and scramble for the one chance, such as we have seen for choice seats and instantly arose and walked. She

God. He speaks in no mame but His own, and with an authority which belongs to God alone. And what is the coase-quence? The man became whole immediately; and this sadden restoration to health and strength was an incontestible proof of the omnipotence of Christ."

9. And walked—With the command was given the power of obedience. So the sinner who is bidden to commit himself to Christ need not wait for any comments.

was given the power of obedience. So the sinner who is bidden to commit him self to Christ need not wait for any compulsion. As he makes the effort he will find divine power within himself. Sabbath—The seventh day of the week, the Jewish Sabbath.

III. Persecution by the Jews (vs. 10-18). 10. The Jews, those opposed to Jesus, perhaps members of the Sanhedrin, told the man that it was "not lawful" for him to carry his bed on the Sabbath. Jeremiah had commanded, "Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day" (16, 21), and the Jews interpreted this as forbidding

much use. Nell—Can't she sew? Belle the autim tragedy.

—Oh, yes, she can sew, but she has an It is eminently satisfactory to learn

SURPRISE TO THE POWERS.

GERMANY BREAKS WITH THEM ON TURKISH OUESTION.

Allies Herself With Turkey on Account of Receiving Railroad Privileges-Austria Also in the Deal-New Grouping of the Powers Needed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.-The Novo

Vremya publishes an article dealing

with the breaking up of the concert of powers hitherto engaged in pressing the Porte's consent to the intro duction of judical, financial and ad ministrative reforms in Macedonia.

At a conference of the ambassa dors in Constantinople this week, says the Novoe Vremya, called for the purpose of affixing ambassadorial signatures to a joint note with reference to judicial reforms which have been the subject of negotiations for the past twelve months Ambassador Marschall Von Bieberstein made the

to secret treaties already conclude

Baron Von Bieberstein's announce-ment, says the Novoe Vremya, has been communicated to the Home Govwhole. "He expected, probably, in the simplicity of his heart, that the name error and is expected to be the starting point for a new grouping of the powers in the nearest east.

ACTION DISMISSED.

it for his persecution." 16. Then the Arr. C. O. Knowles, news editor, and Mr. Jews sought to kill Jesus because he had J. Chancellor Boylen, a reporter of the done those things on the Sabbath day.

17, 18. The discourse which follows (vs. 17-47) is believed to have been delivered before the Sanhedrin. Luther calls this "a sublime apology which makes the matter worse." Jesus refers to God as his Father, and this angers the Jews still more.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Feith is the way of man's approach.

Review and Hell another reproter.

Boylen and Hall, another reporter were directed to investigate complaints into the methods employed by Van Dusen in his business. Hall went up to the bureau on November 21 to ask for a position. He paid \$1 and was sent to a firm on Wellington street for a bookkeeper's job, and was told by the firm that the position was filled some time before, so Hall returned and reported the fact to Van Dusen. A week later Boylen went to the bureau and asked for a bookkeeper's position. He paid \$1 and was sent to the Wellington street firm, where he received the same answer as Hall. Hall then swore out an information charging Van Dusen with

non-suiting the plaintiff Mr. Jus

LEGAL FIGHT.

Superior Co.

New York, Feb. 17.—Vice Chancellor Garrison, sitting in the Chancery Cham-bers in Jersey City to-day, began the final hearings upon the application of the Canadian Improvement Company to set aside the transfer of 50,000 shares of the stock of the Lake Superior Corpor ation, which it owns, to a number of Philadelphia banks and trust companies now holding the stock as collateral for

The primary object of the contention is to retain for the Canadian Improvement Company the voting control of the stock in the Lake Superior Corporation, which was pledged with the Philadelphia banks upon the reorganization of the Lake Superior concern.

AMNESTY TO NAVAL CONVICTS.

How King Manuel Will Initiate His Reign.

Lisbon, Feb. 17.— The council of State has signed a decree amnesty to military and naval convicts. It includes the sailors who were deported for mutiny two years ago. The decree begins with King Manuel's words: "I have a great wish to initiate my reign by an act of amto initiate my reign by an act of am-nesty, thus using the moderating fa-culty given to the throne by the con-stitution." The Council is also discussing general amnesty for political of-

COMPANY WILL PROVIDE.

Wants of Families of Isle Perrot Victims to be Looked After.

to be Looked Arter.

And now do you tell us to winsper the praises of Jesus? No, sir, we cambot.

"And sought to slay him" (v. 16.)
Adam Clarke says: "How implacable must their malice have been! The spirit of religious persecution has always been dangerous. Every other disposition appears to have its moderator, but this is wholly abandoned to the guidance of Satan, and has for its objects the men who know the truth and who live to the glory of God."

Nell—Why doesn't Maude join, your sewing circle? Belle—She wouldn't be followed after.

To be Looked Arter.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Despite the terrible loss of life at Isle Perrot, work is going on to-day at the other powder milks, as if nothing had happened. So far the remains of its other than the continued fair demand from all sources. We quote: Eastern Canada No. 2 white specied the following despatch from Wilkesbarre, Pa.:—Judge Jesse Fells' picked up. The remains of the other three victims are still under a small shed near the works, and now and again a workman finds some ghastly piece of the glory of God."

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that the company intends to make provision for those families bereft of their vision for those families bereft of their bread-winners through the explosion. Mr. J. F. Johnson, superintendent of the Standard Explosive Company, while spe-cifically stating that he was not speak-ing officially, nevertheless assured the writer that the company would certain-ly make some provision for the bereav-ed families.

PLAYING THE GAME.

GERMANY GAINS INFLUENCE OVER PERSIAN NATIVE SCHOOLS.

An Imperial Grant Ordered-Berlin Doctors in Control of Hospital-Railway Concessions Secured.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—A, psecial despatch from Teheran to the Tageblatt announces that the Persian Government has finally been prevailed upon to contribute 50,000 marks yearly for 25 years toward the expenses of the German school in the Persian capital. The school ho are to undertake the development of the Persian scholastic system. Thereby Germany secures an influence over Per-sian youth. The sum dedicated to the above purpose is secured upon the customs receipts.

The importance of the above news is

at once evident to anyone having knowledge of Persian politics. Recently Germany obtained a concession through the banker, Herr Guttman, for the estab-lishment of a bank, and likewise, through the ability of Herr Stemrich, a concession for the Teheran-Kirmanshah Railroads. As soon as the existing treaty with Russia, prohibiting the building of railroads until 1910, expires, this will connect Teheran with the Bagdad rail

More recently still, Herr Stemrich persuaded the Persian Government to give the direction of the Imperial Hospital into the hands of German doctors. Germany has been quietly, secretly and swiftly pursuing a sensible, practical course, which all at once places her be-fore the astonished eyes of her Anglo-Russian competitors in a position of su-

periority, owing to her clever policy. Every one to-day, if in the least be-hind the scenes in Teheran, knows that the Persians' terrible financial straits are overwhelming them, and they look to Germany to assist them with a loan which is intended to release them from the grip of the Imperial Bank, a British institution. This matter is receiving most serious consideration in Wilhelm Strasse. That is why the late Minister to Persia, Herr Stemrich, occupies such a high position in the Foreign Office.

STORK APARTMENT HOUSE.

None But Families With Babies Accommodated There.

Boston, Mass., despatch: Boston is to have a "Stork" apartment for the use of families with babies only, and it is to be built through the efforts of Miss Oats, Margaret M. Perkins, a philanthropist and teacher of Toronto, who has just returned from a trip abroad, during which she studied "race suicide" conditions in France. Miss Perkins was the only woman saloon passenger on the Cymric which rescued the St. Cuthbert's Seeds, Alsike, No. 1, crew, and her letter authorizing the building of the apartment was written Aboard the vessel. It was written to Lawyer John H. Bartlett, of Brockton, Mass., and authorized him to secure an option on a site and to secure designs for an apartment to cost not more than

am a philanthropist, and I have a few thousand dollars lying idle at my bank-ers. I have a number of friends who ers. I have a number of friends who would be glad to enlist in such a plan, and I think we can easily take care of a quarter million investment. I had thought of New York as a location, but I am impressed with the fact that Boston needs such a place, and I wish you would arrange the details at once."

Apples, per bull. 100
Cabbage, per dozen ... 0 40
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Cabbag would arrange the details at once."

MINCE PIE FOUND GUILTY.

Made Responsible for as Many Murders as Drink.

New York, Feb. 17.—The Herald has received the following despatch from Washington: Dyspeptics, made so by eating mince pie and drinking ice water, are responsible for as many murders as those who drink to excess, according to Theodore Sutro, President of the New York branch of the German-American Alliance, who declared to the House Committee on the judiciary to-day that practiced by the American people, and asserted to the clergymen and Woman's Christian Temperance delegates present that prohibition does not prohibit.

He cited as an illustration the House of Representatives itself, where, he said in days gone by, representatives had been in the habit of going to the restaur-ant and ordering: "Tea with a big wink of the left eye."

UPHOLDS THE VATICAN.

Italian Government Declines to Support Prof. Schnitzer.

Munich, Feb. 17.—The Government, eplying in Parliament to a request to upport against the Catholic Church Prof. Schnitzer, of the University of Munich, who was excommunicated a few days ago by the Pope for an article he wrote on the Pope's encyclical on modernism, and whose students were forbidden to attend his lectures, refused to interfere in the matter.

It contended that the position of theo lt contended that the position of theological lecturers in the universities of every country was based on an understanding that they faithfully observe the doctrines of their faith.

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Live Stock The total receipts of live stock at the City Market, since Tuesday, as reported by the railways, were 167 carloads, composed of 2,830 cattle, 1,071 hogs, 1,058 sheep and lambs, 220 calves and two

The quality of fat cattle was better; that is, there were more good cattle of-fered during the last two days than for many weeks, but that is not saying very much, as the season of the year is now at hand when there should be many good cattle and fewer of the half-fat kind.

kind.

Exporters—The prices quoted for export steers ranged from \$5 to \$5.35 per cwt.; export bulls, \$4 to \$4.50.

Butchers—Prime picked lots of butchers, \$4.80 to \$5.10; loads of good, \$4.50 to \$4.75; medium, \$4 to \$4.40; common, \$3.65 to \$3.90; cows, \$2.50 to \$4; canners, \$1 to \$9

news, \$1 to \$2. Feeders and Stockers—This week re-

receipts of cattle were larger and prices got down to a lower basis. Murby bought 50 head this week at prices ranging from \$3.25 to \$3.60 for good 750 to 850-pound steers, and \$3.60 to \$4 for good 850 to 1.000-pound steers. Milkers and Springers—There was a fair trade for milkers and springers of good quality, but the common, light strippers offered as mailkers were slow sale at low prices. About 75 to 100 cows changed hands at \$30 to \$50 each.

One very choice Holstein springer sold at \$60. Veal Calves—The market for veal calves was again strong; that is, for good quality, Prices ranged from \$4 to \$7 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs—The market for sheep and lambs, especially lambs, was not as strong, but prices held fairly well for the best. Export ewes, \$4 to \$4.50 yearling ewes and wethers for butcher purposes. \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.; rams and culls. \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; ambs. \$5.50 to \$6.75 per cwt.

Hogs—Mr. Harris quoted prices un-changed at \$5.15 for selects, fed and watered, and \$4.90, f.o.b. cars at country somewhat hampered the movements of

Farmers' Markets

bushels at 70c. Oat bushels selling at 57c.

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Hay in limited supply, with prices firmer; half a dozen loads sold at \$20 to \$22 a ton. Straw is nominal at \$15 a

Dressed hogs are in fair supply, with factories are busily engaged. Ottawa.—Wholesale and continue fairly brisk there.

| Barley, bush. 0 56 |
| Barley, bush. 0 70 |
| Rye, bush. 0 84 |
| Peas, per bush. 0 88 |
| Hay, timothy ton. 20 00 | Do., clover, ton.... 15 00 0 00 Do., No. 2.... Do., red clover 10 25 0 23 \$250,000.

In her letter Miss Perkins says: "I chickens, per lb......
am a philanthropist, and I have a few Ducks, dressed, lb...... Turkeys, per lb...... Do., forequarters.... Do., choice, carcase.... Do., medium, carcase... 7 00

Live Poultry, Wholesale.

Turkeys, young ... \$0 14 to Turkeys, old ... 0 12 Turkeys, Geese, per lb.
 Ducks, per lb.
 0 11

 Chickens, fancy, large
 0 11

 Chickens, medium
 0 09
 Fowl 0 09 Squabs, per dozen 2 00

Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.50 in barrels, and No. 1 golden, \$4.10 in barrels. These prices are for delivery; car lots 5c less. Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following are the closing quotations Winnipeg grain futures to-day: Wheat—Feb. \$1.05 1-2 bid, May \$1.09 1-4 bid.

Oats-58 1-2e bid, May 62 1-2e bid. New York Sugar Market.

Sugar, steady; fair refining, 3.17c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.67c; molasses sugar, 2.92c; refined, steady. London.—London cables are steady at 10 1-2 to 12 1-4c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9 1-2 to 93-4c per lb.

Liverpool Apple Market. Messrs. Woodall & Co. cabled Eben Aames: "4,600 barrels sold. Market active and dearer by 3s." Total shipments since season opened, 1,970,259; same time, 1906-7, 1,318,836; same time, 1905-6,

2,014,071. Montreal Markets. Montreal.—Gwing to the continued lownward tendency of wheat values at American and Canadian centres, cable advices were again weak and lower, and business in Manitoba spring wheat was dull, there being-little or no demand.

The local milliced market is very active. The demand is strong. Stocks are road.

adequate and prices are unchanged. Manitoba bran, \$23 to \$25.50; middlings, \$27 to \$29 per ton, including bags; milled mouille, \$28 to \$32; and pure grain mouille, \$35 to \$37 per ton.

Montreal Live Stock. Montreal.-Offerings on hte East End Cattle Market were more plentiful this morning, as country roads are becoming passable again, and farmers can get their stock to railway. About 600 head of cattle were put up for sale, and fairly good prices were realized, good stock bringing as high as 51-4c, medium from 41-4 to 43-4c, and common cattle from 41-12 to 43-4c, and 3 1-2 to 4c. Only 50 sheep and lambs were offered. They sold at 4 to 6 1-4c, according to quality. There was a brisk market for hogs, deliveries totalled 744 and the ruling price was \$6.25 per 10 lbs. Calves sold at \$3.15 to \$8 each, acording to size and conditio 200 were disposed of.

Bradstreets Ttrade Review

Montreal.—The general tone of trade here continues to show improvement as money becomes easier. The wholesale trade is showing a better tone. Retail stocks of winter goods have been moving briskly. Prices all round hold firm. Cotton millers expect the coming season will be a record breaker in the matter of volume of business. They are not making any change in their quotations. Underwear mills are also busy on large orders. There is a quiet tone to the boot and shoe trade. Toronto.—General business here is fair-

ly steady in tone. Wholesalers state there is considerable caution displayed in the placing of orders for spring goods. There has been a better retail movement in winter dry goods. As regards spring goods, buyers seem to be holding off in anticipation of declines. The vol-ume of business in ready-made clothing continues very light. The hardware and metal business is still on the quiet side, but prices hold steady. Staple lines of

groceries are moving well.

Winnipeg.—On all sides business is showing the effect of cold weather. All seasonable lines are moving briskly and fairly good sorting orders are coming forward. The dry goods business has particularly benefited in this regard. Vancouver and Victoria.—The past

week has seen further improvement in general business here. Collections are fairly good. Values of country produce, etc., generally hold firm.

Quebec.—The blizzard of the last week

travellers, the latter being stalled at The receipts of grain to-day were moderate, with price unchanged. Wheat steady, 100 bushels of goose selling at 93c. Barley steady, with sales of 300 bushels at 70c. Oats unchanged, 200 to bushels at 70c. hold a good tone. Manufacturers are busy, and they report the outlook for

the coming season as bright. Retail trade is fairly brisk and collections are moderately good.

London.—Most lines of trade are moving fairly well here. Boot and shoe manu-

and retail trade

PURE MILK.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MAKES STANDARD.

List of the Recommendations Made-Buildings Must Be Clean and Employees Cleanly in Their Habits-Tuberculosis Dealt With-Treatment of Milk.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17 .- (Special.) --The following recommendations have been made by the Provincial Board of Health to fix a standard for the milk supply of the province, "Milk containing less than thirteen per cent. of total solids of 3 3-4 per cent. must be chemically dry, butter fat must be deemed below the standard required when in-tended for human consumption, all buildings for stabling cows must have good drainage and no building used for 6 50 dairy purposes must be within a hundred yards of any marshy or stagnant water, etc. The surroundings Mutton, per cwt. . . . 8 00 9 00 buildings must be kept clean and even the stable yard must be drained. Stables Lamb, per cwt 10 00 12 00 for cows must be used for no other purposes, not even as storage Each cow must be allowed 60 feet of air space and cows are to be kept clean. The report deals somewhat extensively with the interior arrangements of stables, all tending towards cleanliness. The cows from which milk is sold must not include any diseased animals and especially none showing signs of tuberculosis or any relative trouble. The employment of the tuberculine test is recommended. Fodder and grain and water must be especially free from contamination and nothing must be fed the cows which would affect the taste or character of the milk

Dealing with employees around stables the report is especially specific. Employees must be clean in their habits and free from contagious diseases, even milkers' hands must not come in contact with the milk, and only one pall is allowed each milker." After each cow is milked the milk must be taken to milk house and cooled to a temperature of 55 degrees within two hours. No preof 50 degrees within two nours. No pre-servatives or other substance shall be added to the milk and no part of the milk shall be removed. The delivery of milk of such a character must be suf-ficient cause for its exclusion from the

municipality.

The report deals exhaustively with the ane report deals exhaustively with the care of vessels in which milk is kept or carried from place to place even the drivers of wagons must be free from contagious diseases. The collection of empty bottles used in the delivery of milk or milk ticket from any house, where contagions diseases, exist. house where contagious diseases exists must be made only after the houses has been fumigated, such bottles sterilized in the inspection of dairies. The employ-ment of the score card system is re-

A GREAT WAGON ROAD.

Denver, Feb. 17.—The News to-days in return for the millions of says: In return for the millions of dollars paid in taxes by the west for river and harbor improvements in the United States, the business men of four western States, will petition the next Congress to appropriate \$1,000,000 for a wagon road 1,000 miles long, to be built from Yellowstone National Park to the Grand Capon of the Colorado River in Arizona. Colorado, Utah, Wy oming and Arizona will be asked to join bands in making a campaign for