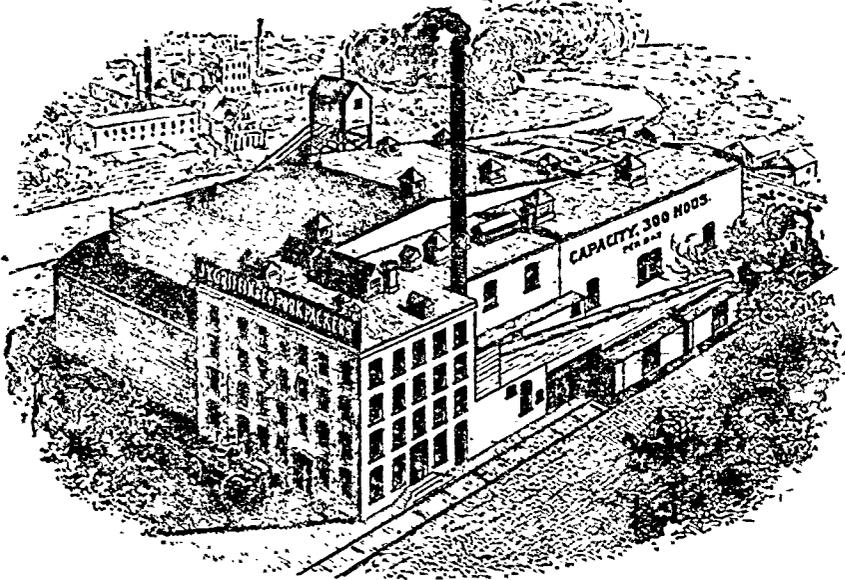


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### The Live Stock Markets.

At London on Dec. 7 sheep showed a stronger feeling and prices advanced 3c to 1c per lb. with a good trade at 10½ to 11c for choice. The market for cattle was steady, and choice United States steers sold at 11½c. There were no Canadians offered.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal on Dec. 7 the supply of cattle was not so large, but still in excess of requirements. The quality averaged poor. Really choice steers and heifers were scarce and values for this class of stock were fully maintained, but inferior grades were easier. A few really extra choice steers and heifers sold at 3½c, sales of good to choice stock were made at 3 to 3½c, while the lower grades brought all the way from 1 to 2½c per lb. live weight. The receipts of sheep and lambs were very small, for which there was a good enquiry. Sheep sold at 2½c to 2¾c, and lambs at 3¾c to 4c per lb. live weight.

At Toronto, Ont., on December 8 hogs advanced to 4c lb. Export cattle were dull. A few bulls were taken at 3½c lb. to make up shipment going to St. John. Butchers' cattle were very slow. Some of the cattle sold as low as 1½c lb. Good cattle sold at 2 to 2½c, and choice at 2½c to 3c. Quite a few were left unsold at the close. Stockers and feeders were in demand at 2½c lb., and 3c was bid for choice feeder. Choice lambs sold at 3½c to 3¾c. Export sheep at 2½c lb., and butchers' sheep, \$2.75 each. Hogs were in good demand and firmer at 4c for choice hams, thick fat \$3.50 per cwt., sows 3c lb., and stags 2c lb.

At Chicago on December 11, hogs were active at steady prices. Coarse, heavy packing hogs were about 2½c per hundred pounds lower. Sales ranged at \$3.05 to \$3.45 for common to prime with trading largely at \$3.20 to \$3.35 for both hogs and pigs.