

ingly quiet one, no improvement is expected until after the holidays. Prices of hogs now are 25 to 40c. per 100 lbs. higher than a year ago; mess pork about 50c. per bbl. lower; lard 1c. per lb. higher, according to the Cincinnati Price Current, while the prices in Canada are almost the same as last year's. The number of hogs packed from Nov. 1st to date and latest mail dates as follows:—

	1880.	1879.
Chicago, Ill.	1,630,000	1,325,000
Cincinnati, Ohio.	405,000	355,000
St. Louis, Mo.	350,000	370,000
Indianapolis, Ind.	240,000	343,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	195,000	203,000
Louisville, Ky.	225,000	220,000
Other places.	574,160	595,690

Total 3,619,160 3,411,690 showing a slight gain this year. Rather less is being paid this week in the market for dressed hogs. Butter is easier, we quote large rolls 17 to 18c.; English advices state that there is no sale for ordinary, but that really choice Canadian meets with some enquiry, 105/- to 112/- is the figure for choice, 80/- to 95/- for extra fine, and 75/- to 80/- for ordinary. The highest price for finest cheese at date 13th was 62/- and a quiet market, prices here are unaltered. Dried Apples are weaker, we quote 4 1/2 to 5c. Hops are dull and unchanged.

SEEDS.—Last year's crop of clover having been large, and prices low, the season was a disastrous one for some, and unsatisfactory to all. This year, on the other hand, the crop has been unusually light, which makes farmers and other holders keep back their seed, and think that prices must become high. It is to be borne in mind, however, that quite a considerable quantity of last year's crop has been held over. This is the case in the United States, as well as in Canada. And the opinion of experienced dealers is that no such scarcity as is confidently predicted will exist. There is a good deal of anxious enquiry on the part of country merchants about prices, but dealers here are at present doing no jobbing; \$5 per bushel would be paid for choice in car lots for export, but this figure has not, so far, resulted in bringing out much seed. Timothy. For some years past, jobbers have had to look to the Western States for their supply, but from numerous enquiries we lean to the opinion that the crop of Canada will be this year nearly adequate for her requirements. It is true that while, up to 1874, some 40,000 to 50,000 bushels Canadian grown were annually marketed in Montreal, the trade in subsequent years so completely turned that the cheaper and surplus seed of the Western States mainly supplied Ontario, and part of Quebec. But the increase of our duty, and a higher price in the Western states combined, have stimulated the Quebec growers to raise seed more largely. We shall give quotations shortly.

SALT.—Liverpool coarse steady at quotations; the supply of Canadian, while not large, is equal to the demand; prices were advanced some ten days since 5c. per bbl., and we now quote \$1.10 to \$1.15, the former being asked for cars. Stoved Liverpool is unchanged; Canadian dairy in small bags is in fair supply but quiet. North American Chemical Co.'s choice is selling slowly.

WOOL.—As is usual at this particular season, business in this line is quiet. No one appears anxious to buy at the moment, and holders are not very anxious to sell, 30 and 31c. is paid for fleece; the price paid for super is 29 to 30c. and one dealer offers 20,000 lbs. of it at 30c. with but trifling sales this week: the outside figure asked is 31c. No extra moving, prices as last week. The transactions on the Boston market are considerable; up to Friday last the largest December sales on record were made there, and prices were tolerably firm.

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Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of TEN per cent. per annum has been this day declared for the half year ending the 31st inst., and that the same will be payable on and after

Monday the 3rd day of January next.

The stock and transfer books will be closed from the 24th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

F. A. BALL, Manager.

British America Assurance Office,
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Eighteen thousand five hundred dollars,
Fifteen thousand being for harbour improvements and payable in twenty years, and

Three thousand five hundred dollars

for completion of High School, payable in ten years, all bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per year payable half-yearly.

Sealed offers addressed to the undersigned will be received up to the hour of five o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, the 10th day of January, 1881, marked "Tender for Debentures."

THOMAS GORDON,
Town Clerk.

Owen Sound, Dec. 24, 1880.

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Thursday, the 6th day of January next.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 31st, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

J. J. KENNY,
Managing Director.

Western Assurance Company's Office,
Toronto, 21st Dec., 1880.

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UNDER the provisions of "An Act respecting the property of Religious Institutions," there will be offered for sale at the Mart, 87 King Street East, Toronto, on

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At 12 o'clock, noon, by F. W. Coate & Co., the following parcel of land situate in the City of Toronto, and described as lots lettered B, C, D and E on a certain plan made by F. F. Passmore, P.L.S., and filed in the Registry Office for the said City of Toronto as follows: com. D, No. 1101, and butted and bounded as follows: the intersection of the north-east corner of the intersection of Queen and Parliament streets, thence northerly along the east side of Parliament street 120 feet to a lane 15 feet wide; thence easterly along said lane, and parallel to Queen street, 62 feet; thence southerly, and parallel to Parliament street, 120 feet; thence westerly, along the north side of Queen street, 62 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

There is a small one-story frame building on the property, which has been used as an office.

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