# ruggista. Be. C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparill

Local Market.	1
(Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.)  London, Thursday, Dec. 24.	1
Wheat, per bu78c to 80c	
Oats, per bu	
Corn, per bu 22 1-2c to 30c	
Buckwheat, per bu 24c to 29c	
Rye, per bu 22c to 28c Barley, per bu 20c to 29c	
Beans, per bu 35c to 45c	*

There was quite a large attendance on this market again today. Wheat and oats formed the bulk of the grain Ordinary oats sold at 40c to

were the only lines well represented.

Butter and eggs were quite steady;

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part skims, 3 1-2c to 70;

part ski Mttle or no change could be seen in Turkeys commanded more attention

today than any other line, and brought better prices, 8c to 9c being paid by the pound. A good many dressed hogs offered and sold at \$4 50 to \$5 25. Hay sold slowly. General prices today were much the

same as yesterday.

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, per .00 lbs	135	to	135
Wheat red per 100 lbs		to	1 35
Wheat, spring per 100 lbs	1 22	CO	135
Oats, per 100 lbs	40	to	60
Date per 100 lbs			
Peas per 100 lbs	60	to	74
Corn per 100 iba	40	80	60
Barley, per 100 lbs	42	10	60
Rye. per 100 los	45	to	50
Beans, bu	40	to	50
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	40	to	55
PROVISIONS.	_		
Honey	8	to	12
Cheese, per lb	9.	to	10
Honey	8	to	12
Eggs single dozen	18	to	20
Eggs fresh, basket, per doz	17	to	18
Eggs, freah, store lots, per doz	15	to	17
Butter single rolls per lb	14	to	16
Butter, perio, 1 lb rolls. baskets.	13	to	14
Butter per lb. large rolls or			
crocks	14	to	15
Butter, per lb. tubs or firkins	9	to	12
Lard, per ib	9	to	9
MEAT. HIDES, ETC.			A 119
Beef, quarters, per lb	3	to	5
Mutton quarters, per lb	5		6
Veal, quarters, per lb	3	to	1 5
Lamb, quarter	7	to	8
Dressed hogs, 100 lb		to	5 2
Live hogs.	9 74	to	3 50
Hides. No. I, per lb		to	6
Hides, No. 2, per lb	5	to	5
Lides No. 2, per Ib	4	to	4
Hides, No. 3, per lb	4		6
Caliskins, green	4	to	0
Calfskins. dry. each	::	to	::
Sheepskins. each	50	to	70
Lambshins. each	50	to	70
Wool, per lb	18	to	18
Tallow. rendered. per 1b	3	to	3
Tallow, rough, per lb	1	to	2
HAY AND SEED	-		Chall
Hay per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Straw. per load	2 00	to	3 50

Hamilton's Flour and Feed Store. 373 Talbot Street, Opposite Market. Phone 662.

English Markets.

Liverpool. Dec. 24-12:45 p.m.

Wheat - Spot quiet; demand poor, futures
quiet; near and distant positions 1d higher.

Corn-Spot steady; futures steady and un

changed,
Bacon — Quiet; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 2s to 30 lbs, 28s; short ribs, 20 to 24
lbs, 27s 6d; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 28s; long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 27s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs. 28s 6d; snort clear middles heavy. 45 to 50 lbs. 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 No. 288 Shoulders—Square. 12 to 18 lbs. 288, Hams -Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 39s. Tallow—Fine North American, 188 9d. Beef—Extra India mess. 60s; prime mess,

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d; me-lium western, 41s 3d. Lard—Dull; prime western, 21s; refined in

panis. 238.

Cheese—Quiet: demand poor; finest American white (Sept.) 51s; finest American colored (Sept.). 51s

Butter—Finest United States. 90s; good, 55s. Turpentine spirits—20s 3d.

Rosin common—5s 74d.

Cotton seed oil—Liverpool refined, 15s 6d.

Petroleum-Refined, 64a. Refrigerator beef-Forequarter, 34d; hindeaching powder-Hardwood, f. o. b., Liver-

pool. £7. Mops—At London (Pacific Coast), £3 5s. London. Dec. 24.
Cargoes off coast—Wheat quiet: corn quiet.
Cargoes on passage—Wheat firm but not active, 3d to 6d higher; corn firm.
Country markets—English quiet and steady;
French quiet

The Oil Market. PETROLEA. Patrolea, Dec. 24.—Oil opened and closed at

American Produce Markets.

CHICAGO.

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A. SLATER,

and the net improvement at the close being ic.
Liverpool afforded stimulus to the tone here,
an advance of id taking place in that market.
Closing continental cables were generally
higher. May wheat opened from 80sc to 81sc,
advanced to 81sc, closing at 81sc to 81sc—le
higher than restorday. Cash wheat was firm
and ic higher. Corn advanced ic, and oats
were a shads higher. Provisions were steady.
The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—No. 2, Dec., 78jc; May. 81sc to 81sc;
July. 75jc. Wheat—No. 2, Dec., 1010, July, 75]c. Corn—No. 2, Dec., 32]e to 32]c; Jan., 22]e; May,

25kc. No. 2, Dec. 16ic; May, 19ic to 20c. Mess pork—Jan., \$7 60; May, \$7 87j. Lard.—Jan., \$3 77j; May, \$3 974. Short ribs.—Jan., \$5 80; May, \$4. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 77jc to 79jc; No. 3 spring wheat, 73c to 76c; No. 2 red, 89jc to 99jc; No. 2 corn, 22jc to 23c; No. 2 cats, 17c to 17jc; No. 2 rye, 37c to 37jc; No. 2 barley, 35c; No. 1 flaxseed, 73c to 75jc; prime timothy seed, \$2 55; mess pork, \$6 75 to \$6 80; lard, \$3 72jc; to \$3 75; short rib sides, \$5 75 to \$4; dry salted shoulders, \$4 25 to \$4 50; short clear sides, \$4 to \$4 12jc.

The Dairy Markets. MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 23 .- Cheese, 9 1-2c to Butter-Townships, 13c to 15c; western, 11c to 13c.

LIVERPOOL. Liverpool, Dec. 23.-Cheese steady; demand poor; finest American white and colored, September, 51s. Butter-Finest United States, 90s; good, 55s. NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 23.-Butter fairly active; State dalry, 10c to 18c; do, creamery, 14c to 21c; western creamery, 14c to 22c; do, factory, 7c to 12c;

part skims, 3 1-2c to 7c; full skims, 2 1-2c to 3c. Geo. McBean & Co. DEALERS IN FARM, MILLING AND

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P. O. Box 807, Montreal. GRAIN IN STORE. New York, Dec. 23.-Special cables

and telegraphic dispatches to Brad-street's indicate the following changes in available supplies of grain last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday: Wheat-United States and Canada east of Rockies, increase, 1,236,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 424,000 bushels; total world's available, 812,000 bushels.

Corn-United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 1,884,000 bushels. Oats-United States and Canada, of Rockies, increase, 1,524,000

east of bushels. The more important official visible bushels at Cleveland; 45,000 bushels at various Manitoba storage points, and 25,000 hushels each at New Orleans and in Minneapolis private elevators. The only corresponding de-crease noted is 144,000 bushels in Chicago private elevators.

BARLEY. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Buffalo bar-ley maltsters are looking around for the better grade of barley and show a willingness to come within reasonable distance of holders' prices. A few car lots of Canada have been worked off during the week at about current quotations. Quoted: Western, choice, 40c to 42c; good, 33c to 36c; fair, 30c to 32c; State choice, 42c to 44c; fair to good, 38e to 40e; common, 32c to 35c; Canada, No. 1, 50e; No. 2, 48c.

POULTRY. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.-Liberal receipts of Canadian and domestic poultry has overstocked the market and caused a break in prices.

Dressed turkeys, which sold up to the close yesterday at 12c to 20c for fancy, were dull today, at 10 1-2c for good, and 120 for strictly fancy, and the latter difficult. Chickens equally slow, choicest stock selling at 7.1-2c to 8c, and for very good, 6c to 6 1-2c. Ducks sold better; 10c to 12c for young, strictly fancy. Geese—Not strictly fancy very slow; best, 10c to 11c per Ib.

In live poultry trade is fair, but in sympathy with dressed goods prices are weaker; supply is not so heavy. Turkeys, 8c to 10c. Chickens, 6c to 7c. Game is scarce, but not higher.

Butter is quiet and dull, and fully s low as last Monday, but eggs are higher under the stimulus of cold weather, and strictly fresh are quoted at 21c to 22c; refrigerator, 15 1-2c to 18c.

Cheese quiet. Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO. East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Cattle -Receipts, about 2 cars; the market Hogs-Receipts, 35 cars; market was low; Yorkers, fair to choice, \$3 40 to \$3 45; roughs, common to good, \$2 85 to \$3; pigs, common to fair, \$3 40 to

Sheep and Lambs-Receipts, 15 cars; market very dull; lambs, good to choice, \$4 90 to \$5 25; culls and common, \$3 50 to \$4 40; sheep, good to choice handy weight wethers, \$3 85 to \$4; culls and common, \$2 to \$2 75. At the close: Cattle steady; veals weaker. Hogs stronger, at 5c advance; York-

ers, \$3 50; pigs, \$3 57 1-2; heavy, \$3 40 to \$3 42 1-2. CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In view of the approaching three holidays—Friday, Saturday and Sunday—shorts in wheat have deemed it expedient to place themselves even, the prospects being a little bit uncertain. At the same time holders have had reason within the past few days to feel considerably encouraged, and on that account were indisposed to do any selling today. The conditions mentioned resulted in an advance in prices, the gain at one time being 1½c over yesterday, the late sales were at a trifle higher the late sales were at a trifle higher range, and by the time the 6 cars of Canadas reached the yards the market had in a measure regained its equilibrium: two bunches sold at \$5 25 and the rest at \$5 10 to \$5 15, or 10 lower than yesterday; a few

held at higher prices were not dis-posed of, but there was a fair clearance of general offerings. CHICAGO. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Estimated receipts of hogs today, 25,000; left over, 4,000; fairly active and firm; light, \$3 20 to \$3 42 1-2; mixed, \$3 20 to \$3 40; heavy, \$3 to \$3 40; rough, \$3 to \$3 05. Cattle-Receipts, 6,000: strong to 10c higher; beeves, \$3 60 to \$5 35; cows and heifers, \$1 50 to \$4 35; Texas steers, \$2 90 to \$4 25; stockers and feeders, \$2 90 to \$3 90.

Sheep-Receipts, 7,000; stronger. There will be no market tomorrow New York, Dec. 23.—Beeves—Receipts, 467 head; market fairly active, Poorest to best native steers, \$4 10 to \$5 per cwt; stags and oxen, \$2 12; to \$4 50; bulls, \$2 50 to \$3 00; dry dows, \$1 20 to \$3 dressed beef firm, at 6ic to \$5 per ib for poor to prime native sides.

Cables from British markets quote American steers at 10ic to 12c, dressed weight;

dull; veals and grassers firm. Poor to prime veals, 24 to 37 50 per cwt; a few tops at 57 62; grassers, \$2 50 to \$3; dressed calves firm; city dressed veals, 8c to 11c.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,538 head; market dull. Good to prime sheep, \$2 50 to \$3 65 per cwt; common to choice lambs, 34 25 to \$6 50; dressed mutton, 44c to 74c; dressed lambs, 71c to 94c; extra Canadian lambs, \$5 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,183; market weak, at \$3 50 to \$3 90 per cwt for state hogs.

Christmas Be in London.

Public Charitable and Institutions.

Treats for the Old and the Young-Gala Day at the Asylum, the Orphanages, Hospitals, Etc.

In the general festivities tomorrow the fatherless and motherless, the aged poor, the sick and the afflicted in body or in mind, will not be forgotten. The milk of human kindness reaches its largest flow at Christmas, and tomorrow all will share it.

AGED ONES MADE HAPPY. Tomorrow the inmates of the Aged People's Home will dine chiefly turkey, and plum pudding, with or-anges and other delicacies for side dishes. This is due to the bounty of the Women's Christian Association. Mr. T. McCormick has also provided each of the inmates with a box of sweetmeats. The first week in January a grand concert will be held at the home, to which the best city talent will contribute.

MOUNT HOPE ORPHANS HAPPY. To the fatherless and motherless at Mount Hope Orphanage Christmas is always one of the happiest days of the year. Tomorrow they will feast as sumptuously as any in the land, thanks to the energy and benevolence of the sisters and their kind friends. The orthodox Christmas celebration will be held Saturday afternoon, when the children will entertain the aged people to a concert, consisting of music, recitations, etc. Santa Claus will come down a chimney in the timehonored manner, and every one will receive a present. A splendid array of toys has been contributed by charitable people of the city.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE. When day dawns tomorrow, the bright little ones at the Protestant Orphans' Home will be on the alert to enter upon the joyous programme arranged for them. After attending di-vine service at the Church of St. John the Evangelist is a body in the morning a grand Christmas dinner will be partaken of. A sumptuous mick has given a box of candy for each child. Before the sweets are all eaten an entertainment by the Busy Bees will be the order of the day. Mrs. Gregsten, the Mother Bee, and her little "hummers" will make the afternoon pass very pleasantly. In the evening a Christmas tree will be unloaded, and the gifts that the children will receive will be tokens of a most

delightful Christmas.

AT THE REFUGE. At the Salvation Army Refuge in South London great festivities will be held in the morning. Christmas services will be held, and after that the inmates and their friends will be given the annual treat. The place has been decorated, and Capt. Cowan, the matron, has left nothing undone to make Christmas happy. A big surprise is in store for the children. A huge Christmas tree has been erected, and filled with toys and presents, to gladden the hearts of the little ones. There are about 20 inmates at the home at present. A sumptuous dinner will be served, comprising turkey, plum pudding, etc., to which all the girls and women who have passed through the home have been invited, and most of whom have promised to attend. Capt. Perkins will officiate as Santa Claus. A number of gifts will be made to the inmates, and those who formerly lived there, consisting of books, Bibles, dresses, shoes, aprons, jackets, etc.

THE ARMY HOTEL: At the Salvation Army Hotel things will be pretty much the same as on other days, as Adjt. Cass, having his hands full with the council of and other matters, has not had time to make any preparations for Christmas. An effort will be made, however, to give the men at the shelter a free dinner on New Year's Day. The shelter is crowded every night with men who have no place to go, many of whom have come to town under the impression that the new sewer such a big work that London could not supply sufficient men. There are at present in the shelter, 32 men. Last night there were 46, 10 of them being obliged to sleep on the floor of the li-

brary, as accommodation could be secured in no other place. AT THE JAIL. No special services will be held at the jail. Christmas will be celebrated in a very quiet way. The prisoners will do no work, and will be fed on roast beef, plum pudding and vegetables. The jail cooks have made three Christmas puddings, one yard long, and about as thick as a cedar post. Some of this will be kept until New Year's. There are 15 men and two wo-

men in custody at present. THE HOSPITALS. For some days everybody at the General Hospital has been preparing for the celebration of Christmas. A large force has been engaged in decorating the building. The menu will be especially fine, and many gifts have poured in from individual contributors. The array of flowers is beauti-

At St. Joseph's the day will be marked in the same happy manner. GREAT DAY AT THE ASYLUM. As usual, Christmas will brighten the lives of the asylum patients. Everything possible will be done to make them happy, for which purpose all employes will remain on duty. A splendid dinner of turkey, geese, plum pudding, etc., will be followed in the evening by the customary celebration in the amusement hall. Two large Christmas trees will be laden with presents and avery national will receive presents, and every patient will receive one. Dancing, music and other enlivening exercises will aid in making the affair enjoyable.

THE MEDICINE FOR LIVER AND KIDNEY COMPLAINT.—Mr. Victor Auger, Ottawa, writes: "I take great pleasure in recommending to the general public Parmelee's Pills as a cure

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comes news of a most startling recovery of strength in a growing girl. Her father makes the following signto help other sufferers.

"JOHN GEORGE MUNRO." Madoc, Ont., Dec. 4.—A woman and her daughter both have been cured of Kidney disease here by Kidney Pills. The mothe attests: "I have been troubled with Backache, and I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills curing all backache. I bought half a dozen boxes, and can highly recommend them to all fering with Kidney Disease. daughter Annie was run down, and she has taken them and is now free of all main. We have no objection to allowing this to be published.

Colborne, Ont., Dec. 4. - No higher testimonial can be paid to any remedy than the voluntary statement of Miss Coburn, which is as follows: "I had been for six months troubled with a severe backache and kidney trouble. I was advised to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. I had before tried other medicines. I have taken your pills and find a great relief. I can safely say they are just the pills for young and elderly women.
"MISS ABBIE COBURN."

TWO TRAINMEN KILLED. Paterson, N. J., Dec. 24.-The train on the Erie Railway that left New York Tuesday night at 7 p.m., while passing through the Hackensack meadows, crashed into wreckage of a freight train which was eastward train was derailed and it toppled over on its side. The engineer, John Bogart, of Passiac, and the fireman, W. J. Halleck, of Waldrick, N. Y., were

SUICIDE OF A FARMER. for the rash act.

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heavy wind is sweeping across the

The United States Senate has con-

firmed the appointment of Julius G. Lay, of the District of Columbia, as

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The London Public Loves the Beautiful Although there is always sufficient

mand at Messrs. J. Gammage & Sons', the extra requirements of the present holiday season have been so great that the firm was obliged to stop taking orders, as they were completely sold out, and the cost of importing makes this class of goods so expensive that it is found not to be profit-IRON TOYS able to do so. However, there is still left a very fine collection of cut flow-ers and flowering plants, which is be-ing rapidly sold. The small flowering ENGINES WAGONS begonias and Chinese primroses are decided favorites in this latter class. REELS In palms, ferns and foliage the firm HANSOMS has an excellent variety. The collection of palms includes many choice HORSES Kentias, a variety that stands better than any other for house decoration. Broad-leaved Lantanas are also very TRAINS popular. Two massive hanging bas-kets of sword ferns attract a great SAFES deal of attention by their beauty. Other varieties, such as the maiden IRON TOYS hair and carrot ferns, are also much desired for decorative purposes. There has been a large , call for umbrella plants, a species of Nile grass that is very odd and beautiful. Messrs. Gam-WAGONS mage have one of these plants that stands eight feet high. The variegated, wide-leaved aspidistra is also in great demand, being about the hardiest foli-HANSOMS age plants there are for house decora-ton. The popularity of Messrs. J. Gammage & Sons is not by any means confined to London. Orders for wed-TRAINS ding and funeral work are received in large numbers from all the surround-

WAGONS Many Women Suffer From Them

Symptons Vanished - Pertinent Cases in Point.

ed statement: "My daughter had been troubled since six years of age with weakness of back and could not get any relief. I procured a half-dozen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and she has used three boxes since and is com-pletely cured. I believe if she had not taken Dodd's Kidney Pills she would still be in her bed. She is now sixteen years old and healthy. You may publish this as you see fit so as

"MRS. S. BARNUM; "ANNIE BARNUM."

face turned pale. on his fore-shoulder or not?'

Aurora, Ont., Dec. 24.—Geo. Kaiser, well-to-do farmer, living about four miles south of this place, committed suicide by hanging himself Tuesday night. He left his house in the early part of the evening to see about some sheep in the barn, and about an hour afterwards his son and son-in-law found him hanging in the barn, dead. No cause can be assigned

A special from Portland, Ind., says that a glycerine engine near Mont-pelier exploded on Wednesday. Harry Adams and George Pock were blown

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CALAMITY AVERTED.

Thrilling Escape of a Southern Train Stopped at the Edge of a Derailed

Trestle. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.-A passenger train on the Southern Railway, due here at an early hour yesterday morning, had a narrow escape from destruction at a point near Irondale, about 12 miles east of Birmingham. The train was running at the usual rate of speed, when upon approaching short trestle, the engineer discovered that a rail had been removed from the structure.

The air-brakes were applied and the train stopped in time to avoid a ter-

rible catastrophe. The engine, how-ever, went partly over the break in the rails, but remained on the trestle.

NO GAG FOR HIM. A Conservative Who Will Not Accept approved it, and acting under orders the Dictation of the Machine. Winnipeg, Dec. 24 .- J. T. Huggard, a prominent young Conservative, writes a letter yesterday expressing surprise

that he should be nominated for office in the Young Conservative Club. He says reasons that have reduced an actual, paid-up membership of 400 to about 40, have compelled him, among others, to withdraw. He says that, during the past two years, when important public questions have been be fore the people, in not a single case has the association been allowed to express itself, save to give adherence to the machine politics of the Con-servative party. He says it is an insult to have independent young men remain members of an association which has such a dog-in-the-manger

policy. HIS ANXIETY. "Your wife's just met with an acrushed into the grocery. "She ran over a dog while riding her bicycle, and cident, Wilkins," said a man who they've carried her to the hospital." The man sitting on the cracker barrel rose to his feet excitedly, and his "Did you notice," he asked in a trembling voice, "whether it was a liver-colored dog with two white spots

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SUED THE KING.

Mrs. Cheek After the Monarch of Siam -Says He Took Dr. Cheek's 176

Elephants. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.-Mrs. Marion Cheek's suit for \$80,000 damages against the King of Siam is going forward in a very favorable manner. It appears that Dr. Marion Cleek, the plaintiff's husband, who was a retired missionary, but a hustling business man, owned 176 elephants and other property near Bangkok, Siam. He had a prince for a partner who was a close friend to the King. Dr. Cheek failed to pay the prince a stated sum on a certain day. The prince complained to the King, who confiscated Cheek's entire property, includ-

ing the elephants.
On the death of Dr. Cheek Mrs. Cheek put in an itemized claim for \$80,000 damages. The State Department sent the claim to the American Legation in Bangkok, and the minister demanded from the King a full settlement. The King begged for time. He has now asked that the matter be arbitrated. All that remains to be done is to have the arbitrators named

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