

total exports so far this season show an increase of 137,396 packages over the same period last year. Australian butter is now arriving in England in large quantities, and this is affecting prices somewhat. Generally speaking the market rules about the same as at last writing. From 1% to 1 1/2% are the ruling figures at Montreal for choice quality. Here prices rule steady at 1% to 1 1/2% for the best creamery and 1 1/2% to 2% for dairy.

Live Stock

Live stock receipts continue large, both at the City and Junction markets. The bulk of the cattle offering are of poor quality, especially in the fat classes. There is not enough of choice quality offering to supply the demand, while the poor stuff goes a-begging. At the city market very few, if any, exporters are offering and quotations for these are largely nominal. Export cows sell at \$2.25 to \$3.50, and export bulls at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. The bulk of the butchers' stuff offering is of the common to medium class. Some choice lots of heifers show the other day at \$4.25 to \$4.35 per cwt., the lowest figure this season. Loads of good cattle bring \$3.85 to \$4.15; fair to good \$3.60 to \$3.80, and cows \$2.50 to \$3.25 per cwt. Short keep feeders, 1,200 lbs. each, sell at \$4 per cwt.; feeders, 900 to 1,050 lbs. each, at \$3 to \$3.60. Distillery bulls bring \$2.40 to \$2.85, and canners' bulls \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt. Stockers, 450 to 700 lbs. each, sell at \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt. The demand for choice milch cows is good. Prices range from \$10 to \$60 each. Veal calves remain steady at \$3.50 to \$3.55 per cwt.

The run of sheep and lambs has been large of late, but prices remain fairly steady at \$3.40 to \$3.50 per cwt. for export ewes; \$2.30 to \$2.75 for bucks. Cull sheep bring from \$2 to \$3.50 each.

The run of hogs keeps large. Select bacon hogs are now selling at \$5 per cwt., and lights and fats at \$4.75 per cwt. These prices are a marked advance per cwt. lower than at last writing. Some buyers state that the prospects are for lower prices even than these.

MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, Oct. 24, 1904.

The shipping of apples is now in full swing at this port, and already over 200,000 barrels have gone forward. It is not expected, however, that the shipments will come anywhere near those of last season, which exceeded half a million barrels. The apple crop in Nova Scotia this year is discouraging so far as financial returns are concerned. Compared with last year the yield is smaller in amount, inferior in quality and lower in price. The Gravensteins this year were poor, a very large proportion being so badly spotted that they could not be marketed, and had to be fed out to the stock. The Kings, Ribstons and Blenheims were of fair size and color, but a great many were blown from the tree by storms. The late winter varieties look well, but it is too early to say much about them.

The orchardists miss the presence of the speculators who last season went through the country and bought the apples in the orchards as they hung upon the trees. This year the majority of farmers are compelled to ship their own apples to the other side on consignment. The first sales were not particularly encouraging, but later the market took a firmer turn. The Annapolis Valley Fruit Estates, Limited, proposes to go into farming and orcharding in this province on a large scale. Some 25 farms have been bought in the Valley near Berwick, comprising a solid block of 3,500 acres, upon which are 12,000 apple trees in bearing and 10,000 that will come in within the next five years. The company proposes to set out an additional 30,000

trees and will also engage in general farming. A canning factory, a barrel factory and other auxiliary enterprises are to be worked in connection with the company farm. Some names of prominence are mentioned as connected with the company, and the public will watch the operations with some interest to see whether farming on a large scale and under company management can be made to pay.

Cheese is a waiting market at present. The present disposition of buyers is to hold off and buy only for immediate requirements. On the other hand cheese is undoubtedly low as compared with other fruit products, and the market should be healthy. Large cheese are jobbing at 9% to 10 cents and small and twins at 10 to 10 1/2 cents. Most of the factories are now demanding 22 cents f.o.b. for print butter, so that the article cannot be sold delivered here under 23 cents. Canadian creamery is worth 21 to 22 cents, and selected fresh-made dairy 18 cents. Summer makes, 16 to 17 cents. Eggs are gradually getting higher and now command 20 to 21 cents in cases. The free carriage of hay from Quebec by the I.C.R. is a great boon to the farmers of Picton county, whose hay crop this year was a failure. The farmer in need goes to the municipal treasurer, pays him the cost of the hay f.o.b. Quebec, and in due course receives it at his railway station without further charge. The favor of free carriage is being extended also to P. E. Island. Many farmers short of fodder are killing off their stock and as a result native beef is declining in price. P. E. Island potatoes, turnips and oats are now coming over in schooners. So far these have commanded good prices, but all that is coming forward has to be consumed locally, there being no chance to re-ship to Boston at a profit. Fishermen are getting high prices, the last sales of Lunenburg Bank codfish being made at \$5.30 per quintal. As high as \$6.75 has been paid for large grocery codfish, and quite a quantity have been bought at this figure for the Boston market. Mackerel are bringing \$13.50 per barrel for No. 1 and \$9.50 for 3's.

Red Clover Seed

The London "Corn Circular," says, in regard to the crop in England: "Fair weather is essential for a satisfactory crop of red cloverseed. According to report the outlook for a yield is promising, and if favored with sunshine during the next fortnight some good colored seed is likely to be secured, which would undoubtedly be a boon to growers, as the index points to fairly good seed prices this season. A fair amount of second cut clover has been saved to help swell the already large crop of hay."

The Ontario Veterinary College

The opening of the session of this well-known and popular college was inaugurated by an address to the students by the principal, Prof. Andrew Smith, F.R.C.V.S., on Wednesday, October 12th, and the full course of lectures has now commenced. The session opens under exceedingly favorable auspices. A large class of students is assembled from eastern and western Canada, well far west, many from the United States, some from Great Britain, the West Indian Islands, the Argentine Republic and other distant localities.

East York Plowing Matches

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Another World's Fair

There is to be another international exposition at Portland, Oregon, in 1905, to commemorate the discovery of that portion of this continent by Lewis and Clark in 1805. The fair will open June 1st and close on October 15th, 1905. For live stock and poultry \$40,000 will be given in prizes, distributed as follows: Horses \$12,000; cattle \$16,500; sheep and goats \$6,500; swine \$2,500; poultry and pet stock \$1,500. These prizes are in addition to diplomas and ribbons.