

common, \$5.50 to \$8; heavy fat, \$7 to \$9.50. Hogs, fed and watered, \$12; weighed off cars, \$12.25. Less \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt. off sows, \$4 to \$5 per cwt. off stags, \$1 to \$2 per cwt. off light hogs, and \$2 to \$3 per cwt. off thin feeder pigs, and one-half of one per cent. government condemnation loss.

#### Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, according to freights outside, No. 2 winter, new, in car lots \$1.02 to \$1.04; No. 3 winter, new, \$1.60 to \$1.62. Manitoba wheat (track, bay ports)—No. 1 northern, new, \$1.85½. Old crop trading 4c. above new crop.

Oats.—Manitoba, track, bay ports, No. 2, C. W., 64½c. Ontario oats, according to freights outside, No. 2, white, 59c. to 61c., nominal; No. 3, 58c. to 60c., nominal.

Peas, according to freights outside, No. 2, \$2.40.

Barley, according to freights outside, malting, \$1.16 to \$1.18.

Buckwheat, according to freights outside, \$1.25, nominal.

Rye, according to freights outside, No. 2, \$1.34 to \$1.35.

American corn (track, Toronto), No. 3, yellow, no sellers owing to embargo.

Flour.—Ontario winter wheat, \$6.70 to \$6.80, in bags, track, Toronto. Manitoba flour, first patents, in jute bags, \$9.20; second patents, \$8.80; strong bakers', \$8.50.

#### Hay and Millfeed.

Hay, No. 1, per ton, car lots, \$12.50 to \$13.50; No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$9.50 to \$10.50.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$9 to \$10.

Bran.—Per ton, \$32; shorts, \$37; feed flour, per bag, \$2.70 to \$2.80.

#### Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter remained stationary on the wholesales during the past week. Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, selling at 48c. to 49c. per lb.; creamery solids, 44c. to 45c. per lb.; dairy, 40c. to 41c. per lb.; separator dairy, 43c. to 44c. per lb.

Eggs.—Eggs also sold at unchanged prices, new-laid in cartons bringing 65c. per dozen; cold-storage, selects, 43c. per dozen; fresh, case lots, 40c. per dozen.

Beans.—Hand-picked, \$6 per bushel; prime white, \$5.40 per bushel; Lima, 10c. per lb.

Cheese, June, per lb., 26c.; twins, 26½c. Honey.—Sixty-lb. tins selling at 12c. per lb.; glass jars, \$1 to \$2 per dozen; combs, \$2.50 to \$3 per dozen.

Poultry.—Live-weight prices—chickens, 14c. per lb.; ducks, 13c. per lb.; turkeys, 25c. per lb.; fowl, 4 lbs. and over, 14c. per lb.; fowl, under 4 lbs., 10c. per lb.; geese, 11c. per lb.; squabs, dressed, \$3.50 to \$4 per dozen.

#### Hides and Skins.

City hides, flat, 25c.; country hides, cured, 24c.; country hides, part cured, 22c.; country hides, green, 19c.; calf skins, 45c.; kip skins, 37c.; sheep skins, city, \$2.50 to \$3.50; sheep skins, country, \$1.50 to \$3; lamb skins and pelts, \$1.50 to \$2; horse hair, per lb., 38c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$7 to \$9; No. 2, \$7 to \$8; wool, rejections, 35c. to 38c. per lb.; unwashed, 34c. to 37c. per lb.; tallow, No. 1, 9c. to 10c.; solids, 8c. to 9c.

#### Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Receipts were heavy on the wholesales during the past week, with trade fairly active at practically stationary prices.

Potatoes.—A small quantity of the New Brunswick Delawares were sold at \$2.10 and \$2.15 per bag; a reduction of 10c. and 15c. per bag, but the bulk still sold at \$2.25 per bag, and the New Brunswick Potato Exchange are now asking advanced prices by the car lot, and it looks as if higher prices would soon prevail. The other varieties remained stationary, B. C's. bring \$2.10 per bag; Quebec Reds, \$1.90 per bag; Prince Edward Reds, \$1.85 per bag.

Onions are still scarce and remain high priced. The Americans selling at \$4.25 per cwt.; B. C's. at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Ontarios at \$2.75 to \$3 per 75-lb. sack.

Cabbage has been so high in price that some of the wholesalers refuse to handle it. It is now selling at \$2.50 to \$3.25 per bbl.

Carrots sold at \$1.25 per bag; parsnips \$1.35 to \$1.50 per bag; beets, \$1.50 per bag.

Both California and Thedford celery have been offered; the California at \$7.50 per case, and Thedford at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per case.

Oranges arrived freely—the Navels

selling at \$3 to \$3.75 per case; Floridas at \$2.75 to \$3.50; while pineapple Floridas brought \$4 per case.

Strawberries arrived on the market early this year, and while the first lot sold at \$1 per box they declined to 75c. and 85c. per box.

Bananas were slightly lower in price, selling at \$2 to \$2.50 per bunch.

#### Montreal.

Last week saw the most active trade experienced in the cattle market for some time past. This was only to be expected in the week preceding Christmas.

The market was exceedingly strong and prices advanced a good half cent a lb. This advance took place in spite of the increased offerings. Some very choice stock came on the market and sales took place as high as 11c. per lb. for some small lots of choice steers, weighing about 1,400 lbs. each.

From this, the price of choice Christmas stock ranged down to 10c., according to quality. Even the customary grades of steers brought higher figures than of late, choice quality being 9½c. to 9¾c. per lb.

Some very fine bulls brought 8¾c. to 9c. per lb., and some cows as high as 8c. Canners' cattle continued in good demand and bulls sold at 5½c. to 5¾c., while cows were 4½c. to 4¾c.

Small meats were fairly good demand also, and the price of sheep and lambs advanced from ½c. to 1c. per lb., according to quality.

Choice Ontario lambs brought as high as 13½c. per lb., while sheep sold up to 9c. per lb., the range being to about a cent below prices quoted, according to quality.

Hogs were in good demand and the market for them was firm, with sales at higher prices than a week ago. Selected hogs sold as high as 13c., while choice hogs brought 12½c.; sows 11c. to fractionally less, and stags as low as 6½c.

Calves were firm in price and milk-fed stock ranged from 9c. to 11c., while grass-fed sold from 5c. to 7½c. per lb.

Horses.—The market for horses was neglected and prices were steady as follows: Heavy draft, weighing 1,600 to 1,700 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light draft horses, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each; small horses, \$100 to \$125 each; culls, \$50 to \$75 each and choice saddle and carriage horses, \$200 to \$250 each.

Poultry.—During the past week, turkeys, as is usual in Christmas week, ran to higher prices, and sales of choice stock took place as high as 32 cents per lb. in a wholesale way. Ordinary, sold as low as 27c. Pigeons ranged from 24c. to 27c. for choice and down to 17c. for ordinary.

Fowl sold at 14c. to 18c.; geese at 18c. to 20c. and ducks 19c. to 22c.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—As a consequence of the strength of the market for live hogs, dressed hogs sold at higher prices, abattoir dressed were as high as 17½c. and from that down to 17¼c. Country dressed ranged generally from 16c. to 17c. Cured meats were unchanged and not very active.

Light hams were 25c. per lb.; 12 lb. to 14 lb. hams, 24c. and heavies 23c. per lb. Breakfast bacon 27c.; Windsor selected 29c., and Windsor boneless 30c. Pure leaf lard was 19½c. to 21½c. per lb., and compound 15½c. to 16½c. per lb.

Potatoes.—There still exists a wide division of opinion on the market for potatoes. Some dealers quoted Green Mountains at \$1.75 and others as high as \$2.15 per 80 lbs., ex-store. Quebec varieties were quoted all the way from \$1.65 to \$1.90 and Alberta stock was quoted at \$1.70.

Maple Syrup and Honey.—The market was unchanged with 8-lb. tins of maple syrup quoted at 90c. to 95c. each; 10-lb. tins, \$1.05 to \$1.10 and 13-lb. tins, \$1.25 to \$1.50, with sugar 15c. to 16c. White clover comb honey 15c.; white extracted and brown clover comb, 13c.; brown extracted 11c.; buckwheat 9c. to 10c.

Eggs.—Strictly fresh eggs were quoted at 70c., while fresh eggs not quite so strict were quoted at 60c. No. 1 selected were 42c. to 44c.; No. 1 candled 38c. to 40c., and No. 2 candled 34c. to 36c. per doz.

Butter.—The butter market showed a very firm tone but prices did not change during the week. Finest Fall creamery butter was quoted at 43c. to 43½c., while fine quality was about ½c. less.

Winter creamery sold at 42c. to 42½c. per lb. and undergrades 40½c. to 41½c. Finest dairy butter was 38½c. to 39c. per lb. and fine dairy 37½c. to 39c.

Cheese.—The market for cheese holds steady. Finest Western was quoted at 25½c. to 25¾c. for colored and ¼c. less for white. Fine Eastern colored 24½c. to 24¾c. and white 24c. to 24¼c.

Grain.—The market for oats was very irregular but prices were lower than the previous week, being 68c. per bushel for No. 1 Canadian Western; 64c. for No. 2; 63c. for No. 3 and 60½c. for No. 2 feed, ex-store.

Manitoba feed barley was 4c. cheaper, with car lots quoted at 96c. ex-store, rejected barley being 93c. Some Manitoba tough feed wheat sold at \$1.02½c. per bushel ex-store.

Flour.—The flour market showed a further decline, and first patent Manitobas were quoted at \$9.30; seconds at \$8.80 and strong bakers' at \$8.60 per barrel, in bags. Ontario wheat was \$8.60 to \$8.90 per barrel, in wood for 90% patents and \$4.10 to \$4.25 per bag.

Mill Feed.—Demand continues good and bran was firm at \$32, shorts at \$35, and middlings at \$38 to \$40; mixed mouille \$43 and pure grain mouille \$45 to \$48 per ton, in bags.

Hay.—The market was steady at \$13 per ton for No. 2 and \$11.50 for No. 3, with clover mixed \$10.50 per ton, ex-track.

Hides.—Although lamb skins were higher at \$3.50, the tone of the market was rather easier. Horse hides were 50c. lower, at \$8.50 each; beef hides unchanged 27c., 26c. and 25c. per lb., calf skins 38c. and 36c.; tallow 3c. to 5c. per lb. for rough and 8c. to 9c. for rendered.

#### Buffalo.

Cattle.—Good cattle sold full steady at Buffalo the past week, best native steers, out of Ohio, making \$11.25, with best Canadians running from \$9.50 to \$9.75, general range on Canadians being from \$9 to \$10.

Best handy steers offered sold steady and ranged from nine to ten cents, yearlings on the good order but not strictly baby beefs nor choice, sold at ten cents.

Fancy heavy heifers sold up to \$9.50, but there were only a small number of these kinds and they were taken by the Jewish demand, who buy freely on the "gobby" cows.

Best butchering heifers generally ranged from \$7.75 to \$8; little, stocker, thin kinds selling down to \$5 to \$5.25.

Medium, light and thin butchering stuff sold lower by fifteen cents to a quarter, heifers on the stocker order being especially slow sale.

Stockers and feeders of all kinds were shade lower, the demand being very weak. Bulls brought good, strong prices, as did canner cows. Milk cows and springers of all classes were shade lower.

After Monday, the trade showed continued weakness, and closed up as much as a quarter to forty cents under the previous week. Offerings for the week totaled 6,275 head, as against 5,500 for the previous week, and 3,200 for the corresponding week last year.

Quotations: Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$9.75 to \$10.75; fair to good, \$8.50 to \$9; best heavy Canadians, \$9.75 to \$10.35; fair to good, \$8.25 to \$8.60.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$9 to \$9.75; fair to good, \$8.50 to \$8.75; best to handy, \$8.75 to \$9.30; yearlings, prime, \$9.50 to \$10.25; fair to good, \$8.50 to \$9.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$8.25 to \$8.75; best butchering heifers, \$7.50 to \$7.75; fair butchering heifers, \$6.50 to \$7.25; good butchering cows, \$6 to \$6.50; medium to fair, \$5 to \$5.50; cutters, \$4.35 to \$4.50; canners, \$3.50 to \$4.25.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$6.75 to \$7; good butchering, \$6.25 to \$6.50.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$7 to \$7.25; common to fair, \$5.25 to \$5.60; best stockers, \$6.50 to \$7; common to good, \$5 to \$5.50.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small lots, \$80 to \$100; in carloads, \$70 to \$75; medium to fair, in small lots, \$60 to \$65; in carloads, \$55 to \$60; common, \$40 to \$50.

Hogs.—Buffalo had a good hog market the past week, holding a fifty to sixty-five cent margin above the West. The week started with a \$10.85 top, and, while several decks landed at \$10.70 and \$10.75, bulk sold at \$10.65; Tuesday's trade was steady to a nickel lower; Wednesday values were steady to strong; Thursday's market was a nickel higher, and Friday prices showed a further advance of 15 to 20 cents, top for Friday being \$11, with other sales ranging from \$10.80 to \$10.95,

bulk \$10.85. Pigs and lights sold from \$9.50 to \$10; roughs landed at \$9.50 and \$9.60, and stags from \$8.25 down. For the past week receipts reached 43,100 head, being against 38,738 head for the week before, and 48,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Values were on a very high range the past week. Buffalo made a new American record, when, on the closing day of the week previous to this, three loads of top lambs sold up to \$10.10.

Monday the feeling was a little weak, but nevertheless the top at Buffalo stood \$1 per cwt. above Chicago, good to choice lambs selling here from \$13.75 to \$14., and culls reached as high as \$13.

After Monday, values were from a quarter to fifty cents lower, range on tops the next four days being from \$13.50 to \$13.75, with culls \$12.75 down.

Yearlings brought \$11.75, with some small lots reaching up to \$12, wether sheep made \$10, and ewes went from \$9 down. Receipts the past week were 21,400 head, as against 16,923 head for the week previous, and 13,000 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—The past week started with top veals selling from \$14 to \$14.50; Tuesday's top was \$14.25; Wednesday and Thursday bulk moved at \$14, and Friday tops landed at \$14.50, with a few reaching \$15.

Good handy culls sold as high as \$12 and \$12.50, and fed calves from \$6.50 down. Offerings the past week aggregated 2,350 head, being against 2,134 head for the previous week, and 1,600 head for the same week a year ago.

#### Chicago.

Cattle.—Beef, \$7 to \$11.75; western steers, \$7 to \$10; stockers and feeders, \$5 to \$8.10; cows and heifers, \$3.85 to \$10; calves, \$3 to \$11.75.

Hogs.—Light, \$9.35 to \$10.10; mixed, \$9.65 to \$10.30; heavy, \$9.80 to \$10.35; rough, \$9.80 to \$9.90; pigs, \$7.50 to \$9.30; bulk of sales, \$9.85 to \$10.25.

Sheep and lambs.—Lambs, native, \$11.10 to \$13.40.

#### Gossip.

The four young Hereford bulls advertised for sale by Artemas O'Neil, Denfield, Ontario, in the issue of December 21, were eight months old, instead of eight years old, as inadvertently mentioned in the advertisement.

In J. A. Watt's advertisement, regarding his Shorthorns, in the Christmas Number, as well as in the issue of December 21, the name of the bull Gainford Select was used instead of Gainford Perfection. Gainford Perfection is a son of Gainford Marquis, and was grand champion at the Canadian National, Toronto, in 1914.

#### Sale Dates.

Jan. 2, 1917, Cecil Nevill, Strathfordville, Holsteins.

Jan. 31, Brant District Holstein Con-

signer's Sale.

Feb. 1-2, Canadian Breeders, Union Stock Yards, Toronto, Ont. R. Miller, Stouffville, Manager.

#### Coming Events.

Jan. 4 and 5.—Eastern Ontario Dairy-men's Association Annual Convention, Napanee.

Jan. 9 and 10.—Annual meeting of the Experimental Union, O.A.C., Guelph.

Jan. 10 and 11.—Western Ontario Dairy-men's Association Annual Convention, Woodstock.

Jan. 16 to 19.—Ottawa Winter Fair. Short Courses at Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. In stock and seed judging, Jan. 9 to 20; poultry raising, Jan. 9 to Feb. 3; bee-keeping, Jan. 9 to 27; dairying, Jan. 2 to March 23; horticulture, Jan. 9 to Feb. 16; business and marketing, Jan. 9 to 20.

Feb. 5 to 9.—Live Stock Meetings, Toronto.

Feb. 6 to 7.—Fairs and Exhibitions Convention, Toronto.

Feb. 13 to 16.—Corn Show and Convention, Kingsville.

Annual Meetings of United Farmers of Ontario and the Dominion Grange—the week of Live Stock Meetings, Toronto.

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