

LIVE STOCK MARKETS TORONTO.

The quality of fat cattle taken in bulk was not as good as on some market days of late. But there were a few loads of good to choice shipping, as well as butchers offered.

Trade early in the morning was brisk with prices 10c to 15c per cwt. higher than on Friday last, for all classes but later in the day, butchers cattle closed at about Friday's quotations, while exporters remained firmer at the advance.

Exporters—Prices ranged all the way from \$4.80 to \$5.40 per cwt., the latter price being paid in one instance only for an extra well finished load, brought in by E. Pearson, a farmer from North Oxford. The bulk of shipping cattle sold from \$5.15 to \$5.30 per cwt.

Butchers—The demand was good, as many buyers were on the market from outside points, which caused the market to be firm, as will be seen by quotations given below.

Feeders and stockers—There was a steady demand for feeders of good quality, and prices remained firm.

Milk Cows—The demand for choice cows was excellent but there were few of this class on the market, but the bulk being of the bulk being of common to medium kinds.

Veal Calves—Deliveries not being as large prices were a little firmer.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts were not large but yearling lambs were quoted as being easier while spring lambs of good quality were firm.

Hogs—Deliveries of hogs amounted to about 1800. Prices were firm at the advance at \$5.25 for selects, and light at \$5 and fat at \$5.

Export Cattle—Choice loads of heavy shippers sold at \$5.00 to \$5.35; medium exporters sold at from \$4.80 to \$5.00 per cwt.

Export Bulls—Choice heavy export bulls sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt, and light export bulls sold \$3.50 at \$3.60 per cwt.

Butchers Cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers cattle equal in quality to the best of exporters weighing 1100 to 1175 are worth \$4.80 to \$4.75 loads of good sold at \$4.50 to \$4.60; medium at \$4.25 to \$4.40; common \$3.50 to \$4.00 rough to inferior \$4 to \$4.25.

Feeders—Feeders, 1050 to 1150 lbs are worth to \$4.50 to \$4.90 per cwt.

Stockers—Stockers, 400 to 700 lbs each, of good quality are worth \$3.75 to \$4.00 per cwt, off colors and those of poor quality but same weights at \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Milk Cows—Milk and Springers sold at from \$30 to \$62 each.

Calves—Calves sold at from \$2 to \$8 each, or at from \$3.50 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Sheep—Prices \$4.00 to \$4.35 per cwt for ewes, and bucks sold at \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Hogs—Straight loads of hogs, 150 to 200 lbs in weight are worth \$5.25 per cwt., and lights and fats at \$5.00 per cwt.

The drink bill of the United States for coffee, tea and cocoa amounted last year to \$208,990,261, but not satisfied with this amount of liquid nor the degree of stimulants contained, there was used also about \$1,250,000,000 worth of alcoholic drinks, or that is about was spent for that kind of drinks. Verily it is a dry nation if it takes that much liquid to keep the whistle wet.

A Coroner's inquest was held in Philadelphia one day last week to investigate the death of ten-year-old William Black, who on Sunday smoked his first cigar. The lad's father said that Willie came home late Sunday afternoon and complained of a severe pain in the stomach. Two physicians from the Children's Hospital found the boy in convulsions. An emetic resulted in bringing up the stump of cigar. The boy recovered shortly before he died, and said he had tried to smoke his first cigar.

The latest swindling game in western Michigan. In the first act of this new style stragedy, a stranger appears on the road near a farm house diligently searching for a "lost diamond ring." As he does not find it he offers \$100 reward for its recovery. He goes away without finding the ring and shortly afterwards a tramp comes along and picks up the ring. The farmer who is to be the victim offers the tramp \$25 for the ring expecting to get the reward. The tramp hesitates but finally accepts it and leaves. As the farmer could not find the stranger he grows suspicious and takes the ring to a jeweler and had it examined and finds it to be worth about 15c.

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The Ontario government made a grant of \$7,000 towards deepening the channel of Mud River, in the Townships of Culross and Greenock, to prevent the river overflowing its banks in the vicinity of Riversdale during the spring freshets. Engineer Warren estimates the total cost of dredging the river to be \$12,449.70. The townships of Culross and Greenock will not make a grant towards the dredging scheme, and in their despair those interested in the inundated lands will apply to the County Council at the June session for a grant. The deputation will consist of R. E. Truax, M. P. P., Hugh Clark, M. P. P., Dr. Gillies, Andrew McLean, and Alex. Symon. It is usual for charity to begin at home and if the townships interested will not make a grant towards this scheme, we cannot see what good and sufficient reasons the deputation can give, why that good old milch cow, the county treasury, should yield her strippings to benefit a few who might take advantage of the Drainage Act.

Prof. J. B. Reynolds, of the Guelph Agricultural College, whose series of articles on the destruction caused by lightning, a year or two ago attracted wide attention is at present collecting data concerning the amount of destruction by lightning in the rural parts of the province, the object being to establish the relation of the lightning stroke and the surroundings. If this could be determined, the first step would have been taken in providing a remedy against the destruction of the property by lightning. This is a matter in which the farmers are especially interested, and Prof. Reynolds asks for their co-operation in the task he has undertaken. He would like the full particulars of every fire which takes place, the result of lightning.

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Smoked meat per lb, sides	9 to 9
" " " shoulders	8 to 8
" " " hams	10 to 10
Eggs per doz.....	14 to 14
Butter per lb.....	13 to 13
Dried apples	4 cents per lb

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