

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, July 19.—The market here to-day was unimportant and practically unchanged. We had the comparatively light run of 48 loads all told, on sale, and these included 850 sheep and lambs, 700 hogs, 90 calves and scarcely 20 milkers. Export cattle, which were a shade better about the middle of the week, were not in special demand this morning, and butchers' cattle, if not really good, were sold slowly at low figures. In fact, one up-to-date follower of current events remarked that "the cattle market in Toronto was like the Liberal party in the old county—very much under the weather." The cattle here, both export and butchers' cattle, was remarkable for its poor quality, as, owing to the continued drought, much of it is half starved.

Export cattle—The best price paid to-day was 4½c, and sales were very slow; 3½ to 4c was all that good stuff would fetch, and 3½c was not an unusual figure. One load averaging 1825 lbs, sold at 4½c; 21 averaging close on 1800 lbs, sold at 4c; a load averaging 1275 lbs, sold at \$3.80 per cwt; and a load, averaging 1,175 lbs, sold at \$3.60 and \$10 back. But sales were of no representative value to-day; prices 3½ to 4½c. Quality was poor, telegrams from England no better, and trade was slow.

Butchers, cattle—For any good stuff, the market was perhaps a shade better, but the trouble was that scarcely any good stuff was here. As a matter of fact, over 4c was paid for picked lots, and really good fat cattle sold easily at from \$3.80 to \$4 per cwt; second rate stuff was easy at from 3 to 3½c; and some really good stuff sold at 3½c; cattle were selling at 2½ to 2¾c, but it is difficult to know why these cattle are purchased, as they are utterly unfit to kill. Among the sales were these:—A lot of 40 cattle, averaging from 900 to 1,050 lbs, sold at from 2½ to 4c per lb; 20 averaging 1,100 lbs, sold at 3½c; a load of steers, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 2½c; a load, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at \$2.65 per cwt; a load averaging 1100 lbs, sold at \$35.50 each; one heifer, 920 lbs, sold at 4c; 7 heifers, averaging 1180 lbs, sold at \$45 each; a load of cattle averaging 1,015 lbs, sold at \$3.50 per cwt; 10 steers averaging 1,100 lbs, sold at \$3.20 per cwt; 9 cattle, averaging 990 lbs, sold at \$37.50 each; 6 averaging 975 lbs, sold at \$3.40 per cwt; and a mixed lot of 19 averaging around 1000 lbs, sold at 3½c per lb and \$10 back. A good quantity of stuff was unsold, but good cattle are wanted, and may be called a shade firmer in price.

We had scarcely twenty milkers here and with a poor demand, prices ranged from \$20 to \$26 each.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep for export were maintained at 3½c to-day; and Messrs. Dunn purchased 300 at prices ranging around \$3.40 to \$3.60 per cwt, but farmers must not expect these prices to last. Sheep will have very shortly to sell lower. Lambs were in ample supply, and sold at from \$2 to \$3.50 each.

Calves were a little firmer to-day and all good calves will find a ready sale. A bunch of 50 averaging 135 lbs, sold at \$4.75 each.

Hogs were steady, and likely to continue so. For the best, weighed off cars 5c was paid, thick, fat and light hogs \$4.70 per cwt, and stores sold at \$4.25 per cwt. These prices will rule next week.

East Buffalo, July 19.—Receipts of cattle were moderate, and but three loads were on sale; the market was strong to firmer for anything desirable. Receipts of veals were 175 head; the market was steady to firm for good to choice veals at \$4.25 to \$5.25; light and fair lots \$3.50 to \$4.25; heavy fed calves and grassers, dull and slow at \$2 to \$2.50.

Hogs—On sale 5,250 head; the market opened slow and draggy, but later firmed up and closed strong, a fair clearance being made; meniums, heavy and choice yorkers brought \$2.50 to \$5.65; roughs \$4.60 to \$5; pigs, \$5.60 to \$5.65; stags, \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts were unusually heavy for the time of season, 50 cars; the market ruled very dull and slow for all kinds, with common 25 to 50 per cent. lower; best wethers sold at \$4 to \$4.35; fair to good mixed sheep, \$2.85 to \$3.50; common to fair \$2.40 to \$2.75; culls, \$1 to \$2.25; top yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4; fair to good \$3.25 to \$3.50; spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$5.50.

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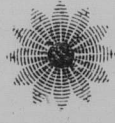
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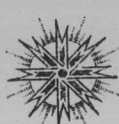
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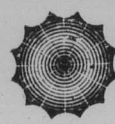
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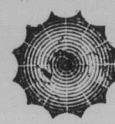
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