

Live Stock & Kindred Markets.

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This week's cables report a break in the prices of Canadian cattle in the British markets. Receipts from Canada and the States have not been large but from home sources offerings of Christmas cattle have been heavy. Values are fully 1c. per lb lower than last week, best Canadian steers being quoted at 12½c. per lb. Sheep continue steady and are cabled at 12c. per lb.

Quotations at Liverpool on Monday, being calculated at \$4.80 in the £, were:

Cattle—	\$ c.	\$ c.	
Prime Canadian steers.....	0 12½	to 0 00	per lb.
Fair to choice grades	0 12	to 0 00	"
Poor to medium.....	0 11	to 0 00	"
Inferior and bulls.....	0 08	to 0 9½	"

TORONTO.

There is not much to be said in connection with the live stock trade this week. The receipts have so far been very light, being about half a dozen loads. This will probably be the quietest week of the year, although the receipts give promise of being larger than for the corresponding date last season. Yesterday, which is the principal market day of the week, the yards were almost deserted by ten o'clock. Values as a rule are almost nominal.

CATTLE.—Shipping cattle are nominal; there was one load on the market yesterday but it was not for sale, being intended for through shipment; reports from Great Britain are less favorable and there is consequently a weaker feeling among buyers here; with the present low prices at which good American cattle are selling it is not likely that more than 4 to 4½c. per lb. could be realized here for good shippers. Butchers' cattle are almost nominal at 3 to 4c. per lb. with common at 2½c.; the demand is limited; butchers want a few head to fill up, and common cattle are being picked up by peddlers; a few weighing from 900 to 1,200 lbs. were bought at equal to 3 to 4c. per lb. yesterday; offerings were quite equal to the demand and if any more had come in they could not have been sold; business is not likely to improve before the first week in January, at least. Milch cows are in good demand; a comparatively fair trade was done yesterday; no choice, however, were offered; sales were made at \$30 to \$42 per head with a stripper at \$26.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Nominal; a few were on the market yesterday—left over from last week—but no transactions were made.

HOGS.—Easier, in sympathy with the American markets; demand continues good, however; stores and light fat would sell readily at 4c.; mixed at 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. and heavy at 3¼ to 3½c. per lb.

POULTRY.—Nominal. Turkeys are wanted at 9c. per lb. and geese higher at 6½c. per lb.

Quotations are:

Cattle, export, 1,200 lbs. and upwards,	
heifers and steers, choice	4 to 4½ per lb.
" Mixed.....	3½ to 4 "
" Butchers' choice	3½ to 4 "
" " good.....	3½ to 3½ "
" " inferior to common.....	2½ to 3 "
" Milch cows, per head.....	\$25 to \$50
" Stockers, heavy.....	2½ to 3½ per lb.
" " light.....	2 to 2½ "
" Bulls.....	2 to 3 "
" Springers, per head.....	\$25 to \$45
Sheep, export, choice	3½ to 3½ per lb.
" inferior and rams.....	2½ to 3 "
" Butchers' per head	\$2.50 to \$3.50
" Lambs, choice, per head.....	\$3.00 to \$3.50
" " inferior to common per head.....	\$2.25 to \$2.75
Hogs, heavy fat, weighed off the car..	3½ to 3½ per lb.
" Light fat, " " " " " " " "	4 to 0 "
" Store " " " " " " " "	4 to 0 "
Calves, per head, choice.....	\$5.00 to \$8.00
" Common.....	\$2.00 upwards.

The receipts of live stock at the Western market here for the week ending last Saturday, with comparisons, were as follows:

	Cattle.	Sheep and Lambs.	Hogs.
Week ending Dec. 19	1,555	1,187	564
Week ending Dec. 12	1,059	1,291	837
Cor. week 1884	1,473	1,185	163
Cor. week 1883	455	704	1,047

Total to date.....	57,325	63,687	18,565
To same date 1884.....	42,192	60,371	13,870
To same date 1883	34,604	48,880	11,299

MONTREAL.

Dec. 21.—The following were the receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles by the Grand Trunk Railway:

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Calves.	Hogs.
Week ended Dec. 19....	1,460	3,769	45	520
Previous week.....	625	1,268	21	99
Since May 1.....	71,905	55,571	4,509	12,698

At Point St. Charles this morning a lively trade was done in cattle, the offerings of stall-fed cattle being large, which met a good demand from butchers at ½c. lower than last Thursday's market, sales being made at 5½c. per lb., live weight, for choice. In export stock there was little or nothing doing, as there were no sales heard of during the morning, but prices were quoted at 4½c. per lb. Inferior butchers' stock was fairly enquired after at 3c. per lb. A large supply of sheep was on the market, and choice lots were picked up quickly at 3½c., while common stock sold slowly at 3c. per lb. There was a good demand for lambs, there being some very fine stock offered, which were well looked after at from 4 to 4½c. Hogs were in good supply, and met a fair demand at 4½ to 5½c.

EAST BUFFALO.

Dec. 21.—Cattle—Arrivals light for opening of week, only 125 loads being offered; market opened slow; attendance of buyers being light, regular New York and Philadelphia buyers took hold better though than for several days past, and prices for good shipping cattle of 1,400 to 1,600 lbs. a trifle better than at close of last week. Sales—Choice to extra, 1,400 to 1,615 lb. steers ranged from \$4.80 to \$5.65, a few extra Christmas steers at \$6.10 to \$6.25; for fair medium to pretty good steers, of 1,150 to 1,375 lbs., trade dull, \$3.9 to \$4.50, while mixed butchers' stock, old cows, oxen, etc., were a drag on trade. Stockers and feeders in very light demand; one or two loads of feeders being picked up at \$3.40 to \$3.60, the supply of this kind was light but fully equal to the demand; fat bulls dull, at \$2.40 to \$3; for good to choice stock bulls, \$1.90 to \$2.25; good milch cows and forward springers steady at \$35 to \$50 per head; common cows, \$20 to \$30, and quite a number of old, shelly lots sold at \$12 to \$18 per head. Veals steady, at \$5.75 to \$6.50; coarse, heavy calves, \$2.50 to \$4, as to quality. Sheep and lambs—Only 6,000 head on sale; light run for Monday; the market was active, and 15c. higher on good to choice grades than last week, but culls and common stock slow as ever; reports from New York and New Jersey unchanged, however, and the only cause for better prices here was the limited supply. There was the lightest run in Canada lambs we have had for several weeks, only four loads in all. Prices ranged as follows: Good to choice sheep, weighing 110 lbs., at \$3.75 to \$4.25, with one load of fancy Indiana wethers at \$4.37½; fair to good at \$3.35 to \$3.60; culls and common at \$1.75 to \$2.75; premium Canada wethers weighing 260 lbs., the best ever seen in Buffalo, were sold for 8c per lb., and will be shipped to Washington, D.C., for New Year's dinner; choice to extra Western lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.25; fair to good, \$4 to \$4.50; culls and common, \$3.25 to \$3.75; good to choice Canada lambs, \$5.50 to \$5.75; sales of Canadas included a lot of ewes, averaging 130 lbs., at \$3.50; a lot of choice heavy lambs, averaging 90 lbs., at \$5.70; and a lot averaging 79 lbs. at \$5.25.

PRODUCE.

The close of navigation, the approach of the holiday season and continued dullness in outside markets, have kept the local produce trade very dull since our last. There is scarcely any demand heard, and, on the other hand, holders are not inclined to push sales, but seem confident that grain of all sorts is good property. Under the influence of this feeling stocks have continued to increase, and stood on Monday morning as follows: Flour, 500 barrels; fall wheat, 129,831 bu.; spring wheat, 76,166 bu.; mixed wheat, 2,994 bu.; oats, nil; barley, 146,463 bu.; peas, 7,016 bu.; rye, nil; corn, 8,985 bu. Wheat in transit for England had decreased on the 10th inst. to 1,700,000 quarters, against 1,750,000 in the preceding week. In the States the visible supply of wheat stood at 58,761,000 bushels on the 19th inst., against 58,149,000 in the preceding week.

PRICES AT LIVERPOOL ON DATES INDICATED.

	Dec. 15.	Dec. 22.
Flour.....	os. 0d.	os. 0d.
R. Wheat.....	7s. 3d.	7s. 2d.
R. Winter.....	7s. 3d.	7s. 2d.
No. 1 Cal.....	7s. 4d.	7s. 2d.
No. 2 Cal.....	7s. 0d.	6s. 11d.
Corn.....	4s. 9½d.	4s. 8d.
Barley.....	os. 0d.	os. 0d.
Oats.....	os. 0d.	os. 0d.
Peas.....	5s. 6d.	5s. 6d.
Pork.....	49s. 0d.	49s. 0d.
Lard.....	32s. 0d.	31s. 6d.
Bacon.....	30s. 0d.	29s. 6d.
Tallow.....	26s. 3d.	26s. 6d.
Cheese.....	45s. 6d.	47s. 0d.

FLOUR.—The previous dullness has been unabated and the tendency of prices has been downward. There has been scarcely anything doing all week; at the close superior extra sold to a small extent at \$3.70, and extra was offered at \$3.60.

BRAN.—Scarce, firm and wanted; a car of bagged sold at \$12.00.

OATMEAL.—Inactive and weak; cars have been obtainable at \$3.75, but no sales quoted; small lots as before at \$4 to \$4.25.

WHEAT.—Has remained very quiet, there being very little inclination manifested either to buy or sell. No. 2 fall, for May delivery, sold on Saturday at 90½c.; the same grade brought 85c. f.o.c. last week, but at the close 84c. was the best bid; spring, purely nominal, at about 85 to 86c. for No. 2, but none offered. On the street receipts have been considerable; prices closed at 82 to 84c. for fall, at 70 to 84c. for spring, and at 69 to 72c. for goose.

OATS.—Have shown very little change in value. Cars on track sold in the latter part of last week at 33 to 34c. for feeding, and at 35c. for milling; cars of feeding, to arrive, sold on Monday at 32½ and 33c. Market closed quiet with values unchanged and street prices from 33 to 35c.

BARLEY.—The movement has been very small, and prices seem to have been easier. No. 1 very scarce; sold last week at 92c. f.o.c., and since then at 94c. for inspected; No. 2 has brought 81 to 82c. f.o.b.; cars and extra No. 3 offered at 70 to 71c.; lower grades nominal, with No. 3 offered at 58c. without buyers. Street prices 58 to 92c., the latter for No. 1 only.

PEAS.—Easier, with sales of cars at 60c. on spot, at which it is probable that more would have been taken. Street prices 59 to 61c.

HAY.—Pressed, quiet and easy at \$12 to \$13 for car lots. Market receipts have been sufficient and prices rather easier at \$10 to \$12 for clover and \$13 to \$14.50 for timothy.

STRAW.—Supplies have been on the increase and prices closed rather easier; loose has sold at \$7.50 and sheaf at \$9.50 to \$12.

POTATOES.—Quiet, closing with car lots offered at 50c. and street receipts unchanged at 60 to 65c. per bag.

APPLES.—Steady; two cars of greenings sold at \$2.25; and street receipts have gone off as before at \$1.25 to \$2.

POULTRY.—Closed with a heavy rush of supplies and weak prices at 9 to 10c. for turkeys, at 5½ to 6c. per lb. for geese; with ducks 50 to 60c. and fowl 25 to 40c. per pair.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Flour, p. brl., f.o.c., Sup. extra	\$ 3 70	to \$ 0 00
" " Extra.....	3 60	to 0 00
" " Strong Bakers'.....	0 00	to 0 00
" " S. W. Extra.....	0 00	to 0 00
" " Superfine.....	0 00	to 0 00
Oatmeal.....	3 70	to 3 80
Cornmeal.....	0 00	to 0 00
Bran, per ton.....	11 50	to 00 00
Fall wheat, No. 1.....	0 00	to 0 00
" No. 2.....	0 83	to 0 85
" No. 3.....	0 00	to 0 00
Spring wheat, No. 1.....	0 00	to 0 00
" No. 2.....	0 85	to 0 87
" No. 3.....	0 00	to 0 00
Barley, No. 1.....	0 92	to 0 93
" No. 2.....	0 80	to 0 82
" No. 3 Extra.....	0 70	to 0 71
" No. 3.....	0 56	to 0 58
Oats.....	0 33	to 0 34
Peas.....	0 60	to 0 00
Rye.....	0 60	to 0 00
Corn.....	0 00	to 0 00
Timothy seed, per bush.....	0 00	to 0 00
Clover.....	0 00	to 0 00
Flax, screened, 100 lbs.....	0 00	to 0 00

PROVISIONS.

BUTTER.—The movement has been small, as the only sort wanted has been choice Christmas butter; this has been readily taken at 15 to 16c. and sometimes at 17c., but medium and inferior qualities have been without buyers and stocks of them accumulating. Rolls abundant; good average qualities have sold at 12½ to 14c. and choice at 15c. On street large receipts have reduced prices of pound rolls to 20 to 24c.; tubs and crocks of good to choice, 14 to 17c.

EGGS.—Receipts increased and prices lower at 19c. for fresh and 16c. for pickled in round lots; fresh on the street, 20c.

CHEESE.—Small parcels in fair demand for fine at 9 to 9½c., and inferior to medium slow of sale at 6½ to 8c.

PORK.—Small lots firmer at \$13.50, but sales few.

BACON.—The demand has been very slack and the small supplies fully sufficient to meet it; long clear has sold slowly at 7c.; rolls unchanged at 8¼ to 9½c., and bellies at 10½ to 11c., and 11½c. for boneless.

HAMS.—In fair demand at former prices, or 11 to 11½c., the former being for lots not less than 50, sales of which have been rather few.