

488 packages via Portland and St. John, but it is expected that they will get still smaller, as exporters appear to be doing better by selling in this market. Sales are reported of goods just a trifle under choice at 22c., with more offering at the same name. Really choice are bringing 22½ to 23c. Western dairy choice has sold at 19 to 19½c., one lot of fair selling to a confectioner at 18c.

Creamery is quoted here at 22 to 23c. for prints and 20 to 22c. for tubs and boxes. There is a fair demand for dairy and offerings are not large. Prices are firm at 17 to 19c. for lb. rolls and 17 to 18½c. for large rolls. On Toronto's farmers' market lb. rolls bring 20 to 23c. each.

#### Cattle.

An improvement is noticed in the cattle markets. At Chicago, Buffalo and New York prices have improved under a fair demand, especially for well-finished steers. New York cables quote live cattle steady at Liverpool at 11¼ to 12¼c. and at London at 11¼ to 12½c. per lb. On Friday the run of live stock at Toronto cattle market was larger than for sometime back and comprised 1,032 cattle, 1,138 hogs and 343 sheep and lambs. The bulk of the fat cattle offered were in an unfinished condition. All well-finished animals in both butchers' and exporters' cattle were picked up readily at quotations given below. More well-finished exporters would have found a ready sale. Many choice butchers' cattle were bought for export purposes. Trade was fairly good for all well-finished cattle, but the poorer grades were slow.

**Export Cattle.**—Choice loads of these are worth from \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt. and light ones \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Heavy export bulls sold at \$3.85 to \$4.35 and light ones at \$3.40 to \$3.60 per cwt. Loads of good butchers' and exporters' mixed sold at \$4.25 to \$4.60 per cwt.

**Butchers' Cattle.**—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters', weighing 1,000 to 1,100 lbs. each, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt., good cattle at \$3.85 to \$4.10, medium \$3.30 to \$3.60, and inferior to common at \$2.50 to \$3.10 per cwt.

**Feders.**—Heavy, well-bred steers, from 1,000 to 1,150 lbs. each, sold at \$3.60 to \$3.90 and other quality at \$3.40 to \$3.60 per cwt. Short-keep steers, 1,100 to 1,200 in weight, in good condition, sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Light steers, weighing 800 to 900 lbs., sold at \$3 to \$3.20 per cwt. Feeding bulls for the byres, 1,100 to 1,600 each, sold at \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

**Stockers.**—Yearling steers, 500 to 600 lbs. each, sold at \$2.25 to \$3 and off colors and inferior quality at \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt. Yearling bulls, 600 to 900 lbs. each, sold at \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.

**Calves.**—These are higher and in more active demand at Buffalo, choice to extra bringing \$8 to \$8.25 per cwt. At Toronto market calves bring \$3 to \$10 each.

**Milk Cows.**—These sell at from \$30 to \$48 each.

#### Sheep and Lambs.

Sheep and lambs were very active at Buffalo on Friday, closing firm. Canada lambs sold on a basis of \$5.75 to \$6.00 per cwt. At Toronto market on Friday sheep sold at \$3 to \$3.25 for ewes, and \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. for bucks. Spring lambs sold at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 each, and \$3.50 to \$4.30 per cwt.

#### Hogs.

There is no change in the hog market. On Friday select bacon hogs, 160 to 200 lbs. each, sold at \$6 per cwt., and thick and light fats at \$5.50 per cwt. Unculled car lots sold at \$5.70 to \$5.90 per cwt. Montreal quotations are \$6 to \$6.25 for light bacon hogs. The *Trade Bulletin's* London cable of January 3, re Canadian bacon, reads thus:

"The market is steady at the recent decline in prices, and as a good demand is springing up, Canadian is expected to do better by next week."

The Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, will pay \$6.50 per cwt. this week for select bacon hogs and \$6 for light and thick fats.

On Toronto farmers' market dressed hogs bring from \$7.75 to \$8 per cwt.

#### Horses.

The holiday season is hardly over yet, and trade is not expected to improve for a couple of weeks. Prospects are good, and good types of carriage and saddle horses will likely find ready sale this spring at paying prices.

#### Sarcastic.

A Scottish farmer one morning, while crossing the farmyard, called out to the cow-boy—"Jock, come awa' in for your parritch; the flies are all drownin' in the milk."

"Nae fear 'o' that," says Jock, "they'll a' wade through."

"What? Dae ye mean tae say ye dinna get enuech milk?"

"Oh, ay, plenty, for a' the parritch."

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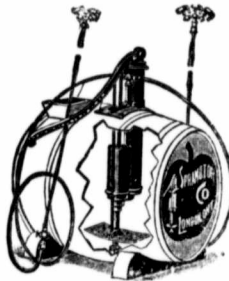
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