

firm, it did not advance any during the past week; New Brunswick Delawares sold at \$2.25 per bag; British Columbias, \$2.10 to \$2.15, and a very few extra choice \$2.25 per bag; Westerns, \$2 per bag.

Cabbage also was quite firm, selling at 2 1/2 c. per lb., and \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bbl. Carrots were slightly weaker at \$1.15 to \$1.25 per bag; parsnips continued to be scarce, selling at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bag; beets were only offered in small quantities at \$1.25 to \$1.40 per bag; turnips declined slightly and sold at 75 c. per bag.

The celery offered was mostly very poor quality.

Leaf lettuce came in fairly freely and sold at 15 c. to 25 c. per doz.; some very good home-grown Boston Head brought 75 c. per doz.

Onions continued to bring high prices; Spanish variety selling at \$4.75 to \$5 per case; British Columbias at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100-lb. sack; American, \$4 per 100 lbs.; Ontarios, \$2.75 per 75-lb. sack.

British Columbia boxed apples arrived freely during the week, and are proving a ready sale, as they are of splendid quality. The Delicious certainly deserve their name, as they are one of the best eating apples being offered (\$2.75 per box) the other varieties, Jonathans, Wageners, Spys, Spitzenbergs, Rome Beauty, Gano and Salome, selling at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box.

Ontario apples came in fairly well but were mostly low grade; No. 1's sell at \$5.50 to \$7 per bbl.; No. 2's, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per bbl., and No. 3's, \$3 to \$4.50 per bbl.

Bananas continue to be rather scarce, selling at \$2 to \$3 per bunch.

Malaga grapes arrived freely, selling at \$6.50 per keg up.

Grapefruit, as is usual, before Christmas, is a very slow sale. It is coming in freely. The Florida sold at \$4 to \$4.50 per case; Cuban, \$3 to \$3.50 per case; Jamaica, \$3 to \$3.25 per case.

Oranges declined slightly in price; the first Navels for this season came in the beginning of the week, and sold at \$4.50 to \$5 per case; late Valencia's at \$4.50 to \$5.75 per case; Mexican, \$2.75 per case.

Hot-house tomatoes were rather a slow sale, and would not bring higher prices; No. 1's selling at 25 c. per lb., and No. 2's 20 c. per lb.

Montreal.

The cattle market displayed a steady tone. The quality of the receipts continued much the same as heretofore. Very few really choice animals were offered on the market. The bulk of the offerings consisted of canning cattle. The demand for these is at all times active, but prices were far above the range at which trading took place a year or so ago. Good steers sold at 7 1/2 c. to 7 3/4 c. per lb.; medium at 6 1/2 c. to 7 c. and common at 5 1/2 c. to 6 c. per lb. Butchers cows sold from 4 1/4 c. to 6 1/2 c., according to quality, while bulls brought fractionally more than the cows. All the canning cattle offered were bought up rapidly at prices ranging all the way from 4 1/4 c. to 5 1/4 c. for the bulls and 3 3/4 c. to 4 1/4 c. for the cows. Sheep and lambs were in good demand and as a consequence the market was quite firm, more especially as offerings were not over large. Ontario lambs brought 11 c. to 11 1/4 c. per lb., while Quebec brought 10 1/2 c. to 10 3/4 c. Sheep sold at 6 1/4 c. to 7 1/4 c. per lb. Calves were also in good demand and prices were firm at 9 c. to 10 c. per lb. for choice, milk fed stock, offerings of which were none too large. Grass fed stock was plentiful at 5 c. to 5 1/4 c. per lb. Hogs were in request and choice selected lots sold at 11 1/4 c., while the next quality brought 11 1/4 c. per lb. weighed off cars.

Horses.—There was little new in the market, although trading was slightly better. Prices were steady as follows: heavy draft horses, weighing 1,500 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; choice saddle and carriage animals \$200 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs met an improved demand, owing to the weather and fresh-killed, abattoir dressed stock sold at 15 1/4 c. to 16 c. per lb. Country dressed hogs are now arriving and were available at lower prices than prevailed for the abattoir stock. Light weights were 15 c. to 15 1/4 c. per lb., and heavies 14 1/4 c. to 15 c. per lb.

Potatoes.—The market for potatoes continued very firm. Green Mountains were quoted in car lots at \$2.25 per 80 lbs., ex-track, while Quebec potatoes were quoted at \$2 to \$2.10. Selling in a smaller way prices were 10 c. to 20 c. above these figures.

Honey and Maple Syrup.—Maple syrup continued unchanged in price, being 90 c. to 95 c. for 8-lb. tins; \$1.05 to \$1.10 for 10-lb. tins and \$1.25 to \$1.50 for 13-lb. tins. Maplesugar was 14 c. to 15 c. Honey was in somewhat better demand, but prices held steady at 14 1/4 c. to 15 c. per lb. for white clover comb; 12 1/4 c. to 13 c. for brown clover comb and white extracted, 10 1/4 c. to 11 c. for brown extracted and 9 c. to 10 c. for buckwheat honey.

Eggs.—The market for eggs continued very strong and prices are constantly tending upwards. Strictly new laid eggs were reported selling from 60 c. to 65 c. per doz., and it is hard to get sufficient to go round. Fresh eggs, being the quality which is usually dealt in as best, were quoted at 52 c. to 55 c. per doz. No. 1 selected were 42 c.; No. 1 candled 39 c. and No. 2 candled 34 c.

Poultry prices were firm and quotations were 26 c. for choice turkeys and 23 c. for ordinary, although some quote higher figures than these. Choice chickens 22 c. and ordinary 16 c. to 18 c. Fowl 13 c. to 17 c.; geese 15 c. to 18 c. per lb. Ducks 20 c. per lb.

Butter.—The market for creamery continued to strengthen, but prices last week were only fractionally above those of the previous week. Finest creamery was 43 1/4 c. to 44 c., while fine was about 1/2 c. under these prices. Undergrades sold at 42 c. to 42 1/4 c. per lb. Finest dairy butter was 39 c. to 40 c., with other qualities down to 38 c.

Cheese.—The market was quiet, locally, and prices were higher. Finest Western colored, sold up to 25 c. per lb., and Eastern up to 24 1/2 c., with white 1/4 c. less than colored.

Grain.—Wheat has sold at \$2.04 in Winnipeg but was unquotable here. Sale of No. 1 Western Canada oats were reported at 76 1/2 c.; No. 2 at 75 1/2 c.; No. 2 feed at 74 1/2 c. per bushel, ex-store. Manitoba feed barley was \$1.08 and Ontario malting barley \$1.30 to \$1.32.

Flour.—The market has fluctuated considerably, falling 20 c. and rising 30 c., bringing first patent Manitobas to the new high record price of \$10.60; seconds \$10.10 and strong bakers \$9.90 per barrel in bags. Ontario winter wheat flour unchanged and very strong at \$9.50 to \$9.80 per barrel of 90 per cent. patents and \$4.55 to \$4.70 per bag.

Millfeed.—Prices advanced all the way round. Bran was \$30 per ton; shorts \$33; middlings \$35 to \$37; mixed mouille \$40; pure grain mouille \$42 to \$45 per ton, including bags.

Baled Hay.—Prices were steady at \$13 per ton for No. 2 hay; \$11.50 for No. 3 and \$10.50 for clover mixed, ex-track.

Hides.—Horse hides were \$5 to \$6 and lamb skins \$2.65 each; beef hides were 25 c., 24 c. and 23 c. per lb., and calf skins 23 c. and 21 c. per lb. Tallow was unchanged at 2 1/2 c. per lb. for rough and 7 1/4 c. to 8 c. for rendered.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Offerings of cattle at Buffalo last week were very liberal, the trade starting off Monday with 260 loads or 6,500 head, big bulk of which were the medium and commoner kinds. There were around twenty-five loads of shipping steers, a moderate number of handy butchering steers, eighty loads of canners, liberal proportion of stockers and feeders, bulls and fresh cows and springers. Trade was steady to dime to fifteen cents lower on shipping steers. Best in this line were Canadians, selling from \$9 to \$9.75; plain and less desirable kinds running from \$7.50 to \$8.50. Best handy steers sold up to ten cents, these being yearlings that were taken by a local packer. Demand is always strong on yearlings, and especially if they are on the prime order. Few fancy heavy heifers sold up to eight cents, but \$7.25 to \$7.75 generally took the best kinds, lighter butchering grades running from \$6 to \$7, with little, light, common stocker order kinds ranging from \$4.75 to \$5. Butchering cattle generally sold at steady prices, with canners and cutters strong to a dime higher, canners generally running from \$3.80 to \$3.90; some loads with cutters in ranging up to \$4. Best bulls sold from \$6.50 to \$7, very little in the common stocker order ranging below

\$5.25. Milchers and springers sold at firm prices, fancy ones ranging up to above \$100 per head. Demand continues strong for the better kinds. Receipts for the week totaled 7,600 head, as against 5,950 for the previous week, and 7,150 head for the corresponding week last year. There were around seventy-five loads of Canadians offered the past week. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$9.50 to \$10.25; fair to good, \$8.25 to \$8.75; plain, \$7.50 to \$8; very coarse and common, \$7 to \$7.50; best Canadian, \$9.25 to \$9.75, fair to good, \$8 to \$8.35; common and plain, \$7.50 to \$7.75.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$8.50 to \$9; fair to good, \$8 to \$8.25; best handy, \$8.25 to \$8.75; fair to good, \$7.50 to \$7.75; light and common, \$6.25 to \$7; yearlings, prime, \$9.50 to \$10.25; fair to good, \$8.50 to \$9.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$7 to \$7.50; fair butchering heifers, \$5.75 to \$6.25; light and common, \$5 to \$5.50; best heavy fat cows, \$6.75 to \$7; good butchering cows, \$6 to \$6.50; medium to fair, \$5 to \$5.50; cutters, \$4 to \$4.50; canners, \$3 to \$3.90.

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.

Hogs.—Buffalo had a big run of hogs last week, grand total being approximately 53,800 head, as compared with 45,904 head for the week previous, and 52,900 head for the same week a year ago. The fore part of the week, when receipts were the heaviest, prices showed a big drop. Monday's supply alone reached close to 200 double decks, and the range in prices was from \$9.40 to \$10, not many above \$9.75, with bulk at \$9.50; Tuesday's trade was generally steady; Wednesday values were steady to a dime higher; Thursday the average was about steady, and Friday there was a jump of from ten to twenty cents, best grades selling from \$10 to \$10.25, with York weight kinds going from \$9.65 to \$9.90. Pigs and lights the entire week ranged from \$8.25 to \$8.50, roughs sold from \$8.50 to \$8.90, and stags \$8 down.

Sheep and Lambs.—Market was rather unsatisfactory last week. Monday top lambs sold generally at \$11.50, but several loads went over unsold, and the next three days the toppy lots were slow in finding sale at \$11.40; Friday's market was a little stronger but trade continued slow, top lambs selling mostly at \$11.50. Throwouts or culls sold from \$10 to \$10.25, with skips as low as \$8. Top for yearlings was \$9.50; best wether sheep could not be quoted above \$8.50, and the general ewe range was from \$7.50 to \$7.75, taking a desirable kind to bring above \$7.50. Last week's receipts were 26,700 head, as against 17,644 head for the week previous, and 20,300 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Trade was fairly good last week. On the opening day tops sold at \$13 and \$13.25; Tuesday the best ranged from \$12.50 to \$13; Wednesday's top was \$12.75, and the next two days tops again brought up to \$13.00. Culls sold from \$11 down, and grassers from \$6 down. Receipts last week were 2,750 head, as against 2,247 head for the week previous, and 2,000 head for the corresponding week a year ago.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beefes, \$6.50 to \$12.05; western steers, \$6.50 to \$10.15; stockers and feeders, \$4.60 to \$7.70; cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$9.50; calves, \$9 to \$12.75.

Hogs.—Five cents lower; light, \$8.65 to \$9.80; mixed, \$9.25 to \$10.15; heavy, \$9.55 to \$10.20; rough, \$9.55 to \$9.70; pigs, \$6.50 to \$8.50.

Sheep.—Lambs, native, \$9.50 to \$12.25.

Cheese Markets.

Montreal, finest westerns, 23 1/4 c. to 25 c.; finest easterns, 24 1/4 c. to 24 1/2 c.; Belleville, 23 9-16 c.; New York, specials, 24 1/4 c. to 24 1/2 c.; average fancy, 23 1/2 c. to 24 c.

Geo. Amos & Sons, Moffat, Ont., intend to exhibit at the Guelph Winter Fair where they will be pleased to meet old friends, also new ones. They are offering several young Shorthorn bulls.

Gossip.

A. Gordon Auld, of the A. F. & G. Auld firm, has reported to "The Farmer's Advocate" a recent sale of nine Shorthorns for \$9,000 to Thomas Stanton, Wheaton, Ill.

Coming Events.

Dec. 1 to 8.—Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, Ont.
Dec. 2 to 9.—International Fat Stock Show, Chicago, Ill.
Dec. 8 to 9.—Toronto Fat Stock Show, Union Stock Yards, Toronto.
Dec. 12, 13, 14.—Ontario Bee Keepers' Association Convention, at Toronto.

J. C. Boeckh, Willowdale, Ontario, wishes to announce that this will be the last call for his sale of 20 pure-bred Holstein-Friesian cattle on Tuesday, December 5. If you have not already become acquainted with the individuality and breeding of this offering, write for a catalogue at once. There are some animals offered that are worth considering.

Ayrshire Sale.

Some idea of the price of Ayrshires in Scotland may be gathered from the prices obtained at the dispersion sale of Messrs. Howie, of Fairfield Main. Sixty-two head realized a total of \$8,570. The highest price was paid for a heifer, a half-sister to a cow with a record of 1,487 gallons of 3.14 per cent. milk; \$500 was the price paid. Twenty of the cows averaged around \$170, and three-year-old heifers sold at \$155. Bull calves averaged between \$80 and \$85.

Sale Dates.

Dec. 5.—J. C. Boeckh, Willowdale, Ont., Holsteins.
Dec. 13.—Oxford District Holstein Breeders' Club, Woodstock, Ont., Holsteins.
Dec. 14.—Wm. H. Hartin, Twin Elm, Ont., Shorthorns.
Dec. 14.—Estate H. H. Miller, Hanover, Ont., pure-bred stock.
Dec. 28.—Southern Counties Ayrshire Breeders' Club, Tillsonburg, Ayrshires.

The Twin Elm Shorthorn Sale.

Regarding the Shorthorns offered for sale by auction at Twin Elm, Ont., and which are advertised in this issue, Robt. Miller, of Stouffville, writes: "For many years, in a quiet way, Mr. Hartin has been building a herd of Shorthorns on his farm at Twin Elm. The land and the atmosphere seem to have agreed with them, for they have done well and increased in numbers rapidly. They have size, and they have evenness and character. Some of the best blood to be found any place has been added when occasion offered, the sires used have always been of the very best to be had, some of them imported bulls of known excellence. Gradual improvement in the herd as well as increase in the numbers has been the result, until now this big sale can be made and still leave enough cows to make a foundation for another herd. All the young things and a fair divide of the older ones are being sold, and it will be a surprise to many when they see the class of the herd to be offered. The bulls used have always been of the highest class in both breeding and as known sires; ten or more of these could be named, amongst them many of our best imported bulls. Some of the best milking cows of the breed have been bought, and they have been encouraged in well doing until now there are a number of very heavy milkers, some of them having winning blood in their veins, where the competition was strong. Such cattle never sell high in Eastern Ontario, so that it will pay some of our breeders or would-be breeders from any part of Canada to attend this sale. You will be treated right, and you will perhaps have the chance of the year to get good cattle at reasonable prices, while cattle were never worth so much since the world began."

The first prohibition act was that of the Saxon King, Edgar, who, nearly 1,000 years ago, on the advice of Dunstan, put down many ale-houses, allowing but one in any village or small town. At the same time the size of the drinks was limited.

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