

Duty on Horses.

A deputation from the Canadian Horse-breeders' Association waited on the Dominion Government on January 8th, asking that, instead of the present twenty-per-cent. duty on horses coming into Canada, the tariff be raised to \$30 on horses of the value of \$150 and under, which is the U. S. rate; over \$150 in value, the U. S. rate is twenty-five per cent. ad valorem. A great deal of surplus U. S. scrub horse stock of low valuation is run into Canada and sold, to the detriment of Canadian horse interests. Pure-bred stock for breeding purposes enters free, but complaint is made that spurious pedigrees have been used for that purpose. The Government promised to consider the matter carefully.

N. S. Farmers' Association.

The annual convention of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association will be held in Truro, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 2nd, 3rd and 4th, at which a large attendance of delegates from agricultural societies and county farmers' associations is expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all agriculturists and those interested in rural pursuits to be present. This promises to be the most profitable convention ever held by the Association. Besides general business, addresses will be given by prominent practical agriculturists, and the afternoon sessions will be held in the new live-stock pavilion, at the Provincial Farm, when demonstration lectures, with live animals as objects, will be given. Reduced railway rates will be given by asking at starting point for a one-way first-class ticket to Truro and a standard certificate, which, on being signed by the secretary at the convention, entitles the bearer to a return ticket free. Mr. Chas. R. B. Bryan is the secretary.

MARKETS.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5 to \$5.65; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$4.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.35 to \$4.25; cows, \$2 to \$4.50.

Hogs—Market steady; mixed and butchers', \$4.60 to \$4.95; good to choice heavy, \$4.85 to \$5; rough heavy, \$4.60 to \$4.80; light, \$4.50 to \$4.70.

Sheep—Sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, \$4.10 to \$4.50; fair to choice mixed, \$3.25 to \$4; native lambs, \$4 to \$6.30.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal.—About 1,100 head of cattle, 60 calves, 80 sheep and lambs, and 35 milch cows offered. Trade good, but prices of cattle considerably lower than last week, the decline being greatest in common stock, which constituted more than three-fourths of the offerings. Prime beefs, 4½c. to 5c. per lb.; pretty good, 4½c. to 4¾c., and common stock, 2½c. to 3¼c., and the lean canners at 1½c. to 2c. per lb. Most calves (young "bobs"), about \$3 each. Sheep, 3½c. to 3¾c., and lambs, 4½c. to 4¾c. per lb. Good lots of fat hogs, 5½c. per lb. Milch cows, slow sales, and prices lower than in autumn, a few going from \$25 to \$50 each.

Buffalo Markets.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—Steady, unchanged. Hogs—Heavy and mixed, \$5.30 to \$5.35. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$5 to \$6.60; yearlings, \$4.75 to \$5.50; wethers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; ewes, \$4 to \$4.25; sheep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$4.25.

British Cattle Market.

London.—10c. to 12c. per lb. for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 9½c. to 11½c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8c. per lb. Sheep, 11½c. to 12½c. per lb. Lambs, 13½c., dressed weight. Liverpool.—American cattle, 5½d. to 5½d.

Read Theo. Noel's full-page announcement regarding the remedy, "Vitæ-Ore," on back cover of this issue.

Toronto Markets.

War reports have been causing, and are likely to cause, slight variations in the price of wheat, but the monotony of the daily reports of the very serious condition of affairs in the East has had a tendency to allay the nervousness of the market. Oatmeal has at last responded to upward pressure, and is now quoted 30c. per bag higher. The cattle trade still continues slow, owing, dealers say, to dullness in the British market. The receipts of stock on the Toronto markets have not been large of late, and everything offered has been readily bought. The quality of fat cattle offered has, on the whole, been moderately good. Best butchers' are quick sellers. The situation in hog prices about Peterboro last week is explained by the activity of the local factory and the presence of Montreal buyers. More settled conditions now prevail. An advance of 10 cents over last week is quoted here. Slight advances in meats are reported from the British market.

Quotations on this market are:
Exporters—Best loads, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25 to \$4.50.



Diamond = 44695 =.

A Scotch bull of the Miss Ramsden family. Calved August 18th, '02. Weight, 1,195 lbs. at one year old. First in junior yearling class at Toronto, '03. Property of W. D. Flatt. To be sold at the joint sale at Hamilton, Ontario, January 20th, '04.

Bulls, \$4 to \$4.25.

Cows, \$3.60 to \$4 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots, 1,100 to 1,175 lbs. each, equal in quality to the best exporters, \$1.30 to \$4.70; good, \$4 to \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.60 to \$3.85; common, \$3.15 to \$3.30; rough to inferior, \$2.25.

Feeders—Steers of good quality, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.80 per cwt.

Bulls—Bulls for the distillery byes, \$2.50 to \$3.

Stockers—One-year to two-year-old steers, 400 to 700 lbs. each, \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.; off-colors and of poor breeding quality, of same weights, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Milch Cows—Milch cows and springers, \$35 to \$55. Calves—Calves, \$2 to \$10 each, or from \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Sheep—\$3.25 to \$3.75 per cwt. for ewes, and bucks, \$2.50 to \$3.

Spring Lambs—\$4.40 to \$4.60 per cwt., and \$4.75 to \$5 for choice ewes and wethers for export.

Hogs—Best select bacon hogs, fed and watered, \$5.25; lights and fats, \$5; sows, \$3.50 to \$3.75; and stags, \$2 to \$2.50.

PRODUCE.

Wholesale Prices.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, \$4.80 to \$4.90; Manitoba, second patents, \$4.50 to \$4.60; and \$4.40 to \$4.50 for strong bakers', bags included, on track at Toronto; ninety-per-cent. patents, in buyers' bags, east or middle freight, \$3 to \$3.05; Manitoba bran, sacked, \$18 per ton; shorts, sacked, \$20 per ton, at Toronto.

Wheat—Red and white are worth 78c., middle freights; goose, 72c., middle; Manitoba No. 1 hard, 97c. to 98c., grinding in transit; No. 1 northern, 94c.

Barley—No. 2, 42c.; No. 3X, 39c. to 40c.; and No. 3, 36c. for export.

Oats—Oats are quoted at 27c. north, 28c. middle, 30c. east, for No. 1.

Corn—Canadian, arriving in poor condition, at 42c. to 44c.; American, 55c., on track at Toronto.

Peas—Peas, 61½c. bid, high freight.

Rye—Quoted at about 52c. middle, and 52c. east.

Buckwheat—Buckwheat, 47c., eastern freights.

Oatmeal—\$4.10 in bags, and \$4.25 in barrels, car lots, on track, Toronto; broken lots, 30c. higher.

Bran—City mills sell bran at \$16, and shorts at \$18, car lots, f. o. b. Toronto.

Hay, baled, car lots, ton	\$9.00 to \$9.50
Straw, baled, car lots, ton	5.00 to 5.75
Dressed hogs, car lots	6.10 to 6.15
Potatoes, car lots	80 to 85
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	17 to 18
Butter, tubs, lb.	16 to 17
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	22 to 28
Butter, creamery, boxes	20 to 22
Butter, bakers', tub	14 to 15
Eggs, new-laid, doz.	20 to 22
Turkeys, per lb.	10 to 12
Geese, per lb.	10 to 11
Ducks, per pair	75 to 1.00
Chickens, per pair	60 to 1.00
Honey, per lb.	8 to 9
Cheese—Trade is quiet. The tone is firm. Cheese, large, per lb., 10½c. to 11½c.; cheese, twins, 11½c.	

SEEDS.

Market is not booming, but prices continue fair. Red clover shows more activity than alsike. Prices are: Alsike, choice, \$5.50; lower grades, down to \$4; red clover, \$5.50 to \$6.25; timothy, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

RETAIL PRICES, TORONTO STREET MARKET.

Wheat, red, bush	\$ 0.81½
Wheat, white	82
Wheat, spring	83½
Wheat, goose	74 to \$ 0.75½
Barley	43 to 46
Beans	1.35
Peas	55
Rye	54
Oats	32 to 32½
Hay, timothy, per ton	10.00 to 11.00
Hay, clover, per ton	6.00 to 8.00
Straw, per ton	9.00 to 10.00
Dressed hogs, per cwt.	7.50 to 7.75
Heavies	7.00 to 7.25
Potatoes, per bag	70 to 77
Turkeys, per lb.	15 to 16
Geese, per lb.	11 to 12
Ducks, per lb.	13
Chickens, per pair	75 to 1.50
Chickens, very choice, per pair	1.75
Eggs, new-laid, per doz.	40 to 45
Apples, per bbl.	1.00 to 2.00

Live-stock Shipments.

Bickerdike & Co., Ltd., Montreal, compile the following statement of live stock shipped from the ports of St. John and Portland for week ending January 4th: Cattle, 2,082; sheep, 888.

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