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HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, CAN.

MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock were not large last week, amounting, all told, to 211 carloads, composed of 2,842 cattle, 3,699 hogs, 390 sheep, 1,576 calves, 175 horses. The bulk of the cattle offered at both markets was not good. There is a dearth of well-finished cattle, not enough to supply the demand. Trade was good all week, especially for the best grades. Prices were stronger at the end of the week than at the commencement.

Cattle receipts at West Toronto, on Monday, May 11th, 1,110; quality fairly good; trade brisk; prices firmer. Exporters, \$5.75 to \$6.12; export bulls, \$4.25 to \$5; picked butchers', \$5.70 to \$5.90; loads of good, \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.50; common, \$4.75 to \$5; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.75; milkers, \$4.00 to \$6.00; calves, \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt. Sheep, \$5 to \$6.50; yearling lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.75 per cwt.; spring lambs, \$4 to \$6.50 each. Hogs, \$6.60 and watered at market; \$5.75 to \$5.85, f. o. b. cars in country.

Exporters.—Prices last week ranged from \$5.50 to \$6 for steers, and \$4 to \$5 per cwt. for bulls.

Butchers.—Prime picked lots of butchers' sold as high as the best exporters, at \$5.75 to \$6; loads of good at \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.50; common, \$4.75 to \$5.15; good cows, \$4.50 to \$5; common cows, \$3.75 to \$4.25; canners and rough cows, \$2 to \$3.25.

Stockers and Feeders.—Stockers and feeders were scarce, not enough to supply the demand, and many farmers had to go without a supply. Messrs. Murby bought about 300 during the week at the following prices: Good steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs. each, at \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.; good steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each, at \$4.25 to \$4.75; good steers, 800 to 900 lbs. each, at \$3.90 to \$4.25; good steers, 600 to 900 lbs. each, at \$3.25 to \$5.90; light stockers, 400 to 600 lbs. each, at \$3 to \$3.25.

Milkers and Springers.—Receipts of milkers and forward springers were not large, and the market, generally, was steady to strong during the week for choice cows. Sales ranged from \$30 to \$60, with the bulk selling at \$40 to \$50.

Veal Calves.—Receipts were large, the bulk being of the dairy class, selling all the way from \$3 to \$5.50 per cwt.; but choice new milked calves would bring \$6 to \$6.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts were light, with prices firm. Export ewes sold at \$5 to \$5.25 per cwt.; rams, \$4 to \$4.50; yearling lambs, \$6.75 to \$7.50 per cwt.; spring lambs, \$3.50 to \$7 each.

Hogs.—Receipts were moderate, but prices declined 25c. per cwt., selects selling at \$6.15 for hogs, fed and watered, at the market, and \$5.90, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—The horse market at the Toronto Horse Exchange, last week, held \$7.35, about 175 horses being reported

as having changed hands at good prices. There seems to be a growing demand for good wagon or delivery horses in the city of Toronto. More horses would have sold. Farm horses are selling fairly well, but farmers are reported by dealers as asking prices that would not leave a margin to pay the dealer's expenses. Shipments were made to Montreal and other eastern points. The quality of the horses sold was generally good, and prices were reported as follows: Drafters, \$175 to \$220; good farm blocks, \$160 to \$200; delivery horses, \$150 to \$180; drivers, \$125 to \$200; serviceably sound sold at \$35 to \$95 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, winter, 94c. to 95c.; No. 2 red, 94c. to 95c.; No. 2, mixed, 93c.; goose, 90c.; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, \$1.19; No. 2 Northern, \$1.15; No. 3, \$1.10; feed wheat, 65c.; No. 2 feed, 59c., at Georgian Bay ports.

Barley.—No. 2, 50c. to 55c., but holders are asking 60c.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow, 73c. to 74c., Toronto.

Peas.—No. 2, 90c., outside.

Rye.—Wanted at 88c.

Buckwheat.—No. 2, 64c. to 65c.

Oats.—No. 2, white, 49c., on track at Toronto.

Bran.—Car lots, bags included, \$25, on track at Toronto.

Shorts.—Car lots, bags included, \$26.50.

Flour.—Ontario patents, \$3.45; Manitoba patents, special brands, \$6 to \$6.10; second patents, \$5.40 to \$5.60; strong bakers', \$5.30.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts becoming larger; market easier. Creamery, pound rolls, 30c. to 31c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 29c.; store lots, 25c. to 26c.

Eggs.—Receipts none too large; market stronger, at 17c. to 18c.

Cheese.—Offerings of new cheese are reported in small lots, but enough for the demand. Old, firm at 14c. for large, and 14c. for twins; new is quoted at 12c. for large, and 12c. for twins.

Potatoes.—Market firm. Ontario, 85c. to 90c.; New Brunswick Delawares, 95c. to \$1 per bag, for car lots, on track here.

Beans.—Market continues firm at \$1.70 to \$1.75 for primes, and \$1.80 to \$1.85 for hand-picked.

Honey.—Market easy since the new maple syrup came in. Extracted, 11c. to 13c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3 for No. 1 clover.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots, on track at Toronto, \$15 to \$15.50.

Poultry.—Receipts continue light; prices firm, at 18c. to 22c. per lb.; last year's chickens, 18c. to 20c.; hothouse spring or winter chickens, weighing 2½ to 3 lbs. per pair, sell at 50c. to 65c. per lb.; old fowl, 12c. to 15c. per lb.; squabs, \$2 to \$3 per doz.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Choice No. 1 Spies are worth \$3.50 to \$4 for sound, well-colored fruit; No. 2 Spies, \$2.50 to \$3; North Carolina and Tennessee strawberries are selling at 15c. to 20c. per quart box.

VEGETABLES.

Onions, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per bag for Canadians. Bermuda and Egyptian onions are quoted at \$3 per sack, and \$2.50 for bushel crate; lettuce, 15c. to 20c. per bunch, and large heads at 75c. to \$1.25 per dozen heads.

TORONTO BACON AND DRESSED-HOG MARKET.

The Toronto bacon market is quoted by commission dealers as follows: Backs, 16c. to 16½c.; breakfast bacon, 15c.; long clear, 10½c.; light hams, 13c. to 14c.; shoulder, 9½c.; rolls, 10c. Dressed hogs are selling at \$8.75 to \$9.25 per cwt.

HIDES AND SKINS.

The E. T. Carter Co., 85 East Front Street, wholesale dealers in wool and hides, were last week paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 6½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 5½c.; country hides, rough, green, 4c.; country hides, trimmed and cured, 5c.; calf skins, city, 10c.; calf skins, country, 9c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.50; horse hair, per lb., 23c.; tallow, per lb., 4½c. to 5½c.; sheep skins, 70c. to 80c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The Wm. Rennie Co. quote the following as their selling prices for seeds: Red clover, No. 1, per bushel, \$14.40; red clover, No. 2, per bushel, \$14.10; alsike clover, No. 1, per bushel, \$12.30; alsike clover, No. 2, per bushel, \$11.10; alfalfa, No. 1, per bushel, \$13.80; timothy, No. 1, per cwt., \$7.75; timothy, No. 2, per cwt., \$7.25.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Export cattle were rather scarcer and dearer in the Chicago market, and inquiry from American exporters for ocean-freight space from Montreal was quiet last week. Canadian exporters are also taking very little space. As a result, freight rates were rather weaker, and agents were ready to take 25s. for Liverpool and London, and 30s. to Glasgow. American exporters have refused Portland-Liverpool space at 25s. The local cattle market showed considerable improvement, prices registering an advance of about ¼c. a lb., mainly owing to a considerable reduction in the offerings. The better classes of cattle were scarce, and buyers have been paying a high price for them in the country. Exporters paid 5½c. to 6c. for steers, and 5½c. for cows, while butchers took choice beef at 6c. to 6½c.; fine, 5½c. to 5¾c.; good, 5c. to 5½c.; medium, 4½c. to 5c.; common, down to 3½c., and lower grades down to 3c. a lb. There was hardly any offering of sheep and lambs, the supply in the country being exceedingly light, and drovers got high figures for delivery in the immediate future. Prices very firm, 7c. to 7½c. being paid for choice yearling lambs, and 5½c. for sheep. Spring lambs are naturally more plentiful, and prices declined \$1 a head, good animals being obtainable at \$3 to \$6 each. A fair supply of calves. Prices held about steady, at \$2 to \$5 each, according to quality. Receipts of hogs were again very light, and prices forced up ¼c. a lb., selected lots being sold at 7c. a lb.

Horses.—The opening up of the spring work on the farm has occasioned some demand for the smaller class of horses. Otherwise there has not been much doing. Heavy-draft, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275 each; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225 each; express, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$300 to \$350 each.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Market for dressed hogs is slightly firmer last week, partly in response to increased strength in the market for live. Sales of choice, fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed stock, at 9½c. a lb.

Potatoes.—Green Mountains cost about 90c. for 90 lbs., carloads on track. Other varieties, from 80c. to 85c. Dealers turning stock over on track at an advance of about 5c. on the prices mentioned. When delivered into store, they obtain from \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bag of 90 lbs. for choice white.

Eggs.—Market was very firm, but prices somewhat uncertain. Generally speaking, dealers would not accept less than 19c., wholesale. In a smaller way, 20c. was being charged. The stock was costing fully 18c. in the country. The occasion for the higher prices was the failure of the Eastern and Western buyers to get together. These have been competing with each other to the advantage of the farmer.

Maple Products.—Market steady. Demand fair, and supply large. Syrup is sold at 4½c. a lb., in wood, and about 5c., in tins, sugar being about 7c. a lb.

Butter.—Merchants and exporters have been nervous over the situation. The price continued high, although the decline anticipated for some time past has at last developed. Country prices have been as high as 28½c. to 28½c. a lb., yet it is said that these figures were not obtainable here. Monday, 11th, reported best creamery, 26c. to 27c.

Cheese.—Make so small as to be an easy subject of manipulation, and it is said that prices are being maintained by one of the large firms, which still has a quantity of old stock on hand; 11c. to 11½c. has been paid in the country for fadder cheese, values for white here being firm at 12c.

Feed.—Manitoba mill feed scarce, but the supply of Ontario increasing somewhat. Prices are \$23 per ton, in bags,

for Manitoba bran, and \$25 for shorts, Ontario bran being \$23.50 to \$24, and shorts, \$24.50 to \$25. Ground oil cake and nutted cake, \$33 to \$34 a ton, and gluten meal, \$1.50 per 100 lbs.

Hay.—No. 1 timothy very scarce, and selling at \$16 to \$16.50 a ton, carloads, Montreal; No. 2 extra, \$14.50 to \$15, and No. 2, \$13 to \$13.50; clover mixture, \$12 to \$12.50, and pure clover, \$11.50 to \$12 a ton.

Seed.—There is said to be no more alsike to be had in the country, too much having been exported this spring. Prices of red clover, \$23.50 to \$25 a 100 lbs., alfalfa being \$21 to \$22, and timothy, \$6.25 to \$7.50.

Grain.—The tone of the market is stronger, prices having advanced slightly under a moderate demand. Eastern Canada No. 2 white oats, 50c. to 52c. per bushel, carloads in store; No. 3 at 47c. to 48c.; No. 4, 46c. to 47c., and rejected, 43½c. to 44c.; Manitoba rejected being 46½c. to 47c.

Hides.—Spring lamb skins sell at 10c. each. Sheep skins, steady, at 75c. to 80c. each, and dealers paying 11c. per lb. for No. 2 calf skins, and 13c. for No. 1, beef hides being 5c., 6c. and 7c., according to quality; horse hides, \$1.50 to \$2 each.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$5.50 to \$7.30; cows, \$3.75 to \$6.25; heifers, \$3.50 to \$6.75; bulls, \$3.50 to \$5.30; calves, \$2.50 to \$6.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 to \$5.75.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$5.60 to \$5.65; butchers', \$5.60 to \$5.65; light mixed, \$5.55 to \$5.60; choice light, \$5.60 to \$5.65; packing, \$5.15 to \$5.60; pigs, \$4.15 to \$5.25, bulk of sales, \$5.50 to \$5.65.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$5 to \$5.25; lambs, \$5 to \$5.75; yearlings, \$5.60 to \$5.70.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$6.75 to \$7. Veals, \$5 to \$7.75. Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$6 to \$6.05; Yorkers, \$5.90 to \$6.05; roughs, \$4.80 to \$5.10; dairies, \$5.75 to \$6. Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$7.15; yearlings, \$6.25 to \$6.50.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—London cables cattle at 13c. to 13½c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 10½c. to 10½c. per pound.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1st.—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers to "The Farmer's Advocate" are answered in this department free.

2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.

3rd.—In Veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.

4th.—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1 must be enclosed.

Miscellaneous.

A WAGES MATTER.

A hired B, an unexperienced immigrant, for twelve months, for \$200, from the 17th of April, 1907. B worked three months, then wanted more wages. A told B that he could not give him any more, as he was being taught the first year. A settled with B for the three months that B had worked, for \$50, then told B if he would work one year as faithfully as he did his first three months, A would give him \$225, as his last three months B would have a little experience. B took two days to think it over, then said he would hire, beginning his time the 17th of July, 1907. B worked till the 1st of April, 1908, then leaves A, with a week's notice. How should A and B settle?

Ontario. SANDY.

Ans.—Having regard to all the circumstances stated, and such also as may fairly be inferred from the statement of facts given us, we would suggest that the payment by A to B of \$135 would be a fair settlement.