

Cattle.

The general cattle situation shows little change. At all the leading markets in the United States and Canada an over-supply of poor quality is reported, while buyers find it difficult to get all the choice quality they require. At the Toronto market on Friday the receipt of live stock of all kinds was light with the exception of hogs. The quality of the fat cattle, both butchers' and exporters', was poor, with a few exceptions. Trade was fair, and would, no doubt, have been better had there been more good cattle. As it was, prices for all classes, owing to light deliveries, were firmer. More good cattle, both butchers' and exporters' are wanted. There was an active trade in feeding bulls and rough heavy steers for the byres.

Export Cattle.—Choice lots of these sold at \$4.60 to \$5 per cwt., while light ones sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50. The bulk of exporters sold at \$4.30 to \$4.70 per cwt. Heavy export bulls sold at \$4 to \$4.25, and light ones at \$3.40 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle.—Choice picked lots of these equal in quality to the best exporters but not so heavy sold at \$4.25 to \$4.40, good cattle at \$3.60 to \$3.70, medium mixed cows, heifers, and steers at \$3.40 to \$3.50, and inferior to common at \$2.60 to \$3.12½ per cwt.

Stockers.—At Buffalo good stockers sell readily, while poor ones are draggy. On this market on Friday yearling steers weighing 500 to 600 lbs. each were easy at \$2.50 to \$3, while heifers and black and white steers sold at \$2 to \$2.60 per cwt.

Feeders.—Light steers weighing 500 to 900 lbs. each sold at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. Heavy feeders were firmer, choice grade steers in good condition, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each, for farmers' purposes, while not plentiful, sold at \$3.75 to \$3.90, and rough steers of the same weight at \$3.40 to \$3.60 per cwt. Feeding bulls bring \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Calves.—These continue strong at Buffalo. On Friday here calves sold at \$4 to \$8 each.

Milk cows.—About twenty cows were offered, a few of good quality, and sold at \$25 to \$55 each.

Sheep and Lambs.

Prices were firmer here for sheep on Friday at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. for ewes and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for bucks. Butchers' sheep bring \$2.75 to \$3 each. Receipts of Canadian lambs have been light at Buffalo and consequently prices have been stronger. The call seems to be for the lighter weight lambs weighing around 53 to 57 lbs. each. Lambs here bring \$3.25 for culls to \$3.50 to \$2.75 per cwt. for good to choice, while picked lots bring \$4 per cwt.

Hogs.

Receipts were fair at Friday's market with prices steady at \$4.37½ for the best bacon hogs of good quality weighing 160 to 200 lbs. each, and \$4 per cwt. for light and thick fat. Unculled ear loads sold at \$4.25 per cwt. Essex and Kent corn-fed hogs sold at \$4 to \$4.12½ per cwt. There is a report that lower prices are to follow. But this does not seem to be in keeping with the *Montreal Trade Bulletin's* cable of Oct. 26th re Canadian which reads thus:

"Under somewhat lighter supplies the market is steady, and it is hoped that the decline has been checked. No. 1 pea-fed Canadian bacon is quoted at 42s. to 46s. and No. 2 at 40s. to 44s."

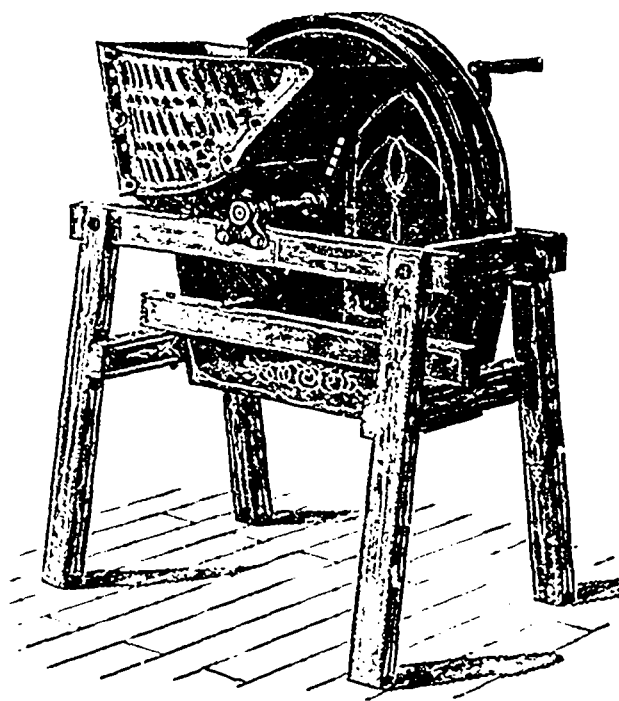
At Montreal prices for live hogs are a little lower, ranging from \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.

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