

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, June 28.—The market at the Western cattle yards this morning was in a very mixed and altogether unsatisfactory condition, and the export trade was slow; butchers' cattle were considerably off, sheep and lambs were weaker, and hogs alone maintained their price. Prices indeed were so poor that more than one drover shipped his cattle back, and much stuff remains unsold in the yard.

All told our receipts here to-day amounted to 61 loads, including 1,700 sheep and lambs, 600 hogs, and 112 calves. The market was overstocked all round, and this of course had much to do with the general depression in prices.

Export cattle — Shipping cattle ranged to-day from 5c as the top price quite down to 4c per lb; most of the usual shipping were idle to-day, Mr. James Aikens being the principal buyer. His deals comprised several loads that ranged from \$4.30 to \$4.70 per cwt. Prices ranged from \$4.50 to \$4.75 for ordinary good shipping stuff to-day; in a few cases 5c was paid but trade was slow, and sales if given, would be of no public value.

Butchers' cattle—The local trade was nowhere to-day; some of the best buyers of butchers' meat have left the city for the holidays, the warm weather largely decreases the demand for butchers' meat, and the decreasing supplies of fruit and eggs add to the depression. For choice picked lots as much as 3½c, and one or twice 4c was paid for stalled cattle, averaging 800 lbs, sold at 3½c per lb. Here are a few sales:—A load of 20 averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 3½c and \$5 over; 20 averaging 1,070 lbs, at 3½c per lb; a load averaging 1,070 lbs, at 3½c per lb; 5 averaging 1,070 lbs, at \$3.40 per cwt, and \$1.50 per head back; many deals were effected at 3c, and some as low as 2½c. As usual when things are bad shape, neither buyers nor sellers cared to talk about what they had sold for or paid. Much stuff remained over.

Milk cows—There were only a few here and it was as well. To indicate the position of milkers in the market at the present moment would necessitate the repeating of language at which most modest newspaper men are accustomed to blush, so we solve the difficulty by saying that just now in these yards milk cows are simply unsaleable. There appears to be no enquiry for stockers.

Sheep and lambs—Both are weaker; good export sheep are worth from 3 to 3 c per pound, and butchers' sold at \$2.50 to \$3 each. Lambs were selling at from \$1.50 to \$3 each, but we had too many here; one bunch of 130 sold at \$2.80 each; a bunch of 23 sold at \$3; and a bunch of 27 sold at \$2 each and \$5 back.

Calves—Good calves will sell up to \$6.50 each. A bunch of 28 averaging 140 lbs, sold at \$5.12½ each; a bunch of 11, averaging 120 lbs, sold at \$3.50 each. Poor calves are almost unsaleable.

East Buffalo, June 28.—Cattle—Receipts almost nil. Hogs—Receipts 22 cars; market fairly active and higher; yorkers, \$4.95 to \$5; mixed packers, \$5.05 to \$5.10; mediums, \$5.10 to \$5.15; pigs, \$4.80 to \$4.85; roughs, \$4 to \$4.40; stags \$3 to \$3.75. Sheep and lambs—11 cars, market dull and lower for exports, unchanged for others; export ewes and wethers, \$3.25 to \$3.50; good to prime wethers, \$3.15 to \$3.50; fair to good mixed, \$3.65 to \$3.85; good to choice yearlings, \$3.60 to \$4.24; fair to good, \$3.25 to \$5; spring lambs \$3.50 to \$6.

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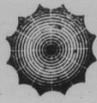
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