

numbers and decrease in quality, circumstances which caused a cut of from \$2 to \$3 per hundred, the average price for the week being around \$11. The export trade in this class of stock has not yet started and the supply is too heavy for the local trade, chiefly on account of the lack of good quality.

There were hardly enough sheep and lambs on hand to make a market and prices were unchanged from those of last week, sheep selling from \$13 to \$13.50 per hundred, and lambs at \$17.

Receipts of hogs while fairly liberal were inadequate for the demand. The market opened strong and active at \$21.50 per hundred for long-run selects, off car weights, and \$21.25 for short-runs, and maintained a strong condition all week, closing with a strong tendency to advance. These prices were paid only for hogs weighing from one hundred and fifty pounds up.

Pr. St. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 14th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,106 calves, 67 canners and cutters, 29 bulls, 356 butcher cattle, 1,508 hogs and 43 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 29 milk cows. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to March 14th, inclusive, were 6,080 cattle, 4,188 calves, 13,198 hogs and 4,987 sheep; compared to 8,478 cattle, 4,907 calves, 14,851 hogs and 4,529 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

East End.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 14th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 589 calves, 332 butcher cattle, 455 hogs and 35 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 20 butcher cattle. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to March 14th, inclusive, were 7,225 cattle, 3,172 calves, 8,485 hogs and 4,668 sheep, compared to 9,544 cattle, 4,473 calves, 11,351 hogs and 5,766 sheep received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—A rattling good cattle trade all around at Buffalo the last week. Anything in the steer line was advanced from a quarter to forty cents and on choice and fancy fat cows the advance was fully as much. The supply for the opening day of the week figures eighty loads or 2,000 head and fell below the needs. Receipts were light after Monday and a good, strong market in consequence prevailed. There were around fifteen to twenty cars of steers on the shipping order, best of which landed from \$13.50 to \$14. A drove of very heavy, gobby fat cows, for Jewish demand, sold at the very fancy price of \$14. Fat heifers of any class sold higher and were ready sale. Best handy butchering steers sold up to \$12.50 to \$13.00, with best handy butchering heifers from \$11 to \$11.25. Stocker and feeder demand was strong, a couple of loads of steers, weighing around seven hundred selling at ten cents, but the best selected lots of feeders are quotable up to \$10.50. Bull market was about steady, prices of these of late weeks had taken a heavy decline, best heavy fat kinds selling around \$11 to \$11.25. Milk cow and springer trade firm for the best heavy kinds, about steady on the medium and common grades. Fancy milkers sold up to \$160.00. Offerings for the week totaled 2,875 head, as against 3,650 head for the corresponding week last year and 3,675 head for the like week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Natives.—Choice to prime, \$13.15 to \$14; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$12.90; plain, \$11.50 to \$12; very coarse and common, \$10.75 to \$11.

Shipping Steers.—Canadians.—Best, \$12 to \$12.50; fair to good, \$11.25 to \$11.75; common and plain \$10 to \$11.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$12.50 to \$12.75; fair to good, \$11.50 to \$11.75; best handy, \$12 to \$12.50; fair to good, \$11.25 to \$11.75; light and common \$10 to \$10.50; yearlings, choice to prime \$12.50 to \$13; fair to good, \$11.75 to \$12.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$11 to \$12; good butchering heifers, \$10.50 to \$10.75; fair butchering heifers, \$9.50 to \$10.25; common, \$7.50 to \$8.25; very fancy fat cows, \$11 to \$12.25; best heavy fat cows, \$10 to \$10.75; good butchering cows, \$9 to \$9.50;

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medium to fair, \$7.50 to \$8.50; cutters, \$6.50 to \$6.75; canners, \$5 to \$6.
Bulls.—Best heavy, \$10 to \$10.75; good butchering, \$9 to \$9.50.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$10 to \$10.50; common to fair, \$8.50 to \$9.25; best stockers, \$8.50 to \$9; fair to good, \$7 to \$8; common, \$6 to \$6.50.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, (small lots) \$90.00 to \$120.00; in car loads, \$80.00 to \$100.00.

Hogs.—Prices showed a bad break the fore part of the week, but before the week was out the decline was fully regained. Monday, when values went off 25 to 50 cents from the previous week's close, light hogs sold from \$18.50 to \$18.75, heavies ranged from \$18.20 to \$18.40 and pigs landed at \$18.25. Tuesday prices were still lower, range being from \$18 to \$18.35, heavies and pigs selling down to the low figure, Wednesday prices were jumped 25 to 35 cents, top being up to \$18.65, and Thursday light hogs brought \$18.80 to \$18.90, heavies ranged from \$18.35 to \$18.60 and pigs \$18 to \$18.50. Friday the good weight hogs were generally steady, bulk going at \$18.60, light grades were 15 to 25 cents higher, yorkers and mixed grades bringing from \$19 to \$19.15 and pigs, which showed the greatest improvement, ranged up to \$19. Roughs the fore part of the week sold around \$16.25 and Friday they brought from \$16.50 to \$16.75. Stags went from \$14.50 down. Last week receipts were 23,500 head, as against 21,413 head for the week before and 11,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and lambs.—Last week started with top lambs selling mostly at \$19, Tuesday's range on the best was from \$18.75 to \$18.90, Wednesday nothing sold above \$18.80, Thursday's market was stronger, top being \$18.90 and Friday the best handy lambs sold from \$19 to \$19.15. Cull lambs ranged from \$18 down and heavy lambs, kinds weighing around 100 pounds, sold in the same notch as good culls. Yearlings were quoted Friday up to \$17. Sheep were scarce all week. Wethers that were choice but pretty heavy sold at \$14.50 and a more desirable kind was quoted up to \$14.75. Ewe range was from \$14 down. Monday a load of fresh clipped lambs made \$15.50. Receipts for the week totaled 13,200 head, being against 17,906 head for the week previous and 14,800 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—All former American records for veals were broken at Buffalo last week. Monday choice lots sold mostly at \$19 and culls went from \$16. Demand was very strong after Monday and an advance was noted from day to day. Friday, which was the record breaking day, best veals sold from \$20.50 to \$21 and culls ranged from \$17 down. Last week's receipts were 3,800 head, as compared with 3,053 head for the week before and 2,700 head for the same week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Live stock receipts at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, March 25, were 186 cars: 3,446 cattle, 448 calves, 1,779 hogs, 135 sheep and lambs. Slow market. Butchers, 10 to 20 cents lower. Cows, steady to 20 cents lower. Bulls, drug on market—none sold. Calves, sheep and lambs steady; one lot 37 lambs sold at \$20.85. Hogs, \$21 per cwt., fed.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2, winter, per car lot, \$2.22; (basis in store Montreal). Manitoba wheat, in store, Ft. William—including 2½% tax—No. 1 northern, \$2.23½; No. 2 northern, \$2.20½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10½.

Oats.—(According to freights outside) Ontario, No. 2 white, 94c. to 95c., nominal. No. 3 white, 93c. to 94c., nominal. Manitoba oats, No. 2 C. W., 96½c., No. 3, C. W., 92½c. (in store, Fort William). Extra No. 1 feed, 91½c.; No. 1 feed, 90½c.

Barley.—Malting, \$1.78 to \$1.80. Peas.—According to freights outside; No. 2, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Corn.—American (track, Toronto), No. 3 yellow U. S. A. War Board Prohibit importation.

Rye.—No. 2, \$2.50. Flour.—Manitoba flour (Toronto, new, bags). War quality, \$11.10. Ontario flour (prompt shipment, new bags), war quality, \$10.70, Montreal; \$10.70, Toronto.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, No. 1, \$17 to \$18 per ton; mixed, per ton \$14 to \$16. Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$8.50 to \$9, track, Toronto.

Bran.—Per ton, \$35. Shorts.—Per ton, \$40.

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered, Toronto:

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flat, 12c.; calf skins, green flat, 23c.; veil kip, 18c.; horse hides, city-off, \$5 to \$6; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 11c. to 12c.; green, 10c. to 11c.; deacons or bob calf, \$1.75 to \$2.50 each; horse hides, country take-off No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$5; horse hair, farmers' stock, \$25.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 16c. to 17c.; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 15c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 18c. to 19c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 60c.; coarse, 58c.; washed wool, fine, 82c.; coarse, 80c.

Farm Produce.

Butter.—All class of butter kept stationary in price, selling as follows on the wholesales: Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, at 50c. to 52c. per lb.; creamery solids, at 48c. to 49c. per lb.; dairy, 35c. to 40c. per lb.

Oleomargarine.—32c. per lb. Eggs.—The egg market also remained practically stationary, No. 1's selling at 45c. to 46c. per doz., and 1 selects at 48c. to 49c. per dozen, wholesale.

Cheese.—Cheese remained unchanged in price; old cheese selling at 30c. per lb.; new at 24c. per lb., and new twins at 24½c. per lb.

Beans.—Beans continue to be very scarce and therefore firm in price. Japanese hand-picked whites selling at \$6.75 per bushel.

Honey.—Honey is off the market.

Poultry.—Receipts continue to be very light with only a moderate demand. Fat live hens, however, are expected to have an active demand during the next week owing to the near approach of the Jewish passover. The following prices were quoted for live weight: Chickens, milk fed, per lb., 30c.; chickens, ordinary fed, per lb., 24c.; fowl, 3½ lbs. and under, per lb. 22c.; fowl, 3½ lbs. to 5 lbs., per lb. 25c.; fowl, 7 lbs. and over, per lb., 30c.; ducklings, per lb., 25c.; geese, per lb., 18c.; turkeys, per lb., 25c.; turkeys, old, per lb., 22c.

Potatoes.—Potato receipts have been exceptionally heavy with a very slow trade at slightly lower prices: New Brunswick De awares selling at \$1.90 per bag, and Ontarios at \$1.65 to \$1.80 per bag, wholesale—Cobbler seed potatoes keeping stationary at \$2.50 per bag.

Montreal Produce.

Horses.—Farmers are evidently making preparations for their spring work, and in this connection were enquiring for good plugs of mares at around \$150 each. Carters were also making enquiry, though transactions were not very frequent. Prices were \$250 to \$300 for heavy draft horses weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs.; \$200 to \$250 for light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs.; \$125 to \$175 for light horses; \$50 to \$75 for culls; and \$175 to \$250 for fine saddle and carriage horses.

Poultry.—Supplies in the market were light, and receipts from the country were almost nil, so that prices were firm. Turkeys were firm at 35c. to 36c. per lb., while milk-fed chickens brought around that range also, while good chickens were 30c. to 33c. Best fowl sold at 27c. to 30c., and from this the price ranged down to 23c. Geese 25c. to 27c.; ducks, 26c. to 30c.

Dressed Hogs.—The market for dressed hogs continued to display a very firm tone, but prices were holding about steady. Abattoir, fresh-killed stock continued at 28c. to 23½c. per lb., while country-dressed was available at 25c. to 25½c.

Potatoes.—The market experienced a considerable decline owing to the milder weather having induced larger deliveries. Car lots of Green Mountains changed hands at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per 90 lbs., extra track, 20 cents being added to these prices, per 80 lbs., ex-store, in smaller lots. Quebec whites \$1.75 and reds \$1.70.

Honey and Maple Syrup was hardly quotable last week. No trading took place in the old crop, and the first of the new crop was just in the making, and unquotable as a market. As for the weather, it is favorable but the woods are very full of snow. Prospects seem to be for a good crop. Honey was not in active demand, No. 1 white clover comb being quoted at 22c. per lb.; No. 2, 19c. to 20c.,

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