

the average. Somewhere near 100 head were sold. There is a brisk demand for general purpose, wagon horses and drivers. Good young and sound general purpose horses sold at \$150 to \$200, and serviceably sound ones at \$95 to \$125 each. The offerings of wagon horses were not of the best, and purchasers had to take what they could get. They sold fairly well, however, bringing from \$160 to \$195 each. Some fine drivers and cobs were sold at prices ranging from \$100 each to \$275 a pair. Serviceably sound horses of all kinds brought from \$40 to \$75 each.

The present demand for horses is likely to keep for a month or six weeks yet. The summer season is always more or less dull in the horse business. Several lots sold last week went to Eastern Ontario points.

A number of consignments of horses are expected this week. Monday being a holiday, the regular sale will be held on Tuesday.

LIVE STOCK

Toronto, May 25th, 1908.—The high prices of the past few weeks have induced larger arrivals at the cattle markets here. The run last week was large, beginning with 49 cars at the Union Stock Yards on Monday, and continuing during the week at the city market. The quality of the fat cattle offered rules about the same, with a falling off in some cases. The high prices are bringing out a lot of unfinished stuff, which is bought up for butchers' purposes instead of being sent to the feeders lot. Notwithstanding the large run, trade has ruled fair, with stronger quotations reported for good cattle, towards the end of the week. There were several dozens on the market last week from outside points and bidding for some lots was brisk, with prices 15c to 20c a cwt. advance on some grades of cattle towards the end of the week.

The export demand keeps good. Cable reports are steady at 13c to 14 1/2c a lb. dressed weight. The best export steers sold last week at Toronto market at \$5.75 to \$6.15, and export bulls at \$4.25 to \$5.25 a cwt.

Prime picked lots of butchers' cattle are worth \$5.50 to \$5.80; loads of good cattle, \$5.40 to \$5.60; medium, \$5.10 to \$5.30; common, \$4.75 to \$4.90; cows, \$3.75 to \$4.75. \$5 being paid for a few choice cows; and canned at \$3.00 each.

There is a strong market for good milkers and springers, though a fairly liberal supply was forward last week. For the bulk of the best, prices ranged from \$45 to \$50 each. Some of the very choice ones sold at \$65 and \$70 each, and one extra choice cow at \$75. Common to medium cows sold at \$30 to \$40 each.

The sheep and lamb market rules steady at firm prices. It is expected, however, that from this on receipts will increase, and lower prices may be looked for, especially for lambs. Last week ewes sold at \$5 to \$5.75, rams at \$4 to \$4.50, and yearlings at \$6.50 to \$7.50 a cwt. Spring lambs sold at \$2.50 to \$2.75 each. At East Buffalo handy lambs sold at \$5 to \$6.50, and a few at \$6.65 a cwt.

The hog market held steady last week at \$6 for select and \$5.75 for lighter, fed and watered. Prices at country points ruled at \$5.75 a cwt. The supply of hogs in the country is not large. But this has little effect on the bacon market, which is governed entirely by supplies in Great Britain. Denmark still keeps up her weekly killings to a high level, and practically dominates the market.

Quotations at Buffalo are as follows:—Heavy and mixed, \$6 to \$6.95; Yorkers, \$5.75 to \$6.65; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.35; roughs, \$4.75 to \$5; stage \$3.75 to \$4.25, and dairies \$5.75 to \$6 a cwt.

THIS WEEK'S HOG PRICES

The Wm. Davies Company, Toronto, reports quotations for hogs this week as unchanged at \$5.75 f.o.b., at country points. This means \$5 fed and watered, Toronto.

The bacon market does not improve any, and higher prices for hogs are not in sight. The Danish killings last week totalled 46,000 hogs, and the indications now are that Denmark will have a much larger supply of hogs during June than usual. The Danes last week produced bacon to sell at a profit at 47c, while the bacon made in Canada cost 52c a cwt. The Trade Bulletin's London cable quoted Canadian bacon last week at 45c to 49c per cwt.

MONTREAL PRODUCE TRADE

Montreal, Saturday, May 23.—BUTTER.—The butter market opened fairly firm this week with prices to the retailers ruling at from 25c to 26c a lb., according to quality, but towards the end of the week prices eased off considerably in anticipation of lower rates at the country markets at the end of the week, and today sales to grocers were made as low as 22 1/2c a lb.

EGG.—The market for eggs continues firm with fairly heavy receipts, and a good demand for all grades from all sources, including a few for cold storage purposes. To date selected stock is quoted at from 18c to 19 1/2c a dozen.

CHEESE.—There is no change to note in the local trade for cheese which is steady at unchanged quotations.

MONTREAL EXPORT BUTTER AND CHEESE

Montreal, Saturday, May 23.—There has been a decided improvement in the demand for cheese from the other side during the past week, and as a consequence the week is closing with a decided firm tone and country markets are ruling somewhat higher than they did a week ago. At Brockville on Thursday the cheese offered were sold at 11c to 11 1/2c a lb., other markets in the neighborhood at the same price. On Friday the cheese offered at Napanee were all sold at 11 1/2c, at which price most buyers were inclined to take a few. One cause of the strong market was the reported total loss of the steamer "Latona," of the Thompson Line, which carried upwards of 18,000 boxes of cheese, a large shipment for the early period of the season, and as the available stocks of old cheese are being steadily reduced on the other side,

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he demand for new cheese is improving daily. This demand was more than equal to the small quantity available in Montreal, and the market is closing this week with practically every available box in store sold, and ready for shipment.

Butter is closing easier again, and everyone in the trade is looking for lower prices at the country boards to-morrow. The few odd lots that were offered around the market here to-day were bought up at prices ranging from 20 1/2c to 21 1/2c. Prices in the country to-morrow should rule at about these rates.

MONTREAL HOG MARKET
Montreal, Saturday, May 23.—The Montreal market for live hogs was easy this week, and prices again marked a reduction from the previous week, selected lots selling at from 16c to 15c a lb., lower than the week before. There was a fair demand at the decline, and the bulk of the offerings soon disappeared.

Dressed hogs have been marked down 25 cents a 100 lb. on account of the easier market for live hogs, and prices to-day were quoted at from \$9.25 to \$9.75 a 100 lb. for fresh kills, and about 10c higher for the same.

PETERBORO FARMERS' MARKET
Peterboro, Ont., May 23.—The market this morning was not very large. Farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather that has prevailed during the past week, and are busy resuming seeding operations. Farmers are turning their cattle out to grass, and hay is being offered very freely.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1 a pair; turkeys, \$1.50 each.
Eggs.—New laid eggs, 17c a dozen.
Butter.—Good dairy butter, 28c to 30c a lb.
Potatoes.—85c to 90c; seed potatoes 75c.
Hay and straw.—Hay, 11c to 11 1/2 a ton; straw, \$6.50 a load.
Pork.—Hind quarters, 11c a lb.; fore-quarters, 10c.; young pigs, \$4.50 to \$5 a pair.

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