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MARKETS.

Toronto.

LIVE STOCK.

At West Toronto, on Monday, February 27th, receipts of live stock numbered 99 cars, comprising 1,928 cattle, 249 hogs, 266 sheep, 25 calves, 55 horses. Quality of cattle generally good; export trade dull; few sold. Steers, \$5.85 to \$6.10; bulls, \$5 to \$5.40; prime picked butchers', \$5.90 to \$6.10; loads of good, \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium, \$5.20 to \$5.45; common, \$4.75 to \$5.15; cows, \$3.50 to \$5.50; calves, \$4 to \$5.50; milkers, \$40 to \$70. Sheep, \$4.25 to \$4.75; lambs, \$5.90 to \$6.30. Hogs, \$7.10, fed and watered, and \$6.75 to drovers for hogs f. o. b. cars at country points.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards last week were:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	223	166	389
Cattle	2,872	2,991	5,863
Hogs	5,822	1,200	7,022
Sheep	1,253	882	2,135
Calves	304	43	347
Horses	9	103	112

The total receipts of live stock at the two yards for the corresponding week of 1910 were:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	197	137	334
Cattle	3,183	2,264	5,447
Hogs	2,850	1,267	4,117
Sheep	730	172	902
Calves	307	70	377
Horses	5	216	221

The combined receipts of the two yards, compared with the corresponding week of

1910, show an increase of 55 carloads, 416 cattle, 2,905 hogs, 1,233 sheep and lambs; but a decrease of 30 calves and 109 horses.

Receipts, especially of cattle and sheep, last week, were greater than the demand, and this caused a decline in prices for both classes. Trade at the Junction on Monday was dull, especially for exporters. Drovers, having paid high prices in the country, were not prepared to accept prices offered—prices that were more than equal to the British markets, but before the day was over, all the cattle were sold excepting 100, which were bought on Tuesday. Exporters sold at a decline of 15c. to 20c. per cwt., and butchers' 10c. to 20c. On Tuesday, the market was dull at the City yards, at Monday's decline, with 200 cattle unsold at the close of the day. Wednesday, trade was almost dead, as drovers refused to capitulate in prices, and again about 300 cattle were unsold. On Thursday, the supply was greater than the demand, as few buyers from outside points were on hand, and all classes, excepting the prime quality butchers', sold from 20c. to 30c. per cwt. lower than Monday's quotations.

Exporters.—About 700 cattle were bought by the American buyers for export, as follows: Steers for London, 1,300 lbs. each, at \$6 to \$6.35, or an average of \$6.06. Steers for Liverpool, 1,190 lbs. each, at \$5.86 average price; bulls, 1,800 lbs. each, \$5.20 to \$5.50.

Butchers'.—At the close of the week, prime picked lots sold at \$5.30 to \$6; loads of good, \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium, \$5.20 to \$5.45; common, \$4.50 to \$5.10; cows, \$3 to \$5; bulls, \$4 to \$5.

Stockers.—A few light stockers sold on Thursday, 660 to 670 lbs. each, at \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Liberal supplies met a strong to steady market, at \$40 to \$80 each.

Veal Calves.—Prices were a shade easier, owing to larger supplies, ranging from \$3.50 to \$8.50, with a few as high as \$9 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts liberal for season of the year. Prices ranged as follows: Ewes, \$4.50 to \$4.75; rams, \$3.50 to \$4; lambs, \$6 to \$6.50.

Hogs.—Market steady. Selects, fed and watered, at \$7.20, and \$6.90, f. o. b. cars at country points. All heavy hogs, exceeding 220 lbs., are culled out, at 50c. per cwt. less than the above quotations.

Horses.—The horse-market situation is still unchanged. The weather in the Northwest is, and has been, so severe, that dealers hesitate to ship. Mr. Smith, of the Union Horse Exchange, reports sales of a few car lots, at the same prices as given in our last report, as follows: Drafters, \$200 to \$225; general-purpose horses, \$150 to \$175; express and wagon horses, scarce, at \$175 to \$225; drivers, \$100 to \$200; serviceably sound, \$35 to \$100 each.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots, at Toronto, No. 1, \$12.50 to \$13; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$10.50.

Straw.—Baled, in car lots, at Toronto, \$7.00.

Bran.—Car lots, at Toronto, \$20 to \$21 per ton; shorts, \$22 to \$23; Ontario bran, \$22 to \$23, in bags; shorts, \$24, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market easy, with prices about steady. Creamery pound rolls, 26c. to 28c.; creamery solids, 22c. to 23c.; separator dairy, 22c. to 24c.; store lots, 17c. to 19c.

Eggs.—Market easy, on account of large receipts, both of Canadian and American. New-laid are quoted at 23c. to 24c.; cold-storage, 17c. American new-laid are being offered, freight and duty paid, at 19½c.

Cheese.—Large, 13c.; twins, 13½c. Honey.—Market steady. Extracted, 10c. to 11c.; combs, \$2 to \$2.50 per dozen sections.

Beans.—Hand-picked, \$1.85 to \$1.90.

Potatoes.—Car lots of Ontario potatoes, 80c. to 85c.; New Brunswick Delawares, 90c. to \$1, track, Toronto.

Poultry.—Receipts light, with prices firm, as follows: Turkeys, 22c. to 24c.; geese, 14c. to 15c.; ducks, 20c. to 22c.; chickens, 16c. to 18c.; fowl, 14c. to 16c.

HIDES AND SKINS.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Toronto, were paying as follows: No. 1 inspected steers and cows,

9½c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 8½c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 7½c.; country hides, cured, 8c. to 8½c.; green, 7½c. to 8c.; calf skins, 11c. to 13c.; sheep skins, 95c. to \$1.20; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.00; horse hair, per lb., 30c. to 32c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 7c. to 7c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The William Rennie Seed Company are paying for uncleaned alsike and red clover the prices given below; and are selling to the trade, alfalfa and timothy seed that has been properly cleaned, at the prices given below: Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$7 to \$7.50; alsike No. 2, per bushel, \$6.50 to \$7; alsike No. 3, per bushel, \$5.50 to \$6; red clover No. 1, per bushel, \$6.75 to \$7; red clover No. 2, per bushel, \$6 to \$6.25; red clover No. 3, per bushel, \$5 to \$5.50. Timothy No. 1, per bushel, \$6.25; timothy No. 2, per bushel, \$5.75; alfalfa No. 1, per bushel, \$13.25; alfalfa No. 2, per bushel, \$12.25.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples, No. 1 Spies, \$6; No. 2 Spies, \$4.50; No. 1 Greenings, \$5; No. 2 Greenings, \$4; No. 1 Baldwins, \$5; No. 2 Baldwins, \$4; No. 1 box, Greenings, \$1.65. Cabbage, \$1.25 per 100 lbs.; carrots, 50c. per bag; parsnips, 60c. per bag; onions, per bag, \$1.50; celery, imported, 75c. to 80c. per dozen; mushrooms, 75c. per lb.; American strawberries, 50c. per quart.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—There was a fairly liberal supply of cattle on the local market last week, but prices continued quite firm, there being a very good demand, both from local butchers and from outside buyers. The quality of the offerings was excellent, but it was not easy to make purchases at moderate prices throughout the country. Sales of choice steers took place at 6½c. per lb., fine being about 6½c., and good at 5½c. to 6½c., medium 5c. to 5½c., and common down to 4c. Some extra heavy cows and bulls sold at 5½c. per lb. Holders of small meats were demanding high prices for them. Some choice calves sold as high as \$18 per head, while some very ordinary stock sold at \$8 each. Spring lambs were offering, and as high as \$12 to \$14 each was paid for them; butchers claimed they were experiencing heavy losses at that. Sheep were selling at 4c. to 4½c. per lb., and yearlings at 6c. to 6½c. per lb. The offerings of hogs were rather smaller, and packers tried to get prices down by bidding low. Trade hung fire for a time, but eventually the market ranged in the vicinity of 7½c., and a fraction under for select stock, weighed off cars.

Horses.—Heavy draft, from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$350 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$300 each; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$200 each; inferior, broken-down animals, \$50 to \$100 each, and choicest carriage and saddle animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed hogs, 10c. to 10½c. per lb., and country-dressed at 8½c. to 9½c. per lb.

Poultry.—A large stock has been offering recently from the West. These were held at high prices at Christmas, and holders expected to get later on what the Christmas trade would not pay. Herein they were disappointed, and the stock is now offering at a great loss to the holders. Much of it is mildewed and inferior now, and all sorts of prices are accepted. The fresh stock brought the highest figures mentioned. Turkeys, 10c. to 18c.; chickens, 10c. to 14c.; fowl, 8c. to 10c.; ducks, 10c. to 16c.; geese, 8c. to 13c. per lb.

Potatoes.—The market is rather easier, and purchases of finest stock were made here at 90c. per 90 lbs., carloads, on track, although 95c. was generally asked, and 92½c. was being paid. These sold over again at 5c. advance. To grocers, the best stock was selling at \$1.20 per bag, in 25-bag lots.

Eggs.—The market was perhaps a shade firmer in tone again, after having been easy. Prices were still around the bottom, however, at 25c. per dozen for fresh-laid, in a wholesale way, and 27c. to grocers. American fresh-laid were quoted at 21c. to 22c., these being inferior to Canadian. Cold-storage, selected, were 22c. per dozen, and No. 2 18c. Recent cold weather helped the market.

Butter.—Cold weather gave a little tone to the market, and some like to talk of scarcity and higher prices, which are hard to find. Finest held creamery, 24½c. to 25c., wholesale, and current makes, 23c. to 24c., while held dairies were quoted at 20c. to 21c. Smaller lots were about 1c. to 2c., according to quantity, above these figures.

Cheese.—The market for cheese probably ranges from 12c. to 12½c. per lb., although there is very little doing, and almost no inquiry.

Apples.—The market advanced again during the week, apples selling by auction at \$4.25 to \$5.10 per barrel, for No. 2 stock, and at \$3.90 to \$4.30 for No. 3. No No. 1 offered.

Grain.—No. 2 Canadian Western oats were quoted at 39c. to 39½c. per bushel, car lots, store; No. 1 extra feed, at 1c. under; No. 3 Canadian Western, at 37½c. to 37c.; No. 2 local white, at 1c. lower; No. 3, a cent under, and No. 4 yet a cent under. No. 4 Manitoba barley, 49c. to 50c. per bushel, and No. 3 American yellow corn, 56c. per bushel.

Millfeed.—Manitoba bran, \$20 to \$23 per ton, and shorts \$22 to \$25. Ontario bran, \$22 to \$23; middlings, \$24 to \$25; pure grain mouille, \$30, and mixed, \$25 to \$28. Cotton-seed meal quoted at \$37 to \$38.

Hay.—Choice hay, \$11.50 to \$12 per ton, in bales, carloads, track; No. 2 extra, \$1 under; No. 2 ordinary, \$9 to \$9.50; clover mixed, \$7.50 to \$8, and clover, \$6.50 to \$7.

Seeds.—Market was firmer on timothy, dealers being compelled to pay \$8 to \$10 per 100 lbs., country points. Red clover steady, at \$6 to \$7.25, and alsike \$6 to \$7.50, country points.

Hides.—Dealers reported an exceptionally dull market; 8c., 9c. and 10c. per lb. for beef hides; 10c. and 12c. for calf skins, and 75c. to 80c. each for lamb skins. Horse hides, \$1.75 and \$2.50 each. Tallow steady, being 6½c. to 7c. per lb. for rendered, and 1½c. to 4c. for rough.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$5.10 to \$6.80; Texas steers, \$4.25 to \$5.60; Westerns, \$4.60 to \$5.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.80 to \$5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$5.70; calves, \$7.50 to \$9.50.

Hogs.—Light, \$7.10 to \$7.45; mixed, \$6.90 to \$7.30; heavy, \$6.80 to \$7.20; rough, \$6.80 to \$7; good to choice hogs, \$7 to \$7.20; pigs, \$7.30 to \$7.60.

Sheep and Lambs.—Native, \$3.10 to \$4.75; Western, \$3.15 to \$4.80; yearlings, \$4.75 to \$5.75; lambs, native, \$5 to \$6.30; Western, \$5.25 to \$6.30.

Buffalo

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$6.50 to \$6.75. Veals.—\$7.10 to \$11.25.

Hogs.—Heavy, \$7.20 to \$7.40; mixed, \$7.55 to \$7.80; Yorkers, \$7.85 to \$8; pigs, \$8 to \$8.15; roughs, \$6.40 to \$6.60; stags, \$5 to \$5.50; dairies, \$7.25 to \$8.

Sheep and Lambs.—Heavy lambs, \$5 to \$5.50; handy lambs, \$5 to \$5.25; yearlings, \$4.75 to \$5.50; wethers, \$4.80 to \$4.85; ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.50; sheep, mixed, \$2.75 to \$4.65.

The Shorthorns belonging to A. D. Schmidt & Sons, to be sold at North Woolwich, Ont., on March 9th, comprise representatives of some of the most desirable Scotch tribes, such as Marr Roan Lady and Beauty, Crimson Flower, Nonpareil, Wedding Gift, Lady Fanny, etc., and sired by such richly-bred bulls as Deeside Chief (imp.), Greengill Archer, Pride of Scotland, Proud Champion, The Baronet (imp.), Bridegroom, Brave Primrose, etc. The stock bull, The Count, to which the cows are bred, is included in the sale. He is exceptionally well-bred, being a Cruickshank Butterfly, a son of Spicy's Count (imp.), a Marr Clara (a bull for which \$1,000 was refused at 8 years old), his dam being Blythesome Girl, by Blue Ribbon (imp.), and tracing to the famous Pride of the Morning and William of Orange. He should find a place at the head of some good herd, being a beautiful roan, with a good top line and great heart girth, smooth, and of superior type. The Clydesdale horses and mares are a useful lot, that should find ready buyers. The Shorthorns should attract purchasers, and prove good bargains.