

mild-salted creamery is quoted at 20½ to 20¼c. at Montreal, and seconds at 18½ to 19c. Sales of fine creamery for export are reported at 19 to 19½c. Creamery butter here is somewhat easier in sympathy with outside places, and quotations are 20 to 21c. for prints and 19 to 20c. for tubs. There is a good demand here for choice large dairy rolls, and the market is steady at 14 to 15c. Dairy tubs bring from 11 to 15c. Dairy prints on the local market bring from 17 to 20c. and large rolls from 13 to 14c.

Cattle.

The cattle trade in the West has been somewhat quiet during the week, and cable advices report the English market as not being favorable for shippers. The market here has been good for choice Christmas beef, some fancy lots having sold during the week at \$5 per cwt., the highest price paid this year. Poor quality, which seems in good supply, is not wanted.

Export Cattle.—On Friday choice heavy exporters sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50, with some extra 1½ at 10c. higher. Light exporters bring from \$3.85 to \$4.25 per cwt. Choice heavy export bulls were a little firmer at \$3.65 to \$4.12½.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice picked lots, not so heavy as exporters, sell for \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.; good, from \$3.75 to \$3.90; medium, \$3.50 to \$3.65, and common from \$3.12½ to \$3.37½. Loads of choice Christmas cattle on Friday brought from \$4.25 to \$4.65, and a few choice picked animals, extra bred and fed, sold at \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders.—Buffalo stockers sold on Friday at \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt. Good heavy feeders of good quality are scarce and worth from \$3.40 to \$3.65 per cwt. Feeding bulls bring from \$2.25 to \$2.75.

Milk Cows.—Choice cows seem to be scarce and bring from \$30 to \$48 each.

Calves.—These were a shade lower at Buffalo at the end of the week. Good veals of choice heavy quality are wanted. Prices are firm at \$3 to \$6 each for general run, and \$5 per cwt. for choice quality.

Sheep and Lambs.

There is a more active demand at Buffalo for choice lambs, but sheep are about steady. Prices for sheep here continue about the same at \$3.25 to \$3.40 for the bulk of the ewes, with choice picked lots at \$3.50 per cwt. Bucks bring from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt. Spring lambs sold on Friday at \$3.75 to \$4.25 for the bulk, while a few lots of extra good Christmas lambs sold at \$4.30 to \$4.40 per cwt.

Hogs.

There is not much change in the Western markets. There was a fair supply here on Friday, with prices about the same. Choice selected bacon hogs, weighing from 160 to 220 lbs. each, unrefined and unmatured, off cuts, sold at \$4.15 to \$4.25 per cwt. Heavy fat and light hogs bring about \$4 per cwt. A further decline of 10 to 15 is reported in the English bacon market. Canadian, peeled bacon is quoted at 43½ to 45½, and fat and stout sides at 38½ to 40½ c.

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