

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, April 26.—All told we had forty loads on the market at the Western cattle yards this morning, and this supply included about one thousand hogs, about a couple of hundred lambs and sheep and over one hundred calves. At present there is little export business in progress, though we may expect a fair start to be made next week. It is scarcely advisable to quote prices, but good shippers will fetch from 4½c to 5½c per lb. In butchers' cattle to-day prices were in favor of the buyers in everything but really choice stuff. Notwithstanding the Montreal yards being overcrowded yesterday, there were several purchasers here from Montreal, and several loads were sent east. We had perhaps as poor a lot of cattle among the supplies here this morning, as has been seen for some time; it was largely made up of poor cows and bulls, and it was the presence of this stuff that had much to do with the decline in prices. While choice butchers' cattle brought 4 to 4½c, and occasionally 4½c per lb, medium and poor stuff was off quite 25c per cwt, in fact it was said to be considerably more than this—and in some instances it was—but a quarter was about the average. Among the sales were these:—A lot of 10, averaging 1,100 lbs, sold at \$3 90 per cwt; a lot of 37, averaging 1,080 lbs, sold at \$4 15 per cwt; a lot of 10, averaging 900 lbs, sold at 4½c per lb; a lot of 18, averaging 975 lbs, sold at \$3 90 each; 14 averaging 1,010 lbs, 4½c per lb; 20, mixed with cows, averaging 1,040 lbs, 3½c per lb; 19 mixed with shippers, averaging 1,150 lbs, \$4 60 per cwt; 21, averaging 1,000 lbs, \$4 15 per cwt; 14 averaging 970 lbs, 3½c per lb; 15, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 3½c. The sales of common stuff dragged, and the yards were not cleared.

Milk cows—About twenty came in; there was a rather better enquiry, and prices may be quoted as ranging from \$22 to \$45. A few choice milkers are wanted.

Yearlings, lambs and sheep—We had too many in, and prices were a little off. Good grain-fed yearlings will fetch 5½c to 5¾c per lb, but sales were slow, and prices weakened somewhat for anything but choice. Good spring lambs are worth from \$3 to \$4 each, and a few are wanted; most of the lambs offered were poor quality, and sold at low figures. Sheep can be quoted as worth from \$5 to \$6 each, and good sheep suitable for export are wanted, and will find a ready sale at full values. Bucks are worth 3c and ewes 4c per pound, if of the right quality.

Calves—Out of 120 or 130 here we had scarcely any choice calves; prices even for good are away off, and run from \$4 to \$6 per head. The heavy supplies of rough and common calves coming in lately has pulled the market down.

Hogs—While prices to-day were unchanged, prices were weak, with a distinctly downward tendency. The top price paid was \$5 25 per cwt for very choice hogs, weighed off cars; fat hogs, brought \$4 90 to \$5; and stores as much as \$4 75 per cwt. All grades are wanted and a decline in prices is probable next week.

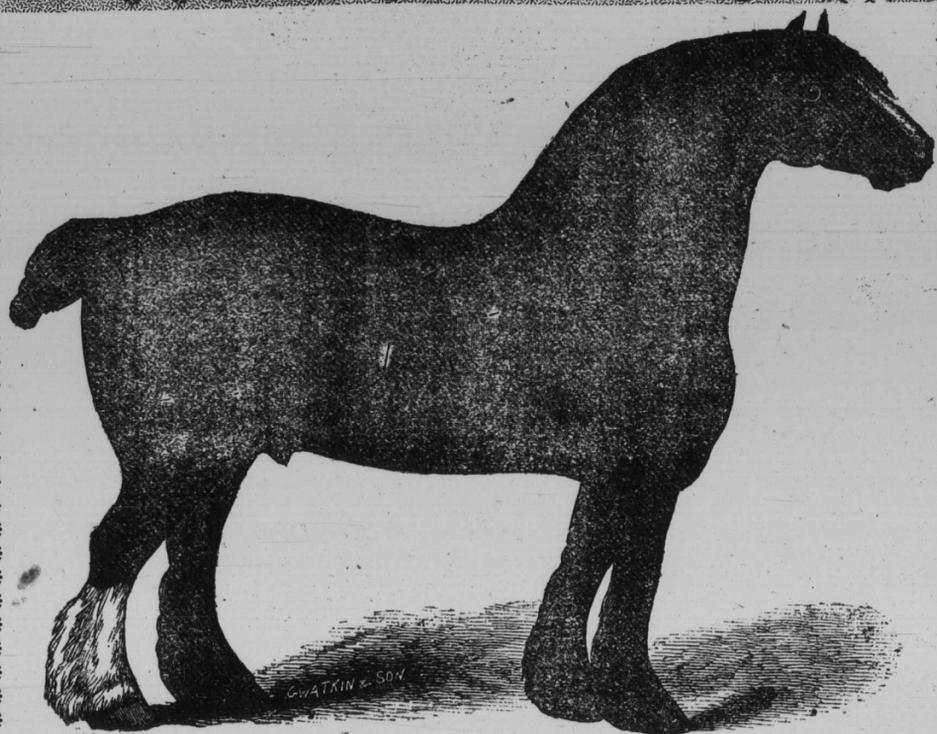
East Buffalo, April 26.—Receipts of cattle were more liberal to-day of through stock, but light of stock; offerings of latter were peddled out at full strong prices; good fat cows sold at \$4 and some old but fat course lots brought \$3 50 to \$3 85; veals were in moderate supply, and brought \$3 75 to \$4 25, with extra at \$4 50 to \$4 75. Hogs—Receipts moderate, 2,500 head; the market was active and higher for all grades; mediums, heavy, and choice Yorkers sold at \$5 20 to \$5 35, roughs, \$4 25 to \$4 50; stags, \$3 25 to \$4 25. Sheep and lambs—Offerings fairly liberal, 36 cars; the market was active and higher for all grades of good stock, but fat and heavy ewes sold no better; top wethers brought \$4 50 to \$4 60; fair to good mixed sheep, \$4 15 to \$4 65; common to fair, \$2 90 to \$3 25; culls, \$2 to \$2 75; fancy heavy lambs, \$5 50 to \$5 60; fair to good, \$4 90 to \$5 60; spring lambs, common to choice, \$3 50 to \$9.

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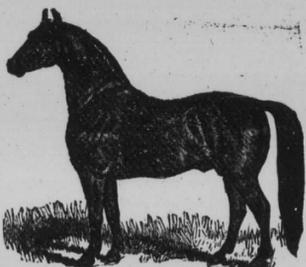
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