

Live Stock Market.

A cable from Liverpool, to the *Montreal Gazette*, on September 14 says: "There were only 400 head of Canadian cattle to-day and the demand was brisk in consequence. While Canadians were more eagerly looked after, the several causes I have repeatedly referred to lately had the effect of keeping prices down, the tops not bringing over 12c. The ruling prices were as follows: - Finest steers, 12c; good to choice, 11½c; poor to medium, 10½c; inferior and bulls, 9½c.

The *Montreal Gazette* of Sept. 15 says: "The live stock export trade moves along very quietly. The markets on the other hand show little if any improvement, but shippers are buying closer, and a small margin is being cleared on fat cattle and stockers. The stock which was bought early in the season at \$1 per cwt. more than they could be bought for now, are, of course, still losing, but cattle bought on the public markets recently, are, as a rule, letting the shipper out. The greater part of the shipments now are stockers, for which there is a good demand both here and in Toronto, but as there are only four or five men in the stocker trade to any extent they can run the market about as they want to. The greater part of the cattle are bought on the Toronto market, but a few odd head are picked up about the different yards here, one shipper buying nearly 200 head yesterday at prices ranging from 3c to 4c per lb. Two of the regular steamship lines have reduced their Liverpool space to 55 shillings and there is some talk of making a reduction in the quotations for Glasgow. The agents find it pretty hard to secure the cattle for the boats. There is no trouble in filling the stocker boats as the space has all been taken and must be filled. There was a large supply of butchers' cattle at the Montreal yards, Point St Charles yesterday. Good butchers' cattle were scarce and any offering sold freely at about 4c per pound, but the bulk of the receipts were sent to the East End abattoir. There were about 530 hogs offered. All were sold at \$5.50 to \$5.60 per cwt. At the East End Abattoir good butchers' cattle were scarce and all offering were quickly picked up, the best animals bringing 4½c per lb. N. Bickerlike bought 181 stockers between the abattoir and the C. P. R. yards, paying from 3c. to 4c. per pound. Good medium cattle were taken by butchers at 3½ to 4c, and lower grades from 3½ down to 2c. About four loads of poor stuff were left over. Good sheep and lambs were also hard to get; but all offerings were sold, sheep ranging from \$3 to \$5 each and lambs from \$2 to \$4. Three loads of very fine cattle from Mitchell's ranch, near Medicine Hat, Assa., were shown at the Canadian Pacific yards. They are just as quiet as ordinary farmers' cattle, receiving more than the usual care given to cattle on the ranches, and are in excellent condition. They are all high grade shorthorn and many of the two year old steers weigh 1,300. There are intended for export. The steamer *Brema*, which sailed to-day took the first consignment of cattle from this port to Germany. John Crowe made the shipment as an experiment. The shipment consists of 61 head of choice fat cattle, bought well and paying a very reasonable rate of freight will have \$7.50 per head duty and will be quarantined for five days.

The Mercantile Agency.

A. C. Matthews, who a few years ago was manager of the Dun, Wiman agency at Winnipeg, but who since then has represented the mercantile agency at New Haven, Connecticut, has been transferred to the management of the Dun Wiman business at Montreal. A *New Haven* paper speaks of the change as follows: "A. C. Matthews, the affable and energetic manager of the local agency of R. G. Dun & Co. has been appointed manager of the Montreal branch of the same firm, and will leave for his new post tomorrow evening. Mr. Matthews has been in charge of the branch in this city for the past three years, and during his short stay here made hosts of friends, all of whom, while loth to see him depart, wish him all prosperity in his more important field of labor. The business of the agency in this city has more than doubled during the past two years in consequence largely of Mr. Matthews' efficient and energetic work. Mr. Matthews, from long experience, is fully qualified to take charge of the important field to which he is going, having been for twenty years in the employ of the company, having started in as office boy in Memphis, Tenn., some twenty years ago and steadily climbing the ladder of the various positions, and has been for the past twelve years manager of the various offices of the firm."

British Columbia.

Davidson Bros., are offering the Westminster branch of their jewellery business for sale.

J. Teague, jr., druggist, Victoria, has sold out to Dean & Peacock.

Thomas Garvin, saloon, Victoria, has bought the nickel plate.

A. G. Horne, general store, Victoria; business for sale.

Samuel Reid has opened a clothing and furnishing store at Victoria.

The California Wine Co. is the name of a new Victoria concern.

The sealing schooner *Ariel* has returned to Victoria with a catch of 1,030 skins, all made in Behring sea.

The new government steamer *Quadra* for British Columbia service sails from Glasgow, where she was built, on the first of next month.

The new smelter at Golden, British Columbia, has been completed, but will not be put in operation before next spring.

THE COMMERCIAL has received an invitation to attend the Royal Agricultural and Industrial exhibition, which will be held at Westminster, September 22 to 25.

The Bank of British Columbia invites subscriptions in England for £200,000 of three per cent. inscribed stock of the province, forming part of the authorized amount of £700,000. The price of issue is £86 per cent., at which it will yield subscribers £3, 12s, 6d. per cent. It is redeemable at par in 1941.

British Cattle Regulations.

We publish in another column says the *Montreal Gazette*, the order of the British Board of Agriculture in regard to the transatlantic cattle trade. After all the fuss and flurry of Mr.

Chaplin and his confreres the shippers here expected something better than the vague milk and water affair under notice. The regulations will not bear comparison to those proposed by the Canadian shippers. No space is defined, cattle can be carried on the lower batches, the width of the alleyways is fixed at only 18 inches. In fact the only redeeming features of the whole affair are the clauses referring to the number of attendants and the slaughtering of injured cattle. Perhaps that great august body, the board of agriculture, will conclude that they have not learned much about the trade after they have read the Canadian regulations, notwithstanding their great enquiry over which such a fuss or blow was made.

Flour.

The *Montreal Herald*, of Tuesday last, says: "The weak and unsettled feeling, which was in the main due to the weak tone of the export markets, has, to-day, resulted in a decline of 25c per barrel in spring grades. City and local trade is quieter, and export enquiries are very slow, though we hear of a sale of 2,000 sacks old flour for Glasgow account on p. t. In the present state of the markets it is doubtful if this 25c cut will go down deep enough to stimulate business, but no further change is expected for the present. We quote: Patent, winter, \$5.20 to 5.30; patent spring, \$5.50 to 5.60; straight roller, \$4.90 to \$5.10; extra, \$4.65 to 4.65; superfine, \$4.20 to 4.35; fine, \$3.75 to \$4; Manitoba bakers, \$4.75 to \$5; Ontario bags, extra, \$2.20 to \$2.40; superfine, \$2 to \$2.10.

Lumber Cuttings.

Graham Horne & Co., Fort William, are bringing two million feet of lumber from Georgian Bay.

Fraser & Co., Edmonton, Alberta, are sawing in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

Two thousand men, mostly French-Canadians, employed in the Ottawa, Ont., sawmills, have struck for a reduction of hours of work, one hour and a half per day, and an increase of 50 cents in wages per week. At present they receive from six to eight dollars per week and work 11½ hours per day with three-quarters of an hour for dinner.

Saskatchewan.

Kernaghan Bros., of Prince Albert, have purchased the store lately built by Goodfellow & McColl, and will use it for their tin-smithing business.

Peter McCarthy, Q. C., has returned to Calgary from a prospecting trip in the mountains, and reports having found a large number of seams of Anthracite coal on the south fork of Red Deer river, forty miles north of Banff. All the seams found lie in an easy position for mining. There is also a natural pass for a railway to the claim. The seams range from thirteen feet upwards.

The transfer of the Portage Milling Co.'s mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., to the Lako of the Woods Milling Co., was completed Wednesday last.