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MARKETS.

Toronto. LIVE STOCK.

Receipts at the Western Cattle Market last week totalled 152 cars, and included 1,828 cattle; 2,282 sheep and lambs, 2,084 hogs, and 164 calves. For the same week last year, they totalled 141 cars, and included 1,919 cattle, 2,150 sheep and lambs, 2,724 hogs, and 146 calves. The week's receipts at the Union Stock-yards, Toronto Junction, amounted to 77 cars, and included 1,267 cattle, 28 sheep, 1,048 hogs, 2 calves, and 16 horses. For the same week last year, they amounted to 56 cars, including 1,054 cattle, 284 sheep, 272 hogs, 8 calves, and 26 horses.

Export Cattle—Offerings light and generally of poor quality; a firmer tone noticeable in the market. Choice cattle are shading higher; quoted at \$4.60 to \$5; good to medium, \$4 to \$4.50; others, \$3.75 to \$4; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4, and cows, \$2.75 to \$3.50.

Butchers' Cattle—Picked lots, \$4.20 to \$4.50; good to choice, \$3.60 to \$4.10; fair to good, \$3 to \$3.50; common, \$2.50 to \$3; cows, \$2 to \$2.75; bulls, \$1.75 to \$2.25, and canners, \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Stockers and Feeders—Trade quiet. Not many cattle offering. Short-keep feeders are quoted at \$3.60 to \$4; good feeders, \$3.40 to \$3.65; medium, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls, \$2 to \$2.75; good stockers run at \$2.60 to \$3.50; rough to common, \$2 to \$2.70, and bulls, \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Milch Cows—Hold steady, with a fairly good demand for the good stock.

Calves—\$2 to \$12 each, and 8½c. to 6½c. per lb.

Sheep and Lambs—Trade active, and everything sold; \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. for export ewes, and \$3.50 to \$4 for bucks and culls. Lambs are quoted at \$1.50 to \$6.75 for export, and \$6 to \$6.60 for bucks.

Hogs—Market firm in tone, and quoted at \$7 per cwt. for selects, and \$6.75 for lights and fats.

HORSES.

The market for driving horses is practically at a standstill, but the inactivity in this department is more than offset by the brisk enquiry for heavy horses—blocks and chunks—running from 1,450 to 1,600 lbs. in weight. There is practically an unlimited demand for these classes, and all offerings are quickly absorbed at firm prices. Delivery horses and expressers are also wanted, and sell fairly well, but carriage horses, saddle horses and roadsters are moving sluggishly.

Several large shipments have gone forward to outside points for construction purposes, visitors from Manitoba points, Montreal, and the new provinces being among the heaviest buyers. The range of prices during last week follow: Roadsters, 15 to 16 hands, \$150 to \$175; cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$140 to \$175; delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., \$300 to \$500; general-purpose and expressers, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs., \$150 to \$190; drafters, 1,350 to 1,700 lbs., \$160 to \$210; serviceable second-hand workers and drivers, \$60 to \$80.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 white, 79c.; red,

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78½c.; mixed, 78c.; goose, 75c.; spring, 74c. to 75c., at outside points.
Millfeed—Lower; bran, in bags, outside, \$15.50 to \$16; shorts, \$16.50 to \$17.50.
Oats—Firm, 35c. to 36½c., outside.
Barley—Firm; No. 2, 48c. to 49½c.; No. 3 extra, 45c. to 46c.; No. 3, 42c. to 43½c., all outside.
Peas—Firm, 79c., outside.
Rye—Fair demand, 70c., outside.
Corn—Canadian, easier at 44c.
Chatham freights; American, ½c. lower;
No. 3 yellow, 50c.; mixed, 49½c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Receipts continue plentiful, especially in the lines of the lower grades. Creamery, 24c. to 25c.; solids, 23c. to 24c. Dairy lb. rolls, good to choice, 21c. to 22c.; large rolls, 19c. to 20c.; tubs, 21c. to 22c.; medium, 19c. to 20c.; inferior, 18c. to 20c.

Cheese—Steady to firm, with a good demand; 18c. for large, and 13½c. for twins.

Eggs—The demand for new-laid has greatly increased; 22c. to 23c. for new-laid, 17c. for storage, and 15c. for limed.
Poultry—Quotations for choice dry-plucked: Fat chickens, 10c. to 11c.; thin, 7c. to 8c. Fat hens, 7½c. to 8½c.; thin, 6c. to 7c. Ducks, 12c. to 13c.; thin, 6c. to 8c. Geese, 10c. to 11c. Turkeys, 14c. to 15c. for choice small lots.

Potatoes—Ontario, 65c. to 75c. per bag, on track here; 75c. to 85c., out of store; Eastern, 70c. to 80c., on track, and 80c. to 90c., out of store.

Honey—Combs, \$1.25 to \$2 per dozen; strained, 7c. to 8c. per pound.

Beans—Hand-picked, \$1.75 to \$1.80; prime, \$1.65 to \$1.75, and \$1.25 to \$1.50 for undergrades.

Baled Hay—Is offering freely; \$8 per ton for No. 1 timothy, in car lots, here, and \$6 for No. 2.

Baled Straw—Market steady at \$6 per ton for car lots, on track, here.

PROVISIONS.

Hogs—Offerings of dressed hogs here are exceedingly light; \$8.75 per cwt. for car lots, on track, here.

Pork—Short cut, \$22; clear shoulder mess, \$14.50 to \$15; mess, \$17.50 to \$18.

Smoked and dry-salted meats—Long, clear bacon, 10½c. to 11c. per tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 13½c.; backs, 15c. to 16c.; breakfast bacon, 14c.; rolls, 11½c.; shoulders, 10½c.; green meats, out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked.

Land—Tierces, 10½c.; tubs, 11c.; pails, 10½c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front St., wholesale dealers in wool, hides, calf skins and sheep skins, tallow, etc., quote: Inspected hides, No. 1 steers, 11c.; inspected hides, No. 2 steers, 10c.; inspected hides, No. 1 cows, 10½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows, 9½c.; country hides, flat, 9c.; calf skins, No. 1 selected, 13c.; sheep skins, \$1.25 to \$1.30; horse hides, \$3 to \$3.25; tallow, rendered, 4c. to 4½c.

FARMERS' MARKET. (Retail Prices.)

Hay, No. 1 timothy, \$9 to \$10; mixed or clover, \$6 to \$8. Straw, \$10, loose, \$6 to \$7. Dressed hogs, light, cwt., \$9.50; heavy, \$9. Butter, 25c. to 27c. Eggs, 25c. to 27c. Spring chicken, dressed, 7c. to 8c.; live, 5c. Old, dressed, 7c.; live, 4c. Turkeys, dressed, 14c.

to \$15c.; Hve, 12c. Geese, live, 8c.; dressed, 10c. to 12c. Potatoes, per bag, 85c. to \$1; onions, per peck, 30c. Apples, per barrel, \$2.00 to \$3.50. Beef, hind quarters, 7c. to 8c.; fore quarters, 4½c. to 5½c.; carcasses, 6c. to 7c.; lambs, 10c. to 11c.; mutton, 8c. to 9c.; veal, 8½c. to 10c.

Montreal.

Live Stock—The market for Canadian cattle on the other side was weaker last week, though a cable from London quoted American cattle ½c. higher. The recent mild spells have had a bad influence on the local market for live stock. The feature was the strength of hogs. These advanced considerably, and as high as 7½c. to 7½c. was paid for selects, off cars. The recent order-in-council, prohibiting the importation of American hogs, has had a firming influence. Montreal packers seem to be taking stock at a slight premium over other markets.

Many packers are contracting for their supplies ahead, and out of some large receipts here recently there were but few hogs for sale. Cattle have been selling at from 4½c. to 5c., usually, for choicest stock, though a few have brought more. Good to fine stock ranges from 3½c. to 4½c.; medium, 3½c. to 3½c., and common, 2½c. to 3½c. Sheep and lambs in light supply. Sheep quoted at 4½c., and lambs at 6c. Calves about 4c. to 5½c. per lb., according to quality, some choice, large calves bringing a very good price. Some milch cows sold at \$30 to \$50.

Horses—Since the first of the year, there has been a good demand for horses of all kinds, although, quite lately, demand has fallen off considerably. However, dealers look for a continued good trade from now till well into the spring. The demand at present is due very largely to the bad condition of the roads, and to this being the season for ice-harvesting. The bad roads necessitate a large number of horses to carry on the work of the express and cartage companies. It is also expected that very shortly the contracts will commence to be let for the building of the G. T. P. The outlook is firm. Express horses, weighing 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., are quoted at \$150 to \$200 each; coal-cart animals, weighing 1,350 to 1,450 lbs., sell at \$175 to \$225 each; draft animals are also higher, those weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs. each, selling at \$175 to \$225, and those weighing 1,500 to 1,700 selling at \$250 to \$300 each. There is a better demand for good drivers, and fine animals range from \$200 to \$500, according to desirability. Poor animals sell at \$75 to \$125 each. The above quotations are for sound, young animals.

Butter—Exporters are trying to make purchases from factorymen at 22c., f. o. b. for finest current makes, and at 22½c., here they give back a slight profit. Unless something occurs to put prices up, finest creamery, current makes, will be available at 22½c. here. October goods, however, are held by many at 23c. The weakness of the market is due to a large extent to the continued mild weather. Dairies are quoted at 20½c. to 21½c., being scarce. A shipment of creamery, October, was made to the Pacific coast re-

cently at about 28½c., it is said, there being two cars.

Cheese—Market is dull and steady, 13c. to 14c.

Poultry—It is claimed that Winnipeg merchants purchased a few carloads of poultry recently for their market, paying 13½c. to 14c. for turkeys, 11c. for geese and chickens, and 11½c. for ducks. Many dealers are still asking these prices, but it is very unlikely that they are securing them. The market, just now, is probably a cent under above figures, for finest.

Eggs—There have been further slight declines since a week ago. Best pickled and cold-store sell at 18c., some quoting 17c., and selects, 22c. At these figures, stocks will be rapidly reduced, so that should a cold snap come along, there should be a good chance of a firm market, or a rise.

Potatoes—General run of fine stock costs 61c. to 63c. per 90 lbs., on track, and sells at 70c. to 75c., in broken lots, delivered into store. Some very fancy potatoes are bringing as high as 80c. per bag.

Turnips—Demand fair. Stock costs \$11 per ton, on track, and sells at \$12, delivered into store, in broken lots.

Onions—90c. per bag of 80 lbs., for Canadian reds.

Seed—Clover seed has been arriving pretty liberally of late, and it is expected that by the end of the month it will have been pretty well cleaned up throughout the country. Timothy is being received very slowly, and, as a result, prices have been advanced somewhat to induce freer deliveries. It should be pretty well into dealers' hands by the end of February. Prices are \$6.25 to \$7 per bushel of 60 lbs., f. o. b., country points, for red clover, and \$4 to \$6.50 for alsike, timothy being now \$2.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

Oats—The market is strong, and dealers are ready to pay 38½c., 39½c. and 40½c., store, for Nos. 4, 3, and 2, respectively, but it is hard to get stock, even at those figures, and half a cent more has been paid in one or two instances. The outlook is firm, and farmers should not be quick to sell.

Buffalo.

Veals—\$5.25 to \$9.

Hogs—Heavy, mixed and Yorkers, \$5.80 to \$5.90; pigs, \$5.80 to \$5.90; roughs, \$4.80 to \$5.15; stags, \$3.25 to \$4.

Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$6.25 to \$7.85; yearlings, \$6.50 to \$6.75; wethers, \$5.50 to \$6; ewes, \$5.50 to \$5.75; sheep, mixed, \$3 to \$5.75; Western lambs, \$7.25 to \$7.70.

Chicago.

Cattle—Common to prime steers, \$3 to \$6.40; cows, \$3 to \$4; bulls, \$2 to \$4; calves, \$3 to \$8; stockers and feeders, \$2.40 to \$4.60.

Hogs—Choice to prime, heavy, \$5.45 to \$5.55; medium to good heavy, \$5.40 to \$5.45; butchers' weights, \$5.40 to \$5.50; good to choice, heavy, mixed, \$5.40 to \$5.45; packing, \$5.15 to \$5.45.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$4.50 to \$6; yearlings, \$6 to \$6.50; lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.65.

British Cattle Market.

London.—Cattle are quoted at 10½c. to 11½c. per lb.; refrigerator, 7½c. to 8½c.

HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

"O," said the fair, young thing, when the cannon crackers began to boom and the rockets to cleave the air, "these terrific noises always frighten me half to death. I always feel as though I must cling to some strong, sturdy protector, and—"

"How foolish!" observed the practical young man, whose name, by the way, was Lunkhed. "There isn't the slightest danger if you do not go too close to the explosives. Women are continually scaring themselves over a lot of trivial—"

But the fair young thing had pouted and excused herself, saying that she saw a friend across the lawn.

Later, in the rockets' red glare, Mr. Lunkhed saw her clinging like the ivy to the oak against a stalwart young man who seemed to be thoroughly convinced that she was frightened out of a year's growth.