

MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets for last week were 239 carloads, consisting of 3,674 cattle, 2,381 hogs, 3,064 sheep, 188 calves, and 150 horses. There were few well-finished cattle, the bulk being of the half-fat class. Trade was brisk, and prices firmer.

Receipts at the Junction market on Monday, 13th, numbered 1,074 cattle; quality fair to good; trade brisk; export steers, \$4.75 to \$5; export bulls, \$4.00 to \$4.50; picked butchers', \$4.75 to \$5; good, \$4.50 to \$4.65; medium, \$4 to \$4.40; common, \$3.60 to \$3.90; canners, \$1 to \$2 per cwt.; milkers and springers, \$30 to \$50; veal calves, \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt. Sheep, \$4 to \$4.50; lambs, \$5 to \$6 per cwt. Hogs, \$5.90 for selects, fed and watered, and \$5.70, f. o. b., cars at country points.

Exporters.—Prices last week ranged from \$4.50 to \$4.85; export bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.40.

Butchers'.—Choice picked cattle, \$4.75 to \$5.05; loads of good, \$4.40 to \$4.65; medium, \$4 to \$4.25; common, \$3.50 to \$3.90; cows, \$2.25 to \$3.50; canners, \$1 to \$2 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers.—A few common and inferior Eastern Ontario stockers, with ill-bred qualities, were sold at \$2.50 to \$2.85 per cwt. No good feeders were offered.

Milkers and Springers.—Trade in milkers and springers was not as brisk as usual, nor the quality of offerings as good as usual. Prices ranged from \$25 for inferior to \$35 for medium, and \$40 to \$55 for good, and two or three of extra quality brought \$60, and one \$70.

Veal Calves.—The market for veal calves was strong. Prices ranged from \$3.50 to \$6.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Export ewes, \$3.75 to \$4; rams and culs, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. Lambs, prices firmer, at \$5 to \$6 per cwt.

Hogs.—Receipts light, and prices firmer. Selects sold at \$6 per cwt.; lights at \$5.75 per cwt., on fed-and-watered basis. In the country places, dealers quote from \$5.65 to \$5.85, f. o. b. cars.

Horses.—The new horse market in connection with the Union Stock-yards, at Toronto Junction, was opened on Monday last, when over 100 horses were disposed of at better prices than have prevailed for some time. The leading dealers are delighted with the new market, under the management of Herbert Smith. The railway facilities are pleasing the dealers, both C. P. R. and G. T. R. being connected with the yards. Heavy-draft horses sold from \$110 to \$227.50 each, and one extra pair brought \$410; drivers sold at \$150 singly, and one extra pair at \$500. Second-hand workers sold at all prices, from \$40 to \$80 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, \$1; No. 2 red, 99c.; No. 2, mixed, 98c., all sellers' prices. Buyers are offering about 2c. to 3c. less. Manitoba No. 1 Northern, \$1.21; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16; No. 3 Northern, \$1.11; feed wheat, 71c.; No. 2 feed, 65c., delivered.

Barley.—No. 2, buyers, 76c., outside; No. 3 extra, 73c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 47½c. to 48c.; No. 2, mixed, 45c. to 46c.

Rye.—No. 2, buyers, at 78c.

Peas.—No. 2, 83c. to 84c.

Corn.—Old No. 2 American yellow, 73½c., on track at Toronto.

Buckwheat.—Buyers are offering 58c.

Bran.—Farmers are paying \$25 at the city mills, retail; worth from \$20 to \$22, in bulk, on track.

Shorts.—In bulk, on track, worth about \$23 to \$24.

Flour.—90 per cent patents, \$3.75 bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, \$5.80; second patents, \$5.20; strong bakers', \$5.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market easy; at unchanged quotations: Creamery, pound rolls, 29c. to 30c.; creamery, boxes, 29c. to 30c.; dairy, pound rolls, 27c. to 28c.; tubs, 25c. to 26c. There is one grade of creamery butter that sells at 34c., viz., the Locust Hill, which is handled by

Rutherford & Marshall, and so popular has this brand become that the demand is greater than the supply, and this butter retails at 38c. and 40c. per lb.

Eggs.—Strictly new-laid eggs are quoted by dealers at 30c., but they are worth 40c. to 45c., retail, on the farmers' market.

Cheese.—Market steady, at 13½c. for large, and 13½c. for twins.

Poultry.—Prices firmer, with receipts light. Turkeys, 17c. to 18c. per lb.; geese, 12c. to 13c.; ducks, 12c. to 14c.; chickens, 14c. to 17c.; fowl, 10c.

Honey.—Market unchanged. Extracted, 13c.; combs, dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3.

Potatoes.—Car lots, prices steady, at 75c. to 80c., on track, at Toronto.

Beans.—\$1.75 to \$1.85 for primes; hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.95 per bushel.

Hay.—Market easy at \$16.50 to \$17.50 for baled, in car lots, on track at Toronto.

Straw.—Prices unchanged at \$9.50 to \$10.50 for car lots, on track, at Toronto.

TORONTO FRUIT.

Apples.—Prices easy; No. 1 Spies, \$3.75 to \$4; No. 2 Spies, \$3; Baldwins, \$2.75 to \$3.

Onions.—Per bag, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

Wm. Rennie & Co. report the seed market as being dull, with prices as follows: Alsike, fancy, \$8 to \$8.25; No. 1, \$7.50 to \$8; No. 2, per bushel, \$6.75; red clover, No. 1, per bushel, \$9.50, with fancy samples worth \$10 per bushel.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Prices are quoted as follows by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front St., Toronto: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 6c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 4c.; country hides, 4c. to 4½c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 6c. to 8c.; kips, 6c.; horse hides, No. 1, each, \$2.25; horse hair, 27c.; tallow, 5c. to 6c.; wool, unwashed, 10c.; washed, 19c. to 20c.; rejections, 14c.; lamb skins, 75c. to 85c.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—On the local cattle market, the supply was large last week, yet not too much so, there being an excellent demand from local butchers for all classes of live stock. Prices held about steady, at 4½c. to 5c. per lb. for choice, 4½c. for fine, 4c. to 4½c. for good, 3½c. to 4c. for medium, 3c. to 3½c. for common, inferior being 2½c. to 3c., and canners being 1c. and less. Offerings of sheep and lambs were light, and, as demand was very good, the tendency of prices was higher. Choice lambs sold at 6c. per lb.; good at 5½c. to 5½c.; common at 5c. to 5½c. Choice sheep sold at 4c.; good stock at 3½c. to 3½c., and culs at 3c. to 3½c. per lb. The hog market has been displaying considerable strength, and prices are higher than, a week ago, at 6½c. to 6½c. per lb., for choice lots, weighed off cars.

Horses.—The outlook for trade is reported to be anything but bright. Prices continue steady, as follows: Heavy-draft horses, weighing 1,500 lbs. to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275 each; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express horses, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice carriage and saddle, \$300 to \$500.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Dressed hogs of all grades in good demand. Fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed hogs selling at 8½c. to 8½c. per lb., and country-dressed at 7½c. to 8½c. Smoked and cured meats of all kinds are in good request, and are holding steady in price. Hams, weighing 25 lbs. or over, bringing 12½c. per lb.; those weighing 18 to 25 lbs., 13c.; those weighing 12 to 18 lbs., and as low as 8 lbs., 13½c. per lb. Bacon selling freely, at steady prices, being 12c. per lb. for green, boneless; 10½c. for flanks with the bone in, and for long clear, heavy, and 11c. for light, choice smoked being 12½c. to 15c. per lb. Lard continues unchanged, and in fair demand, at 12c. to 12½c. for pure, and 9c. to 9½c. for compound. Barreled pork is in moderate demand, and steady, at \$20 to \$21 per lb.

Potatoes.—The market is a little stronger this week, although demand is anything but active. Meantime, only small lots are being asked for. Green

Mountain potatoes, choicest, are costing about 80c. per 90 lbs., in car lots, on track, and are selling again, same position, in broken lots, at 90c., or delivered into store, bagged, at 95c. to \$1, according to quantity. Best Quebec stock might be quoted at about 5c. less than these prices, all round.

Poultry.—The market for poultry, and particularly for turkeys, shows considerable strength at present. Turkeys are selling, in some instances, as high as 16c. per lb., this being for choicest stock, others selling down to 14c. Supplies are light. Geese are still around 9c. to 10c. per lb., and ducks around 9c. to 11c. per lb. The latter do not seem to be in request this year. It was stated recently by one merchant that 12c. to 13c. would be paid for really fancy chickens, but fair stock may be had for 9c., and fine at 11c. Fowl are quoted at about 6c. to 8c., according to quality.

Eggs.—Almost no fresh eggs are being received. Trade is mostly in held stock, and this is selling at lower figures than was thought would be the case. At the moment, however, the tone of the market seems to be firm, and some merchants look for a slight advance, shortly. Lined stock is quoted at 18c. to 21c. per doz., according to quality; while some sales of glycerined have been made at 22c. Cold-store eggs, when selected, bring from 23c. to 25c.; while No. 1 candled range around 18c. to 19c., and No. 2, around 15c. to 16c. per doz. The present cold weather is affecting the market favorably.

Butter.—Dealers report an improvement in the market. Receipts have fallen off to almost nothing, and latest makes are quoted at 26c. to 27c. per lb. Regarding the rest of the market, there seems to be some doubt. Holders are asking higher prices, but it is claimed that purchases may be made at 28c. to 28½c. for finest Octobers, in wholesale lots, although some are not prepared to sell more than single packages, and are asking 30c. for these.

Cheese.—There is every indication of strength in this market. There is a good enquiry over the cable, and although sales have not been in proportion thereto, several lots have changed hands. Holders are asking more than buyers are willing to concede; yet, it is said that a few lots of Octobers could still be had at 12½c. for white, and 13c. for colored, and Septembers at 13c. for white, and 13½c. for colored. Some are asking ¼c. more than these figures.

Grain.—The market for oats shows considerable strength, and prices have advanced somewhat during the past few days. No. 2 oats are quoted at 53c. to 54c. per bushel, in store; No. 3 at 52c. to 53c.; No. 4 at 50c. to 51c., and rejected at 49c. to 50c.

Flour and Feed.—One of the large Manitoba millers advanced prices 15c. per bbl., but as the other still quotes \$6.10 per bbl. for Manitoba spring-wheat patents, and \$5.50 for seconds, it is hardly likely that sales can be made at more.

Hay.—The market shows a slight decline in prices, as compared with a week ago, and demand is but light. There is no export, no ocean freight being offered. Prices are \$15 to \$15.50 per ton for No. 1 timothy, \$14 to \$14.50 for No. 2, and \$13 to \$13.50 for clover mixture.

Hides.—The market is very dull, and prices are exceedingly low. Dealers are still paying 5c., 6c. and 7c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively, Montreal, and 6c. to 8c., respectively, for Nos. 2 and 1 calf skins, and selling to tanners at ½c. advance. Sheep skins are still 80c. to 85c. each, and horse hides, \$1.25 to \$1.75, respectively, for Nos. 2 and 1. Tallow is 1c. to 3½c. for rough, and 6c. for refined.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$5.40 to \$5.75. Hogs.—Heavy, mixed, Yorkers and pigs, \$4.75; roughs, \$4 to \$4.20. Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$7.75; yearlings, \$6 to \$6.50; lambs, closing 10c. lower.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—Cables are firmer, at 10½c. to 13c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c. per pound.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$4 to \$6.40; cows, \$2.75 to \$3.25; heifers, \$2.50 to \$5.25; bulls, \$2.35 to \$4.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.40 to \$4.40.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$4.40 to \$4.50; butchers', \$4.40 to \$4.50; light mixed, \$4.25 to \$4.35; choice light, \$4.40 to \$4.45; packing, \$4 to \$4.45; pigs, \$3.50 to \$4.25; bulk of sales at \$4.35 to \$4.40.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$4 to \$5.50; lambs, \$5.75 to \$7.30; yearlings, \$4 to \$6.30.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

HAMPSHIRE HOGS WANTED.

Can you please inform me where I can secure White-belted Hampshire hogs?

F. J. B.

Ans.—Parties having hogs of this breed for sale may find it good business policy to advertise in "The Farmer's Advocate."

EXERCISE FOR IN-FOAL MARE

I have a good brood mare, weighing 1,100 lbs., due to foal in July. Would it do her any harm to ride her two miles to work every morning and back at night? The rider weighs 175 lbs.

H. O.

Ans.—No; such exercise would be beneficial, if moderate.

VEGETABLE MUCK FOR CLOVER CATCH.

Would an application of vegetable muck between now and spring on light, sandy soil, rather worn out, and now planted to winter rye, be of enough benefit to ensure a catch of clover, and pay for time and labor?

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Ans.—I think it would be extremely doubtful if an application of vegetable muck between now and spring would insure a catch of clover, and pay for the time and labor of application. Muck taken directly from the swamp would be somewhat sour, and not in the best condition to aid the growth of plants. If the muck had been piled in a heap for some months to allow normal nitrification to take place, the chances are that it would aid in insuring a catch of clover; but in the raw condition, I am afraid that muck would hardly pay for the application.

R. HARCOURT.

GOSSIP.

Farmers' Institute meetings in East Middlesex will be held at Thorndale, Jan. 27th, and at Harrietsville, Jan. 28th. Speakers—W. F. Kydd, Simcoe; John Arbogast, Sebringville, and Miss Shuttleworth, Guelph. Ladies invited, and everybody welcome.

Too late for this issue, Messrs. Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., send a change of advertisement, which will appear in our next issue, in which they offer for sale a select lot of Clydesdale and Hackney stallions, two to six years old, with size, weight and quality, and at reasonable prices. Parties interested should send for their new illustrated catalogue, and write for particulars, or, better, call and see their horses.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Horse-breeders' Association will be held at the Walker House, Toronto, on Thursday, February 13th, at 8 p. m. All members of the Association are respectfully requested to be present. Matters of importance and of interest to the horse industry will be brought up for discussion.—A. P. Westervelt, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Secretary; Wm. Smith, Columbus, President.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

Jan. 30th.—Mr. J. G. Hanmer, Brantford, Ont., 100 Shropshire sheep.
Feb. 12th.—John E. Disney & Son, Greenwood, Ont., Shorthorns and Clydesdale mares (imported and home-bred).
Feb. 14th.—R. H. Reid & Sons, Pine River, Ont., Shorthorns.
March 3rd.—S. J. Pearson & Son, Meadowville, and F. A. Gardner, Britannia, Ont., joint sale of Shorthorns.
March 4th.—Provincial sale of pure-bred cattle, at Guelph.