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northern, \$1.65; No. 2, \$1.64; No. 3 northern, \$1.61.

Oats.—Ontario, No. 2 new, white, 61c. to 62c.; outside; Canadian Western oats, No. 2, new, 72c.; No. 3 new, 67c., track, bay ports.

Rye.—\$1.45.

Buckwheat.—80c. to 82c., outside.

Barley.—Ontario, No. 2, 80c. to 82c., outside.

American Corn.—No. 3 yellow, 81c., Toronto.

Peas.—No. 2, \$1.75, car lots, outside. Rolled Oats.—Per bag of 90 lbs., \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Flour.—Ontario winter wheat, 90 per cent., \$5.80 to \$5.90, seaboard; \$5.90 to \$6, Montreal or Toronto freights. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto were: First patents, \$7.70 in jute, and \$7.20 in jute for second patents; strong bakers', \$7 in jute; in cotton, 10c. more.

### HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto. No. 1, \$18.50 to \$20; No. 2, \$17.50.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, \$8 to \$8.50.

Bran.—Manitoba, \$26 to \$27 in bags, track, Toronto; shorts, \$28 to \$29; middlings, \$33 to \$35.

### TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The following are the prices quoted by Toronto seedsmen, to the trade, for cleaned seed: Red clover No. 1, \$20 to \$21 per cwt.; red clover No. 2, \$18 to \$18.50 per cwt.; red clover No. 3, \$17 per cwt.; alsike clover No. 1, \$19 to \$20 per cwt.; alsike clover No. 2, \$17.50 to \$18.50 per cwt.; alsike clover No. 3, \$16 per cwt.; alfalfa clover No. 1, \$19 to \$22 per cwt.; alfalfa clover No. 2, \$18 to \$18.50 per cwt.; alfalfa clover No. 3, \$17.50 per cwt.; timothy No. 1, \$11 to \$11.50 per cwt.; timothy No. 2, \$9.50 to \$9.75 per cwt.; timothy No. 3, \$8.75 per cwt.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts have remained about steady; prices firm. Creamery squares, 35c. to 37c.; creamery solids, 33c. to 35c.

Eggs.—New-laid eggs remained steady, at 20c. to 21c. per dozen.

Cheese.—New, 18½c. for large, and 19½c. to 19½c. for twins.

Honey.—Extracted, 11c. to 12c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.50 to \$3.

Beans.—Primes, \$3.30 per bushel; hand-picked, \$3.60 per bushel.

Potatoes.—Ontarios, car lots, per bag, track, Toronto, 45c.; New Brunswicks, 50c. per bag, track, Toronto.

Poultry.—Live-weight prices: Turkeys, 18c. to 20c.; ducks, 15c.; hens, 13c. to 15c. per lb.; chickens, 13c. to 15c.; geese, 13c.

### HIDES AND SKINS.

City hides, flat 14c.; country hides, cured, 13c. to 14c.; country hides, part cured, 12c. to 13c.; country hides, green, 12c.; calf skins, per lb., 16c.; kip skins, per lb., 14c.; sheep skins, \$2 to \$2.50; horse hair, per lb., 38c. to 40c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 to \$4.50; wool, unwashed, coarse, 22c.; wool, unwashed, fine, 26c.; wool, washed, coarse, 30c.; wool, washed, fine, 36c.; rejections and cotts, washed, fine, per lb., 25c.; lamb skins and pelts, \$1.25 to \$1.75; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 7.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

New Brunswick Delaware potatoes advanced slightly during the week, selling at 65c. to 70c. per bag. This was caused, no doubt, by the spring break-up, preventing the farmers from hauling them to the different shipping points, as there are still plenty down there.

Louisiana strawberries are coming in and are of good quality, selling at 19c. to 22c. per pint box.

Apples.—Spys, \$5 to \$6 per barrel; Ben Davis, \$2.75 to \$3 per barrel; Baldwins, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel. Bananas, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per bunch; grape-fruit, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per case; lemons, Messinas, \$2.75 to \$3 per case; Californias, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per case; oranges, \$2.75 to \$3 per case; rhubarb, \$1 per dozen bunches; strawberries, Floridas, 30c. to 40c. per box; Louisianas, 19c. to 22c. per pint box. Beets, 40c. to 50c. per bag; new, 90c. per dozen bunches; cabbages, \$2.25 per barrel; celery, Florida, \$2.75 to \$3 per case; California, \$5.75 to \$6 per case; onions, \$1.50 per 75-lb. sack; Americans, \$2.50 per 100-lb. sack; Spanish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per case; parsnips, 60c. per bag; turnips, 50c. per bag; leaf lettuce, 20c. to 40c. per dozen bunches; potatoes, Ontarios, 60c. per bag; New Brunswick Delawares, 65c. to 70c. per bag; seed potatoes, 80c. to 85c. per bag.

## Montreal.

Live Stock.—The live-stock market showed very little change last week. Supplies were moderately large and there was a very fair demand all the way round from butchers. The quality of the stock was not choice, but some very good animals were on the market. Butchers have lately been buying dressed beef in a good many instances owing to the warmer weather, and it is thought this may have its effect on the market. Fine steers sold at 7½c. to 7¾c., while good were 7¼c. to 7½c., and medium 6½c. to 7¼c. From this the price ranged down to 5½c. for commoner grades. Butchers' cows and bulls ranged from 5c. to 6½c. per lb., to cover all qualities. The supply of calves is constantly increasing, and as a result prices tend to decline. Calves were being purchased at about \$1 a head lower than a week ago. The less desirable calves sold as low as \$1.50 each, and from this the price ranged up to \$9 each for the choicest. The offerings of lambs and sheep were not at all large. Some spring lambs sold at \$6 to \$10 each, according to quality, while sheep sold at 4c. to 6c. per lb. The trade in hogs were fairly active, and prices ranged from 9½c. to 9¾c. per lb. for selects, weighed off cars. Some specially fine stock sold at a little above the prices mentioned.

Horses.—Horses showed no change in price, but the tone of the market was firm, and there has been some purchasing for shipment to farmers in the country. Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., were quoted at \$275 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., at \$150 to \$200 each; broken-down, old animals, \$75 to \$100 each, and fancy saddle and carriage animals at \$300 to \$400 each.

Dressed Hogs.—The market for dressed hogs held very steady, no change of importance taking place last week. Abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed Ontario hogs were slightly firmer, at 12½c. to 13½c. per lb. Northwest hogs were unchanged, at 11c. to 11½c., and light-weight country-dressed sold at 11½c. to 11¾c., with heavies at 9½c. to 10½c.

Potatoes.—Potatoes have at last begun to show the advance expected for months past. Week before last they rose from the low point of 40c. to 42½c., and slightly higher. Last week the range was 45c. to 47½c. per 90 lbs., carloads, track. In a jobbing way, the price was 60c. to 65c., bagged.

Honey and Syrup.—The make of syrup was good and supplies were liberal. Prices were unchanged, being 75c. to 80c. for 8-lb. tins, and up to \$1.25 for 13-lb. tins. Sugar was steady, at 12c. to 13c. Honey did not sell freely. White-clover comb was 15c. to 16c. per lb.; extracted, 11c. to 12c.; dark comb, 13c. to 14c., and strained, 8c. to 9c. per lb.

Eggs.—The market held practically unchanged. Production is large, and good stock arrived freely, and packers were busy putting away the stock. Prices were 21c. to 22c. per dozen.

Butter.—Receipts of new-milk creamery were constantly increasing, but prices were not greatly affected. New-milk goods sold at 34½c. to 35c., and finest held creamery was 33½c. to 34c. Fine creamery was 32½c. to 33c., and seconds, 31c. to 32c.

Cheese.—Cheese was fractionally higher, at 17½c. to 17¾c. for colored, white being 1c. lower. Easterns were 16½c. to 17c., and under grades 16½c. to 16¾c.

Grain.—Wheat prices still fluctuated wildly, but the tone was strong. No. 2 white oats were 66½c.; No. 3 65½c., and No. 4 64½c. per bushel, ex store. Canadian Western were 67½c. for No. 3 and extra No. 1 feed. No. 1 feed was 66½c., and No. 2 feed 65½c. Beans were unchanged, at \$3.05 for 1½-lb. pickers; \$2.90 for 3-lb., and \$2.80 for 5-lb., with cheaper stock at \$2.70, in car lots.

Flour.—Flour was \$7.80 per barrel for Ontario patents in wood, and \$7.30 to \$7.40 for straight rollers, bags being \$3.50. Manitoba first patents were \$7.80; seconds \$7.30, and strong bakers' \$7.10, in jute.

Millfeed.—Bran, \$26 per ton in bags; shorts, \$28; middlings, \$33 to \$34 per ton; mouille, \$37 to \$38 for pure, and \$35 to \$36 for mixed, bags included.

Hay.—The hay market was steady. No. 1 pressed hay, Montreal, ex track, was \$19.50 to \$20 per ton; No. 2 extra was \$19.50 to \$20 per ton; No. 2 extra was \$18.

Hides.—Beef hides were another cent down, at 17c., 18c. and 19c. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively. Calf skins were 16c. per lb., and will be 15c. Sheep skins were \$2 to \$2.25 each, and horse hides were \$1.50 for No. 2, to \$2.50 each for No. 1. Tallow was 6c. per lb. for refined, and 2c. to 2½c. for crude.

Seeds.—Prices were steady, at \$7 to \$8.50 for timothy per 100 lbs., and \$7.50 to \$9 per bushel of 60 lbs. for red clover, and \$7 to \$8.50 for alsike at shipping points.

## Buffalo.

Cattle.—Buffalo had a high market last week, considering that supplies were liberal at Western markets, and that a continued unfavorable condition existed in the beef market. Receipts were a hundred and ten loads on the first day of the week, and around thirty cars were shipping steers. Quite a few loads of Canadians were offered. Best steers offered ranged from \$8.35 to \$8.50, and proved very ready sale. New York alone took around twenty-five loads that cost in the neighborhood of \$8.25. The market looked a full dime to fifteen cents higher than the previous week on shipping steers, while butchering cattle generally looked fifteen cents to a quarter above the level the week before. Best handy steers sold from \$7.75 to \$8.10, and proved active. Local killers reported an improved beef outlet, and the result was that they needed quite a few cattle. A load of handy Canadian heifers sold at \$7, this price also prevailing for a load of weighty natives. Canner and medium cow stuff sold at about steady prices, few canners making four cents, while the demand, under liberal Jewish outlet, was strong for the better kinds of cows, and these looked as much as a quarter above the week before. Bulls showed a dime to fifteen cents advance. About the worst sale of late is a class of long-legged, big, coarse steers, which are more desirable for kosher demand, these selling from \$7 to \$7.50, and they are very draggy. Sellers still think that it will pay feeders and shippers to hold back a fair-fleshed and warmed-up kind of steers and give them a little corn, carrying them into the grass season, when they will put on some fat around about June and bring more satisfactory prices. Receipts the past week were 3,275 head, as against 3,390 the week before, and 3,500 for the

corresponding period a year ago. Quotations: Choice to prime native shipping steers, 1,250 to 1,500 lbs., \$8.10 to \$8.50; fair to good native shipping steers, \$7.60 to \$7.75; plain and coarse, \$7 to \$7.25; Canadian steers, 1,300 to 1,450 lbs., \$7.50 to \$8; Canadian steers, 1,100 to 1,250 lbs., \$7.25 to \$7.50; choice to prime handy steers, native, \$7.40 to \$8; fair to good, \$6.75 to \$7.25; light common, \$6.25 to \$6.50; yearlings, \$7.25 to \$8; prime fat heavy heifers, \$7 to \$7.15; light butchering heifers, \$6.25 to \$6.75; light butchering heifers, \$5.50 to \$6; best heavy fat cows, \$6 to \$6.50; good butchering cows, \$5 to \$5.50; cutters, \$4.25 to \$4.50; canners, \$3 to \$4; fancy bulls, \$6.25 to \$6.50; best butchering bulls, \$5.75 to \$6.25; good killing bulls, \$5.25 to \$5.50; light bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.

Hogs.—Prices were higher every day last week. On the opening day pigs sold at \$7.50, with all other grades generally \$7.70, a few \$7.75, and Tuesday, prices on all weights were a nickel higher. Wednesday a few good grades sold at \$7.75 and \$7.80, with bulk of light grades going at \$7.85, and Thursday's transactions were made at \$7.85 and \$7.90. Friday's run numbered around 4,500 head, and prices were advanced ten to fifteen cents. Bulk of heavies sold at \$7.95, and five or six decks reached \$8.05, with the balance selling at \$8. Roughs the past week ranged from \$6.50 to \$6.75, and stags \$6 down. Receipts for the week ending Friday totaled approximately 28,200 head, being against 25,198 head for the previous week, and 32,640 head a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Run the past week reached around 20,800 head, as compared with 17,980 head for the previous week, and 27,800 head for the same week a year ago. Monday about wound up the season on wool lambs, top for these being \$11.10, with bulk selling at \$11. Clipped lambs on the opening day ranged from \$9.50 to \$9.65, and while Tuesday's top for these was \$9.60, buyers got the bulk at \$9.50. Wednesday, best shorn lambs sold at \$9.75, and Thursday's and Friday's sales on tops were made at \$9.75 and \$9.85. Shorn lambs, averaging around 90 pounds, sold at \$9.50 and \$9.60, heavy ones, kinds weighing better than 100 pounds, sold down to \$8.50. Best and culls went from \$8.25 down. Best yearlings quotable from \$8 to \$8.25. Tops shorn wether sheep \$7 to \$7.25, and clipped ewes mostly \$6.75 down, few selling Friday at \$7.

Calves.—Good supply the past week, grand total, which included 350 head of Canadians, being approximately 3,700 head, as against 2,911 head the week before, and 3,050 head a year ago. The first two days of the past week buyers got tops down to \$8.50, and the next three days values were higher. Wednesday best ones selling at \$9.50, and on Friday tops reached \$9.75. Culls \$8 down, and common fed calves sold as low as \$4. Canadians, which were on the veal order, sold in the same notch as the natives.

## Chicago.

Cattle.—Beef, \$6.20 to \$8.55; Western steers, \$5.65 to \$7.50; cows and heifers, \$7.90 to \$8.10; calves, \$5.75 to \$8.25.

Hogs.—Light, \$7.20 to \$7.60; mixed, \$7.15 to \$7.60; heavy, \$6.85 to \$7.45; rough, \$6.85 to \$7.05; pigs, \$6 to \$7; bulk of sales, \$7.25 to \$7.45.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, native, \$7.60 to \$8.65; lambs, native, \$8.25 to \$10.65.

## Corn Improvement.

The greater part of the Report of the Ontario Corn Growers' Association, now ready for distribution, is taken up with valuable hints on the breeding of seed corn. Methods of improving the yield of husking and silage varieties are given by both college-trained specialists and by practical farmers, with the result that the report contains what may be termed the latest word in corn growing.

The raising of alfalfa as an alternate crop is advocated, and some excellent pointers are given concerning its cultivation.

The report also contains a homely but very timely talk by an Essex county man, on "The Value and Intelligence of Birds on the Farm," which will be found most refreshing as well as informing reading. A brief but suggestive article is also given on the use of electricity on the farm.