

creamery on this side and altogether the market has a healthy tone. Exports so far this season from Montreal shown an increase of over 27,000 packages as compared with the same period of last year. The Trade Bulletin of a last week says:

"Since our last report the market advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. with sales as high as 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 21c. for finest creamery, but during the past two or three days there has been a gradual easing off, with sales to-day of about 400 to 450 boxes at 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., both figures being paid by shippers. Sales of between 700 and 800 boxes of seconds were made at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19 $\frac{3}{4}$. In dairy butter there is no particular change, sales of between 300 and 400 tubs of Western being reported at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17c. a lot of 60 packages selling at 16c., but it was not selected. A car of Western was sold for Montreal account at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. f.o.b. Western dairy is evidently scarce, as we know of several orders for this class of butter that are unfilled."

Creamery is steady here at 21c. for prints and 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for tubs and boxes. There is a keen demand here for dairy pound rolls, but receipts are not large. The finest are quoted at 16c to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and medium at 15c to 16c. Tubs, pails and crocks are offering freely at 5c to 16c for the best. On Toronto farmers' market pound rolls being 10c to 18c, and crocks 13c to 15c per lb.

Wool

The wool market continues inactive and dull at last week's quotations, which are 13c for washed and 8c per lb. for unwashed.

Cattle

While cable quotations are lower, there was a slight advance at the leading American cattle markets late in the week for really prime quality. Poor quality is slow of sale and not in active demand. There was not a large run of live stock at the Toronto cattle market on Friday; the offerings were 512 cattle, 1,645 hogs, 728 sheep and 60 calves. There was an improvement in the quality of the shipping cattle over that earlier in the week. The bulk of the offerings, however, were grassers, many of which were of poor quality and not wanted. Trade has fallen off considerably owing to the very hot weather, especially for butchers' cattle. People are not eating so much meat, and more fruit and berries. There were no outside buyers on the market. There were some grassers left unsold, and should there be a large run of this class, drovers would find a very dull market. A few loads of choice shipping cattle sold at \$5.30 or 15c per cwt. higher than on Thursday. Stall-fed butchers' cattle were firm at about the same prices, but meal-fed grasses and straight sold at much lower quotations. There were a few loads of light and heavy feeders, which met with a good demand at quotations. More of these would have found ready sale. There were few stockers offered, and prices for these are easy, though choice lots are in demand. Milch cows and springers sold at from \$25 to \$50 each.

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Butchers' Cattle.—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters', weighing 1,050 to 0,150 lbs. each sold at 12.50 to \$7.75 per cwt., good cattle at \$4.35 to \$4.45, medium at \$3.90 to \$4.35, and inferior to common at \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Feeders.—Heavy, well-bred steers, from 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each, sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75, and other quality at \$4.40 to \$4.50 per cwt. Light 1,150 lbs. each, sold at 32.50 to 24.75 sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Stockers.—Yearling steers, 400 to 500 lbs. each, sold at \$3 to \$3.30, off colors, and inferior quality at \$2.50 per cwt.

Calves.—These are in good demand at Buffalo, veals bringing \$5.50 to \$5.85 per cwt. At Toronto market ordinary calves bring \$2 to \$8 each.

Milch cows.—These sold at from \$25 to \$50 each.

Sheep and Lambs

The deliveries of sheep and lambs on Friday were a little larger, and prices were fairly steady for all but export ewes, which are not in good demand. Prices for sheep were \$3.50 to \$3.60 for ewes, and \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. for bucks. Spring lambs are steady at \$2.50 to \$4 each. At Montreal spring lambs bring \$3 to \$4.50 each; yearling \$5.50 to \$6 per cwt; and sheep \$4.50 to \$5.00 per cwt. The Buffalo market has ruled dull, good to choice spring lambs being \$5.50 to \$5.75.

Hogs

Hogs ruled a shade lower all week; select bacon hogs selling at \$7, and lights and fats at \$6.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cwt. Unculled car lots brought about \$6.90 per cwt. An advance in price is expected this week.

For the week ending July 6th the Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, will pay \$7.50 per cwt. for select bacon hogs and \$7.00 for lights and fats.

At Montreal packers have been paying \$7.25 per cwt. for bacon hogs, and the market is firmer. The trade Bulletin's London cable of June 27th, re Canadian bacon reads thus: "Market steady for Canadian bacon, stocks of which are light."

Horses

The horse trade is a little quiet, though quite up to the usual activi-

ty for this season. Montreal quotations are: Carriage horses, \$180 to \$350 each; heavy drafts, \$190 to \$225; light roadsters, drivers and saddles, \$100 to \$225; and remounts, \$110 to \$140 each.

Summer Care of the Flock.

The Michigan Farmer has been conducting a series of prize competitions for practical essays on various farm topics. Some very good material has been obtained in this way, and we give herewith the first prize essay on the summer care of sheep, as it is both timely and suggestive. It is as follows:

"We will suppose this flock to be the ordinary farm flock. That it has been well wintered, and that the lambs have been yeaned in March or April. Then the first thing is to shear. Do not put this off, and do not think of waiting to wash. This barbarism is not profitable, to say nothing of the cruelty. If the lambs have all come, the second week in April is late enough. This means, of course, that they are to be put up nights and kept out of any storms that may come. This should be done anyway, whether they are sheared or not. Ten days after they are sheared dip the lambs. Not all of us are so situated that we can dip our sheep, but anyone can dip the lambs. A half barrel and fifty cents' worth of anyone of the standard sheep dips will clean up the lambs, and there will be few, if any, ticks left on the sheep if this is done soon after shearing. We did not find a tick on our flock at shearing this year, and only the lambs were dipped last year.

There are three essentials for sheep in the summer—feed, water and shade—and no one of them can be dispensed with and have the best results. If we have no natural shade in our sheep pasture we should build some sort of a cheap shed that would furnish protection from the sun and from the flies. The nose fly, which the sheep fear so much, will not follow a sheep into the shade. The flock needs water just as much as the herd, or the horse, and it should have it in plentiful supply and where it is easily obtained. This statement may seem needless, but it is not. There

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