

lots selling at 30c. to 31c. per dozen, and cartons at 33c. to 34c. per dozen.

Cheese.—Old, 22c. per lb.; new, 19c. to 19½c.

Beans.—Primes, \$5; hand-picked, \$5.50.

Honey is beginning to come in—60-lb. tins selling at 12c. per lb.; 5-lb. tins at 12½c. per lb., one-pound sections at \$3 per dozen.

Poultry.—Live-weight prices—Spring chickens, lb., 20c.; spring ducks, lb., 12c.; turkeys, young, lb., 20c.; fowl, 4 lbs. and over, lb., 15c.; fowl, under 4 lbs., lb., 14c.

Squabs per doz., dressed, \$3.50 to \$4.

#### Hides and Skins.

City hides, flat 20c.; country hides, cured, 18c.; country hides, part cured, 17c.; country hides, green, 16c.; calf skins, per lb., 25c.; kip skins, per lb., 22c.; sheep skins, city, \$2.50 to \$3.50; sheep skins, country, \$1.50 to \$3; lamb skins and pelts, 55c. to 70c.; horse hair, per lb., 43c. to 45c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$5 to \$6; No. 2, \$4.50 to \$5.50. wool, washed, 42c. to 46c. per lb.; wool, rejections, 35c. to 38c. per lb.; wool, unwashed, 32c. to 35c., per lb. Tallow, No. 1, 6½c. to 7½c.; solids, 6c. to 7c.

#### Wholesale Fruit and Vegetables.

Apples came in very freely during the past week, but the bulk of them were of such poor quality it was hard to dispose of them—and the shippers would have done better to keep them at home. There is a firm demand for fair to choice fruit at high prices—the 11-qt. baskets sold at 25c. to 75c.; the 6-qts. going at 17½c. to 40c.

Lawton berries came in fairly well, but there is only a fair demand for this fruit, as they are not a favorite. They sold at 12c. to 15c. per box.

Black Currants came in freely, selling at \$1 to \$1.35 per 11 quarts, an odd one bringing \$1.50.

Red currants still came in and sold at 7c. and 8c. per box.

Cherries of splendid quality were shipped in; the best selling at \$1 to \$1.25 per 11 quarts, and 60c. to 65c. per 6 quarts.

Gooseberries were shipped in lightly, selling at 40c. to 50c. per 6 qts.

Muskmelons came in freely and varied greatly as to quality and price, the poor quality 11 qts. selling at 35c. to 50c.; some salmon flesh 11's bringing 65c.; poor quality 16's at 65c., and Fordhooks, Osage and Hoodoo varieties at 90c. to \$1.50 per 16 qts.

Peach shipments increased in quantity and some better quality began to come in, the 6 qts. selling at 25c. to 75c. and the 11's at 50c. to \$1.

Plums also, the 6 qts. selling at 30c. to 50c. and the 11's at 50c. to 75c.

Pears were still poor quality, the 6-quart baskets selling at 25c. to 30c., and the 11-quart baskets at 50c. to 75c.

Tomatoes increased in quantity and decreased in price, firming towards the end of the week, when No. 1's sold at 50c. to 75c. per 11 qts. and No. 2's at 35c.

Corn came in in large quantities. It also declined and then firmed in price, bringing 15c. to 17c. per dozen, with an odd lot of extra choice quality going at 20c. per doz.

Potatoes kept firm, the barrels selling at \$4.75 and the bags at \$3.25 per 120 lbs., and \$2.25 to \$2.35 per 90 lbs.

Onions remained high priced, the Cincinnatis selling at \$4 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; the Washington's at \$4 per 100 lbs. and Maryland at \$2.25 per bushel hamper. Pickling onions of choice quality came in for the first time this season towards the end of the week, the 11 qts. selling at \$1.25 to \$2 according to size.

Cucumbers were a slow sale, at 40c. to 50c. per 11 qts.

Vegetable marrow declined slightly in price, selling at 60c. to 75c. per 11 qts.

Carrots and beets were quite scarce, selling at 40c. to 50c. per 11-qt baskets.

Egg plants came in in small quantities, selling at \$1 to \$1.25 per 11 qt leno baskets.

Celery—Kalamazoo celery remained stationary at 40c. per doz., while Brighton No. 1 brought 90c. and \$1 per dozen bunches, and No. 2, 60c. to 70c. per dozen.

Lettuce has been scarce, the imported Boston head selling at \$3.25 per case of 2 dozen.

Green peppers sold at 50c. to 75c. per 11 qts., and the red ones at 85c. per 11 qts.

Cabbage only came in in very small lots, selling at \$2.75 to \$3.50 per case.

Lemons remained high priced at \$8 to \$9 per case.

Oranges also kept firm at \$5 to \$5.50 per case.

#### Montreal.

On the local cattle market, offerings of the lower grades of stock were fairly liberal last week, and, as a consequence, the tone of the market was easy. For certain grades, prices declined about ¼c.

Demand was not at all active, particularly as the weather was not favorable to consumption, being again quite warm. Choice steers sold at 8½c. to 8¾c. per lb., and good at 7½c. to 8c., while lower grades ranged down to 6c. per lb. Butchers cows ranged from 5¼c. to 7c., bulls being about ¼c. better than these figures. A good trade was done in canning stock at moderately firm prices, the range being 4¼c. to 4¾c. for cows and 5c. to 5¼c. for bulls. Small meats were rather easier, but demand was good, particularly for lambs, the price of which ranged from 8½c. to 10¾c. according to quality. Sheep sold at 6¼c. to 7c. per lb. There was a moderate demand for calves and everything offered was taken at 5c. to 7c. per lb. for grass-fed stock. Packers took all the hogs offering at around 13¼c. for selected lots, weighed off cars, the general range for best being ¼c. lower, while rough stock sold at 11½c. to 12½c. per lb.

Horses.—Dealers report a very dull market with practically no change in price. Heavy draft, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light draft, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each; small horses, \$100 to \$125 each; culls \$50 to \$75 each; fine saddle and carriage horses, \$200 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs were in steady demand, particularly for small lots, which were needed for actual wants, and prices ranged from 17½c. to 17¾c. per lb. for select abattoir killed.

Potatoes.—Only local and import potatoes were offered on this market. The price of local stock was \$1.70 to \$1.80 per bag of 90 lbs., according to quality, while American potatoes were \$3.75 per barrel. Dealers reported that the crop was practically a failure in many good Ontario sections and none too satisfactory in the province of Quebec.

Honey and Syrup.—This market continued very steady. Syrup in 8 lb. tins was 85c. to 90c. and in 10-lb. tins, \$1 to \$1.10, while 13-lb. tins sold at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Sugar was 11c. per lb. White clover comb honey was 15c. and extracted 12c. to 12½c. Brown clover comb was 12½c. to 13c. and extracted 10c. to 11c. Buckwheat honey was 9c. to 10c.

Eggs.—The market is gradually strengthening and was above an export basis. Strictly new-laid eggs were 35c. to 36c.; No. 1 selected being 33c. to 34c.; No. 1 candled 30c. to 31c., and No. 2 candled, 26c. to 27c.

Butter.—Export demand is having a strengthening influence on the market. Prices for finest creamery ranged from 33½c. to 34c. per lb., fine creamery being about ¼c. less and undergrades 31½c. to 32c. Dairy butter ranged all the way from 24½c. to 27½c., according to quality.

Cheese.—At the auction, No. 1 white Quebec sold at 18½-16c.; No. 2 white at 18½-16c.; No. 3 white, 17½c. and No. 2 colored, 18½c. Ontario boards sold up to 18½c. Locally, finest western colored was quoted at 18½-8 to 18½c. and white at ¼c. less. Eastern colored brought 17½-8c. to 18c. and white ¼c. under these figures.

Grain.—Wheat was unquotable, and it is said that no transactions for local account took place. Oats were firmer at 57½c. for No. 1 Canadian Western; 57c. for No. 2; 56½c. for No. 3, with No. 1 feed extra 56½c. and No. 2 feed, 55½c. per bushel, ex-store.

Flour.—No further advances took place in Manitoba flour, the price being \$8.20 for first patents; \$7.70 for seconds and \$7.50 for strong bakers, per barrel, in bags. Choice Ontario patents were \$7 per barrel, 90 per cents. being \$6.20 to \$6.40 in wood, and \$2.90 to \$3 per bag.

Mill Feed.—The market was firm at \$24 per ton for bran in bags; \$26 for shorts; \$28 for middlings; \$31 to \$32 for mixed mouille, and \$33 to \$34 for pure grain mouille, in bags.

Baled Hay.—There was a decline during the week in old crop hay, owing to offerings of new and prices of No. 1 were \$18.50 to \$19 per ton; No. 2 being \$17.50 to \$18 and No. 3 \$15 to \$16.

Hides.—Lambskins were up to \$1.10 each, with horse hides \$1.50 for No. 3, \$2.50 for No. 2, and \$3.50 for extra No. 1. Beef hides were 21c., 22c. and 23c. for No's. 3, 2 and 1, and calf skins 31c. per lb. for No. 2 and 33c. for No. 1. Tallow was 8c. per lb. for rendered and 2½c. for rough.

#### Buffalo.

Cattle.—Offerings at Buffalo last week were liberal and western markets showed good runs, but, notwithstanding, trade was most satisfactory, especially on anything choice to prime. There were around twenty loads of Canadians, including a few cars of shipping steers but mostly mixed stuff. Market on shipping steers was fully a quarter to thirty-five cents higher, best native steers on the medium weight order, selling up to \$10.60, with best Canadians running from \$9 to \$9.35, Canadian steers were only in fair finish and it would pay the Canadian feeders to put these weighty steers in better finish. They are killing out on a small percentage of beef and are proving disappointing, but no doubt if they were finished up better they would bring better prices and give better satisfaction. A load of heifers cows, with some strictly heifers in from Canada, sold at \$7.75. In the butchering line, choice kinds sold a full quarter higher, but on a medium kind of cows, selling from five to six cents the trade was a quarter lower, and a medium, plain, kind of grassy steers were also lower. Bulls, which have been bringing high prices right along, were given a good, hard jolt, selling a big quarter to thirty-five cents lower, the best ranging up to \$7 to \$7.25, with the little common stuff down to \$5.50. Stocker and feeder trade was weak, about the best here selling at \$7 to \$7.25, but there are very few of the good quality feeders coming. The little, common stocker stuff is especially slow and bad sale. Milchers and springers were given another general advance of \$5 per head for the best kinds, with the medium and common ones slow and steady. At the close of the market on Monday, when something like 5,400 head were offered, a good clearance was had. After Monday, the trade was generally a quarter lower. Demand at the present time calls for the best finished cattle and these are selling to much better advantage than the half fat kinds. Receipts for the week totaled 6,300 head, as against 4,300 head for the previous week and 4,075 head for the corresponding week last year. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$9.50 to \$10.60; fair to good, \$8.75 to \$9.50; plain, \$8.25 to \$8.60; very coarse and common, \$7.60 to \$8.00; best Canadian, \$8.50 to \$9.35; fair to good, \$8.00 to \$8.50; common and plain, \$7.50 to \$8.00.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$8.50 to \$9.00; fair to good, \$8.00 to \$8.50; best handy, \$8.50 to \$9.00; fair to good, \$7.25 to \$8.25; light and common, \$6.75 to \$7.25; yearlings, prime, \$9.25 to \$10.05; fair to good, \$8.00 to \$8.75.

Cows and Heifers.—Best handy butcher heifers, \$7.50 to \$7.75; common to good, \$6.50 to \$7.25; best heavy fat cows, \$7.00 to \$7.50; good butchering cows, \$6.00 to \$6.50; medium to fair, \$5.25 to \$5.75; cutters, \$4.50 to \$4.75; canners, \$3.25 to \$4.25.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$6.75 to \$7.00; good butchering, \$6.25 to \$6.50.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$7.00 to \$7.25; common to good, \$6.25 to \$6.75; best stockers, \$6.75 to \$7.00; common to good, \$5.50 to \$6.25.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small lots, \$8.00 to \$10.00; in car loads, \$7.00 to \$7.50.

Hogs.—Last week started with prices ruling a little in favor of the buying side, prices being declined a dime from the previous week's close. Monday a few decks brought \$10.70 but bulk moved at \$10.65, with some on the common order selling down to \$10.40 and pigs landed at \$10.10. After Monday, receipts were very light and the next four days prices were advanced, best grades on Friday selling up to \$10.95 and \$11.00, with pigs around \$10.25. Roughs ranged from \$9.15 to \$9.50 and stags \$8.00

down. Common grassy hogs are being discriminated against and at present they are underselling the best grades by from fifteen to twenty-five cents per cwt. Skip pigs and thin roughs are also showing a big margin under the best ones. Receipts last week were 19,700 head, as against 20,863 head for the week previous and 26,800 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Little change was noted in prices last week. Lambs on the tippy order the first five days brought from \$11.00 to \$11.25 and the throwouts or culls went from \$9.50 down. Top yearlings sold at \$9.00 and \$9.25, best wether sheep are quotable up around \$8.25, and while a few handy ewes sold up to \$7.75, general ewe range was from \$7.00 to \$7.50, heavy ones being hard to land above \$7.00. Last week the run reached around 7,200 head, as compared with 6,256 head for the week before and 8,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—The highest prices ever known were paid for calves at Buffalo last week. Monday tops sold generally at \$13.00, Tuesday not many reached above \$12.50, Wednesday and Thursday bulk sold at \$13.00, with a few at \$13.25 and Friday, which was the high day, best lots scored \$13.75 and \$14.00 and culls ranged from \$12.00 down. Weighty calves were slow sale all week and they continued to show a big margin under the handy lots of the same weight and quality, it being hard to place anything weighty, even though on the vealy order, above \$10.50. Two decks of Canadians were on Friday's market and the tops out of these sold at \$13.00 and \$13.25, culls went from \$12.00 down and some on the heavy fat order moved from \$8.50 to \$9.00. Receipts last week were 1,900 head, as against 2,317 head for the week previous and 1,700 head for the same week a year ago.

#### Cheese Market.

Alexandria—Eight hundred and seventeen cheeses were boarded last week and all sold at 18½ cents for white and colored. Montreal—Finest western, 18½ cents to 18½ cents; finest easterns, 18½ cents to 18½ cents. Cornwall, 18½ cents; Picton, colored, 19½; Iroquois, Que., 18½ cents; Napanee, 19½ Mont Joli, 17½ cents.

#### Chicago.

Stockers and feeders, \$5 to \$9.40; cows and heifers, \$3.70 to \$9.50; calves, \$9.25 to \$12.75.

Hogs.—Light, \$10 to \$10.50; mixed, \$9.95 to \$10.90; heavy, \$9.75 to \$12; rough, \$9.75 to \$9.95; pigs, \$8 to \$9.60; bulk of sales, \$10.20 to \$10.80.

Sheep.—Native, \$6.50 to \$8. Lambs, native, \$7.25 to \$11.25.

Two characteristic tales are told of the days when Kitchener was at the head of affairs in India. There is no small touch of humor in the account The Times gives of his reception to the Ameer of Afghanistan several years ago:

When the durbar was held at Agra in February, 1907, in honor of the Ameer of Afghanistan the bandmasters were instructed to play the Afghan national anthem on the arrival of the great potentate. No one had ever heard of such a tune, and finally the Commander-in-Chief was appealed to for instructions.

"It does not matter two straws," "K" replied, "what is played, as he does not know a note of music. Play two or three bars of something heavy, pompous, and slow, and let it go at that."

The bandmasters finally decided upon a march from one of the older German operas, very little known by the general public. This was played with such success that the newspapers at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and other cities visited by the Ameer printed a column about the "weirdly beautiful Oriental strains of the Afghan national anthem," and it has been used ever since at all royal functions in Kabul.

"There are 600,000 children in Belgium entirely dependent upon the tender-heartedness of the outside world."

—A. J. Hemphill, Treas. of the Neutral Commission for Relief.