

and geese, 10 to 11c; and turkeys, 12½ to 14.

**CHEESE**—The season is now practically over and prices are nominal.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—There is very little opportunity to be had as milk is scarce and local factories are only making a very small quantity of butter, not enough for their regular customers. Wholesalers are paying 25¢ per lb. net for their supplies at present.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—There is almost a famine in the dairy butter market and prices have moved up 2¢ per pound in a week or two. Consequently, the shortage is to be found largely in the fact that country orders for cream butter are not being filled. The little that they are making. Wholesalers dealers are getting 25¢ per pound, commission is 10¢ for the butter in tubs, bricks or casks, 10 to 18¢ for ordinary qualities, while seconds are only worth 10 to 12¢ per pound, and some of the receipts do not bring that much.

**CHEESE**—Jobbers are getting 11½¢ per pound for cheese. Stocks are in hand are from Ontario.

**BUTTER**—The market has been weak this week and 11 to 12¢ per dozen for fresh case eggs, commission has been the price throughout. The country market is about 3¢ to the farmers at country points.

**VEGETABLES**—The market is about the same prices about as follows: Potatoes, farmers' heads, delivered here, 25 to 30¢ per bushel; carboys, 81¢ per bushel; heads, 60¢ per bushel; turnips, 30 to 35¢ per bushel; cabbage, 3 to 3½¢ per pound; lettuce and radishes, 4¢ per dozen bunches; celery, 90¢ per bunch; bunches, onions, 4¢ per pound.

**DRESSED MEATS**—The features of the week should be the receipt of a lot of Winnipeg butchers have shown a fine range of meats as usual. Beef, mutton, pork, and lamb are all in very large quantities suitable for this purpose. Ordinary meats hold unchanged at 10¢ per lb. Beef, mutton, 7 to 8¢ per pound; country meats, 1½¢ under these prices; old, 8 to 10¢; mutton, 8 to 10¢; pork, 7 to 8¢.

**HIDES**—The market is very quiet, and prices remain unchanged as follows: No. 1 hides delivered, Winnipeg, worth 61¢; No. 2s, 54¢; and No. 3s, 41¢. Country hides, frozen, are worth 5½¢ per lb. delivered here, 5 to 5½¢ per lb. Kips, the same price as hides, 7½¢; dekins, 25 to 40¢; skins, 10 to 15¢; heads, 50¢ to 81¢.

**WOOL**—Market nominal.

**TALLOW**—The local prices for tallow is 1½ to 5¢ per pound.

**SINCE A ROOF**—Market nominal.

**LIVE STOCK**

**CATTLE**—Fat cattle for the Easter trade have been in good demand, and fat prices were paid for some. The supply was not large. Beef cattle are scarce all over the country, except as being as high as 1½¢ per pound for fat cattle for their regular trade, and the range of prices is 4 to 4½¢, according to quality. Cows here, stockers are worth \$14 to \$16 per head for yearlings, and \$18 to \$20 for two year-olds.

**SHEEP**—Butchers have killed more sheep and lambs for their Easter trade during the past week, and fresh meat will not be in regular supply. Sheep are not plentiful, and the regular quotation is in the neighborhood of 25¢ per pound delivered here.

**HOGS**—The market is steady at 6¢ per pound for choice packing hogs, delivered at Winnipeg.

**MILK COWS**—There is a good demand for new milkers at from \$35 to \$65 each.

**HORSES**—There is a good demand for horses for spring work. Prices are high, and as much as \$350 is readily obtained for a pair of work horses of good quality.

The range being from \$200 to \$1000.

#### BANK CLEARINGS

Toronto, March 28.—The weekly Canadian bank clearings as compiled by the Bank of Montreal for the week ending March 28th, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the same week of last year is as follows: Montreal, \$1,250,000, increased 10%; Toronto, \$1,350,000, increased 20%; Winnipeg, \$2,500,000, increased 22%; Halifax, \$1,200,000, increased 10%; Vancouver, \$200,000, increased 45%; St. Paul, \$100,000, increased 20%; St. Louis, \$100,000, increased 20%; Quebec, \$100,000, increased 20%; Montreal, \$1,250,000, increased 10%.

#### Toronto Wholesale Trade.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 28.

Dry Goods—Trade is active. Large quantities of cotton staples are being made, and prices are fairly maintained.

Hardware—Increasing demand for seasonal lines and lawn mowers and lawns have advanced. Iron and Canada plates are reported getting scarce.

Groceries—Good demand. All Canada refined sugars advanced 5¢ yesterday. A large trade is expected after Easter.

#### Hogs and Hog Products.

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Toronto, March 28.

Hog products are in larger demand, the enquiry for smoked meats being especially good.

Hogs—Dressed, \$7.50 to \$7.75 per 100 pounds for carlots, farmers' lots, \$7.75 to \$8.00.

Pork—Canada short cut, \$21.50 to \$22.25 heavy mess, \$20.50.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long-bone, 10 to 12¢; corned, 10¢; breakfast bacon, 14¢; hams, 13 to 14¢; rolls, 11¢; shoulders, 10½¢; corned green meat, out of the pigs are quoted at 1¢ less than smoked.

Lard—Tallow, 11½¢; tins, 11½¢; and tins, 11½¢.

#### Toronto Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 28.

Wheat is weak and lower. Flour also dull, and buyers are holding off in expectation of lower prices owing to short demand. Oats are steady. Choice dairy butter continues scarce and firm. Creameries are in big demand. Receipts are large and prices weak and lower. New seed is coming in.

Wheat—Red and white winter wheat is worth 72¢; middle freight, spring, 72 to 72½¢ for No. 1, Manitoba, 72 to 72½¢ for No. 1, hard, North Bay, \$1½¢ for No. 1 northern, and 17¢ for No. 2 northern. No. 2, 16½¢ per bushel.

Wheat—No. 3 is quoted at 50¢ per bushel, middle freight.

Flour—90 per cent, Ontario patents, \$2.75 in buyers' bags, middle freight; choice brands are held 15 to 20¢ higher. Manitoba flour is unchanged at \$4.20 for Hungarian in carlots, bags included, on track, Toronto.

Milled—Shorts, \$18.50 per ton, and bran, \$10.00 per ton, middle freight. Manitoba feed, \$22 for ears of shorts and \$20 for bran, sacks included.

Oatmeal—\$4.00 for ears of bags and \$4.75 in water for carlots. Toronto 2¢ per ton for No. 1 timothy.

Hay—Case lots, new hay, 12¢ per dozen.

Butter—Best tubs and tubs, 14 to 16¢; pound rolls, 18 to 20¢; medium, 10 to 12½¢; creamery tubs, choice, 21 to 22¢; prints, 22 to 23¢.

Cheese—11 to 11½¢ for job lots of cheese.

Hides—See for No. 1 cows, No. 1 at 61¢; country hides, 10¢ under these prices; calfskins, 10¢ for No. 1, and 9¢ for No. 2; sheepskins, 15 to 20¢ each; tallow, 5 to 6¢.

Wool—Washed fleeces, 12½¢; unwashed, 7¢.

Maple Syrup—\$1.40 per bushel for job lots of hard picked.

Dried Apples—5½¢ for round lots, evaporated, 10½¢ to 10¢.

Maple Syrup—New is quoted here at \$1.10 per imperial gallon, in bulk or gallon tins.

Honey—10 to 10½¢ per pound in bulk; in frames, \$2 to \$2.50.

Poultry—Spring chickens, dressed, 7 to 8¢ per pair; spring ducks, 10 to 11¢; turkeys, 12½ to 15¢ for fresh killed; geese, 8 to 10¢ per pound.

Potatoes—10 to 12¢ per bushel for carlots.

#### Montreal Grain and Produce.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 28.

Wheat is lower in sympathy with other markets. Flour unchanged.

Cheese is firm, and offerings are confined largely to undergrades, of which 1,000 boxes brought 10½¢ to 10½¢. Finest Ontario fall cheese brings 11½ to 11½¢; Townships, 11½ to 11½¢; Quebec, 11½ to 11½¢.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, about, May, quoted at 70¢.

Barley—50¢ for feed.

Oats—New, No. 2, white oats are offering at 41¢ in store.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.90 to \$4.10; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80; straight rollers, \$3.45 to \$3.55; winter patents, \$3.75 to \$4.00.

Baked oats—\$4.50 to \$4.60 per barrel, and \$2.90 for bulk.

Feed—Manitoba bags, bags included, \$19; shorts, \$22.

Baled Hay—Choice, \$9.50 to \$10. No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9.25.

Cheese—Ontario, 11½ to 11½¢; Quebec, 11½ to 11½¢.

Butter—Creamery, finest, fresh, 20½¢; under grades, 18 to 19¢; western dairy rolls, 15 to 17¢; Manitoba dairy, tubs, 11 to 14¢.

Eggs—Fresh case eggs, 13½ to 14¢ per dozen.

Molasses—Tins, 60 to 70¢ per wine gallon; sugar, 9 to 10¢ for good.

Honey—White clover, comb, in large sections, 12¢; strained, 8½ to 9¢ per lb.; buckwheat honey, in comb, 8 to 9¢; and extracted, 9½ to 10¢.

Hides—No. 1, 6¢; No. 2, 5¢; No. 3, 4¢; calfskins, 10¢ and 8¢; sheepskins, 16 to 21 for good fresh skins.

Vegetables—Potatoes per bag, 80 to 85¢ in carlots.

Poultry—Turkeys, 12 to 15¢; chickens, 9 to 10¢; fowls, 4 to 5¢; ducks, 8 to 10¢; geese, 5 to 6¢.

Hogs—Fresh killed, \$7.50 for best weights.

#### Montreal Live Stock.

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Montreal, March 28.

At the East End abattoir on Monday offerings were 620 cattle, 175 sheep and lambs and 1,040 hogs.

This was Easter cattle day, but although the supply was fairly large, the display of real prime and fancy stock was small, as compared with previous years, but as the majority of the stock were of good useful kind, buyers had no difficulty in filling their wants. The tone of the market was steady. A few real prime steers and heifers weighing an average of 1,500

lbs. each, sold at 7 to 7½¢ per lb. Extra choice cattle sold at 5½¢ to 6¢; choice at 5 to 5½¢; good at 4½ to 4¾¢; fair at 3½ to 4¢; and common at 3 to 3½¢ per lb. Sheep sold at 4 to 4½¢; and yearlings at 3 to 3½¢ per lb. Spring lambs brought from \$2 to \$6 each, and calves from \$2 to \$15 each, and some sales were made at 5 to 9¢ per lb. The demand for live hogs was good and the tone of the market is firm, with sales at 6½ to 7½¢ per lb.

#### THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, March 28.

Receipts at the East End abattoir yesterday were 230 cattle.

The market for cattle was 5¢ or about 1¢ lower than would be paid for choice Easter cattle. Pretty good stock brought 4 to 4½¢. Calves, \$1.50 to \$6 each. Old sheep, 2½ to 4¢. Yearlings, 4½ to 5¢. Spring lambs, 2.50 to 30¢ each. Among the extra choice best sold early in the week were ten head at 6½¢. Hogs 6 to 6½¢.

#### Toronto Live Stock Market.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 28.

Receipts at the stock market yesterday were 87 cars, including 1,000 cattle, 180 sheep and lambs, and 585 hogs.

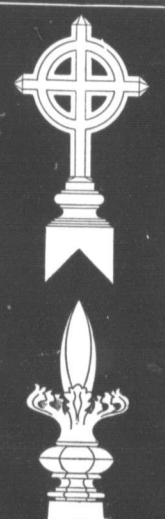
Export Cattle—Were in good demand and offerings were large. Choice ones sold at \$1.90 to \$2.75 per cwt., and medium, \$1.25 to \$1.80 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Were in strong demand, and as the offerings were not large, the prices were higher than last Friday's market. Picked lots sold at \$1.85 to \$2.12½ per cwt. Choice butchers' cattle sold at \$1.25 to \$1.85 per cwt., and common to fair ones at \$1.25 to \$1.40 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers—Were steady, selling at \$1.00 to \$1.60 per cwt. for short keep feeders and \$1 to \$3.80 per cwt. for heavy stockers.

Sheep—Were easier, selling at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt. for export wares and \$2.50 to \$3.50 for local.

Lambs—Were steady, though there was a little easier feeling for yearling lambs. Yearlings sold at \$1.25 to



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