

MARKETS.

Toronto.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

At West Toronto, on Monday, January 6, receipts of live stock numbered 64 cars, comprising 1,025 cattle, 686 hogs, 359 sheep and lambs, 28 calves, and 4 horses; no business transactions. Hogs, \$8.50 fed and watered, and \$8.15 f. o. b. cars.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards last week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	12	175	187
Cattle	176	1,961	2,137
Hogs	88	5,663	5,751
Sheep	119	1,420	1,539
Calves	18	208	226
Horses	—	4	4

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1911 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	50	67	117
Cattle	779	590	1,369
Hogs	484	2,183	2,622
Sheep	393	1,642	2,235
Calves	39	2	41
Horses	—	60	60

The combined receipts of live stock at the two markets for the past week show an increase of 70 cars, 768 cattle, 3,129 hogs, 185 calves; but a decrease of 696 sheep, and 56 horses, compared with the same week of 1911.

Receipts of all classes of live stock were light, and in consequence prices were firm all round.

Exporters.—Not enough export cattle were offered to make up a shipment that Swift & Co. had orders for. This firm quoted exporters as being worth \$6.50 to \$7, and bought one load, 1,250 lbs. each, for the Swift Canadian Co., at the latter price.

Butchers.—Good to choice butchers' sold at \$6 to \$6.75; medium to good, \$5.40 to \$5.90; common, \$5 to \$5.30; inferior, \$4.25 to \$5; cows, \$2.50 to \$5.40; bulls, \$3.50 to \$5.25, and a few of extra quality, \$5.40 to \$5.75, and one choice bull brought \$6.

(Stockers and Feeders.—None were offered, but prices would have been about steady, with our last report.

Milkers and Springers.—Few were offered, but prices were about steady, at \$40 to \$70 each, and we heard of one selling at \$85.

Veal Calves.—Receipts were light and prices firm, \$3.75 to \$9 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—The market for sheep and lambs was firm. Sheep—Ewes sold from \$4.50 to \$5.25; rams, \$3.50 to \$3.75; lambs, \$7.50 to \$8 per cwt., the bulk selling at \$7.75.

Hogs.—Receipts were light, and prices higher. Selects, fed and watered, sold as high as \$8.80, and \$8.10 to \$8.15, f. o. b. cars at country points.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2 red, white or mixed, 90c. to 91c., outside. Inferior grades as low as 70c. Manitoba, No. 1 northern, 93½c.; No. 2 northern, 91c., track, lake ports; No. 3 northern, 90½c.; feed wheat, 65c., lake ports. Oats—Ontario, 33c. to 34c., outside; 38c., track, Toronto. Manitoba oats, No. 2, 41c.; No. 3, 39c., lake ports. Rye—No. 2, 75c. to 76c., outside. Peas—No. 2, \$1 to \$1.10, outside. Buckwheat—47c. to 48c., outside. Corn—No. 3 yellow, all rail, Toronto, 53½c. Barley—For malting, 60c. to 65c.; for feed, 40c. to 50c., outside. Flour—Ontario winter wheat flour, \$4.05 to \$4.15, delivered. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.30; second patents, \$4.80; in cotton, 10c. more; strong baker's, \$4.60, in jute.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, No. 1, \$13.50 to \$14; No. 2, \$11 to \$12 per ton.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$10 per ton.

Bran.—Manitoba, \$21 per ton; shorts, \$24.50; Ontario bran, \$21 in bags; shorts, \$24.50, car lots, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market steady. Creamery

pound rolls, 32c. to 33c.; creamery solids, 30c. to 31c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.; store lots, 24c. to 26c.

Cheese.—Large, 14c.; twins, 15c. Eggs.—New-laid, 45c. to 50c.; cold-storage, 27c. to 28c.

Honey.—Extracted, 12½c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3. Potatoes.—Market steady. Ontarios, in car lots, track, Toronto, 85c.; New Brunswick Delawares, 90c. per bag, car lots, Toronto.

Beans.—Market easier. Primes, \$2.65 to \$2.75; hand-picked, \$2.30 to \$2.85, for broken lots.

Poultry.—Dressed, turkeys, 22c. to 25c.; geese, 17c. to 18c.; ducks, 16c. to 18c.; chickens, 15c. to 18c.; hens, 12c. to 13c.; with market firm at these quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.

No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 15c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 14c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 13c.; country hides, cured, 12c. to 13c.; country hides, green, 10½c. to 11½c.; calf skins, per lb., 14c. to 15c.; lamb skins, \$1 to \$1.25; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 37c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 6½c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$11.50 to \$12; alsike No. 2, per bushel, \$10.50 to \$11; alsike No. 3, per bushel, \$9.50 to \$10; timothy No. 1, per bushel, \$1.90 to \$2.25; timothy No. 2, per bushel, \$1.25 to \$1.60.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples.—Snows are becoming scarce, and sell from \$3.50 to \$4; Greenings, \$2.50 to \$3; Spies, \$3 to \$3.75; fall apples, \$2 to \$2.75; per basket, 25c. to 40c.; onions, per bag of 90 lbs., 90c. to \$1.10; beets, per bag, 70c. to 80c.; carrots, per bag, 50c. to 65c.; turnips, per bag, 40c.; parsnips, 60c. per bag; celery, 30c. to 75c. per dozen; cabbage, 40c. to 50c. per dozen.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—The market for cattle showed considerable strength, and an advance of a fraction of a cent took place. Some choice cattle sold at 7½c. per lb., so it was said, although 7c. to 7½c. was a more general figure. Fine stock sold around 6½c., and good around 6c. to 6½c., while medium stock was 5c. to 5½c., and common down to 4c. Canners' sold as low as 2½c. per lb. Lambs were firm, being 7c. to 7½c. per lb., bucks and culls being 4c. to 4½c., and ewes being 4½c. to 5c. per lb. Hogs sold at 9c. to 9½c. per lb., f. o. b., this being for selects.

Horses.—There is almost no demand at the present time. Prices continue about as before. Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$400; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$300; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$125 to \$200; old, broken-down animals, \$75 to \$125, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

Poultry.—Following the holidays, it is only natural that the market for poultry would be dull, as was the case. Very little change in price has taken place, quotations being as follows: Turkeys, 23c. to 24c. per lb.; ducks, 15c. to 16c.; chickens, 16c. to 18c.; fowls, 12c. to 14c., and geese, 13c. to 15c. per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—The market for dressed hogs was firm, and prices were fractionally higher. Abattoir fresh-killed hogs were 13c. to 13½c. per lb.; country dressed hogs were 12½c. to 12½c. per lb. for light, and 11½c. to 12c. for heavy.

Potatoes.—The market showed no change. Green Mountains were still quoted at 85c. to 90c. per 90 lbs., car lots, track, and Quebec at 75c. to 80c. In a jobbing way, prices were 15c. and 20c. more.

Eggs.—There was no change in price. Fresh-laid held around 60c. in a small way; selects were 32c. in cases, and No. 1 were 28c., while seconds sold around 22c.

Syrup and Honey.—Maple syrup is likely to hold steady for a considerable time to come. Prices were 8c. to 8½c. per lb. for syrup in tins, and 6½c. to 7c. per lb. in wood. Sugar was 8½c. to 9c. per lb. White-clover comb honey, 16½c. to 17c.; dark, 14c. to 14½c.; white extracted, 12c. to 12½c., and dark, 8½c. to 9½c. per lb.

Butter.—The market for butter showed very little change, prices still being 30c. to 31c. per lb. for choicest, while good butter could be had from 29c. to 30c., and some second-rate goods at 28c. to 29c. per lb., some fresh makes being that figure also. Dairies were 26c. to 27c.

Grain.—No. 2 Canadian Western oats, in car lots, ex store, were quoted at 43c. to 43½c. per bushel; extra No. 1 feed, 42c. to 42½c. per bushel.

Flour.—Manitoba first patents, \$5.40 per barrel, in bags; seconds, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70. Ontario patents, \$5.35, and straight rollers, \$5, in wood. Wood was 80c. per barrel more than jute.

Millfeed.—Bran changed hands freely at \$21 per ton, in bags; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$23 to \$30 per ton; mouille, \$34 to \$35 for mixed, and \$36 to \$38 for pure. There did not seem to be much of it around.

Hay.—Dealers quoted pressed hay, carloads, track, Montreal, as follows: No. 1 pressed hay, \$14 to \$14.50; No. 2, \$13 to \$13.50, for extra; ordinary, \$12 to \$12.50; No. 3 and clover mixture, \$10 to \$11.

Hides.—Although prices declined outside, Montreal prices were steady, though weak, as follows: 13c., 14c. and 15c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 hay, respectively; 15c. and 17c. for Nos. 2 and 1 calf skins; 90c. each for lamb skins; \$1.75 and \$2.50 each for horse hides; 1½c. to 3c. per lb. for rough tallow, and 6c. to 6½c. per lb. for rendered.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$5.80 to \$9.50; Texas steers, \$4.75 to \$5.80; Western steers, \$5.75 to \$7.80; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$7.60; cows and heifers, \$2.85 to \$7.60; calves, \$6.50 to \$10.50.

Hogs.—Light, \$7.30 to \$7.55; mixed, \$7.30 to \$7.60; heavy, \$7.25 to \$7.60; rough, \$7.25 to \$7.35; pigs, \$5.75 to \$7.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, native, \$4.35 to \$5.45; Western, \$4.40 to \$5.50; yearlings, \$6.10 to \$7.70. Lambs, native, \$6.25 to \$8.65; Western, \$6.40 to \$8.65.

Buffalo.

Veals.—\$4 to \$12.

Hogs.—Heavy, \$7.80 to \$7.90; mixed, \$7.90 to \$8; Yorkers, \$8 to \$8.15; pigs, \$8.10 to \$8.15; roughs, \$7 to \$7.15; stags, \$5.50 to \$6; dairies, \$7.80 to \$8.10.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$8.75; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$7.50; wethers, \$5.25 to \$5.50; ewes, \$3 to \$5; sheep, mixed, \$4 to \$5.

TRADE TOPIC.

SHARPLES SEPARATOR COMPANY STRENGTHENS ITS ORGANIZATION.

The Sharples Separator Company announce a number of important changes in its organization, taking effect on November 1, last. These changes are but the first step in the carrying out of a policy of unusual aggressiveness that will eclipse any past undertaking of this great cream separator concern. Dealers will have the satisfaction of seeing their separator business reach a point during the coming year that will exceed even their highest expectations. Attention is called to the promotion of these men "from the ranks," each having back of him years of special training and experience admirably fitting him for the new responsibilities placed upon him. The general manager is L. D. Logan, formerly with the Chicago office, and more recently manager of the Canadian main office and factory at Toronto, Ont., where he has met with marked success. The manager of the Chicago office is G. M. Gardner, recently with the West Chester office as Southern District Manager; Assistant Manager of Chicago office, L. P. Greene. The Manager of the Toronto office is M. F. Smith, during the past two years in charge of the West Canadian office at Winnipeg. With Mr. Smith at Toronto will be associated as Assistant Manager, F. S. Strickland, thoroughly familiar with the Canadian trade. The Manager of the Winnipeg office is R. N. Ray, who has been with the company for a number of years, and is especially familiar with the entire Canadian West. With Mr. Ray will be associated as Assistant Manager O. P.

MacLean, whose experience qualifies him well for his duties. Other changes have been made which will greatly strengthen the Sharples organization.

BOOK REVIEW.

Good agricultural books cannot become too widely distributed, and there is always a place for a new, practical work, containing, in readable form, an abundance of information for those engaged in agriculture. Every farmer is interested in crops and methods for soil improvement, and this has been chosen by Alva Agee, M.S., Dean and Director of the School of Agriculture and Experiment Station of the State of Pennsylvania State College, as the subject of a well-illustrated 250-page volume, published by the Macmillan Company, New York. The book is divided into 23 chapters, covering liming and the need of it, organic matter, the clovers, alfalfa, grass sods, pastures, various other crops, stable manure, crop rotations, commercial fertilizers, tillage, soil moisture and drainage, several chapters being written on the different phases of each of these branches of agriculture. This useful book may be had through this office at \$1.35, postpaid.

GOSSIP.

The dispersion sale on January 15th, of thirty-seven head of registered and high-grade Holstein cows, heifers, and the herd bull, Paul Sarcastic Lad, property of D. Campbell, Komoka, Ont., a station on the C. P. R., ten miles from London, should afford a very favorable opportunity to obtain excellent dairy stock at the buyer's own price.

THE CANADIAN SHORTHORN SALE.

On another page will be found an advertisement of the annual sale, in Toronto, of Scotch Shorthorns, from some of the leading herds in Canada, to take place on February 5th. We are assured that the cattle are equal to the high mark that has been reached by the consignments in the past five years, the breeding is much the same, and it could not easily be better, the quality is just as good, and the consignment is well divided between males and females. This is a most important event, and cattle-breeders will do well to make their plans so as to attend. The annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn-breeders' Association is on February 4th, so that both events can be taken in at practically single expense. There will be reduced rates on all railways in Ontario.

PURE-BREDS TO BE SOLD AT OTTAWA.

At a recent meeting of the Eastern Ontario Sales Association, it was decided to hold the annual public auction sale of breeding stock at Ottawa on January 17th, the closing day of the Eastern Ontario Fat-stock, Poultry, and Dairy Show. Fifteen males and ten females of the beef breeds; twelve males and fifteen females of the dairy breeds, and a number of horses, both stallions and fillies, will be offered. The sale will commence at 11 o'clock this year, instead of two o'clock, as in former years. Special arrangements have been made with the Live-stock Commissioner, John Bright, to have expert judges from his department to inspect, previous to the sale, all animals entered. This ensures a splendid contribution of stock of the highest quality and best breeding. For many years the advantages arising from the use of pure-bred stock have been well understood, and the most successful farmers have been most persistent in the practice, and it is for the purpose of establishing more thoroughly and extending the pure-bred live-stock industry that this annual sale is held. The Association will load the stock free for the purchasers, and pay the shipping charges for a distance of fifty miles from Ottawa, provided the animals are sent by freight. It is to be hoped that farmers and breeders will lend this sale their united support and the patronage it deserves. Further particulars from Secretary-Treasurer, E. McMahon, 26 Sparks street, Ottawa.