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Choice fresh creamery butter continues to sell well. Though there is little buying on export account. Montreal quotations are 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ c for large lots. In smaller lots higher prices have been paid. There is little doing in dairy butter here, and stocks are light. Cables during the week have ruled quieter. The demand here for choice creamery keeps good and it sells readily to the trade at 21c to 22c for prints and 20c to 21c for solids. Choice dairy pound rolls in jobbing lots sell at 18c to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, large rolls at 18c to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and tubs at 14c. On Toronto farmers' market pound rolls bring 16c to 19c, and crocks 15c to 19c per lb.

Cattle

The cattle situation shows little change. Choice well finished heaves are in good demand and hard to get. This does not apply to Canada alone, but to most of the American markets. Our advice is, if you have any choice animals feeding, have them well fitted before marketing. At Toronto cattle market on Friday, the run of live stock was not large, comprising 824 cattle, 1,061 hogs, 50 sheep and lambs and 15 calves. The quality of the cattle was only fair considering the season. Trade was good for all classes, with prices firm. Choice beef cattle are higher than a week ago. Milk cows of good quality are in good demand but there are few choice ones offering. Some farmers on Friday were not able to get the kind they wanted.

Export Cattle—Choice loads of these are worth from \$5.25 to \$5.30 per cwt., and light ones \$4.25 to \$4.90 per cwt. Heavy export bulls sold at \$3.75 to \$4.00 and light ones at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt., choice export cows sold at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1,150 to 1,260 lbs. each, sold at \$3.25 to \$4.40 per cwt., good cattle at \$3.75 to \$4.00, medium at \$3.40 to \$3.75 and inferior to common at \$2.00 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Feeders—Heavy, well-bred steers from 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50, and other quality at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cwt. Light steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each sold at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cwt. Feeding bulls are worth \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.

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those of inferior quality at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Calves—These are in steady demand at Buffalo. Good to choice veals bring \$8.25 to \$8.75 per cwt. At Toronto market ordinary calves bring \$2 to \$10 each.

Milk cows and springers sold at \$30 to \$54 each.

Sheep and Lambs

All classes of sheep are steady at Buffalo, and lambs are 10c to 15c higher. Choice lambs selling there at \$6.10 to \$6.15 per cwt. Sheep are firmer here at \$3 to \$3.60 per cwt. for ewes, and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for bucks. Lambs sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25 each and \$3.75 to \$4.80 per cwt.

Hogs

We have to report another drop in hogs. On Friday, select bacon hogs sold at \$6 and lights and fats at \$5.75 per cwt. Unculled car lots are worth about \$5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cwt. The market was rather weak at these prices.

For the week ending Feb. 8th, the Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, will pay \$6.00 per cwt. for select bacon hogs, \$5.75 for lights, and \$5.75 for fats.

Montreal packers have been paying from \$6.50 to \$6.75 during the week for bacon hogs. The Trade Bulletin's London, cable of January 30th, re Canadian bacon reads thus:

"The market is firmer with good demand at the decline cabled you last week."

Horses

There is more doing in horses as intimated last week. At Montreal some good sales have been made in carriage and heavy draft teams. Quite a few remounts are going forward, 800 will leave St. John this week. Montreal quotations are: Carriage horses, \$175 to \$350; heavy drafts \$125 to \$225, roadsters and drivers \$100 to \$125, and remounts from \$1.15 to \$1.50 each.

A number of good sound general purpose horses sold at Grand's last week at prices ranging from \$100 to \$145 each. One extra big one weighing 1,750 lbs., sold for \$195. General trade is improving though it is not as good as was expected sometime ago. Outside of a temporary demand from the N. W. Territories, for blocks weighing from 1,200 to 1,500 lbs. each there is little to warrant any large expansion in trade. The only thing doing in the export line is in remounts. Quite a few culls from the ranches in the Western States are coming into Ontario. It does not seem fair that Americans

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Natural History Exhibition.

That enterprising organization, the "Wellington Field Naturalist's Club," will hold an exhibition of natural history collections at Guelph during December of each year—most probably during the week of the Winter Fair and Experimental Union meeting. Prizes will be offered for the best collections of plants, weeds, rocks, insects, etc., and every girl and boy in the county of Wellington will be eligible to compete for prizes. At the same time the club will hold a public meeting to be addressed by some of our well known scientists.

Prof. M. W. Doherty is president and Mr. D. Jarvis secretary, both of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

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