

MARKETS.

Toronto.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

At West Toronto, receipts of live stock on Monday, numbered 113 cars, comprising 2,408 cattle, 1,169 hogs, 127 sheep, 80 calves, and 15 horses. No business was transacted. It looked like steady trade for cattle, and a strong market for sheep and lambs. Hogs—Packers were quoting \$8.25 fed and watered, and \$7.90 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 | 65 | 523 | 589 |
| Cattle | 842 | 7,972 | 8,714 |
| Hogs | 1,182 | 9,887 | 10,519 |
| Sheep | 1,961 | 8,500 | 10,861 |
| Calves | 66 | 493 | 559 |
| Horses | 2 | 150 | 152 |

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

| | City. | Union. | Total. |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Cars | 279 | 364 | 643 |
| Cattle | 8,331 | 3,669 | 7,050 |
| Hogs | 7,476 | 15,932 | 23,408 |
| Sheep | 5,144 | 3,728 | 8,872 |
| Calves | 487 | 168 | 655 |
| Horses | — | 20 | 20 |

The combined receipts at the two markets for the past week, show a decrease of 54 cars, 12,989 hogs, and 96 calves; but an increase of 1,664 cattle, 1,489 sheep and lambs, and 132 horses, compared with the corresponding week of 1911.

The receipts for the past week were larger than was anticipated. On Tuesday, at 9 a. m., there were 175 carloads, comprising 3,174 cattle, 1,366 hogs, 1,348 sheep and lambs, 147 calves, and 98 horses. On Wednesday, there were 157 cars, comprising 3,024 cattle, 1,182 hogs, 2,456 sheep and lambs, 212 calves; and on Thursday there were 138 cars, 1,510 cattle, 3,282 hogs, 2,696 sheep and lambs, 134 calves, and 20 horses. There were many buyers from outside points, on each day, for all classes of live stock. Trade was active all through the week, and prices firm for all good, fat cattle, but barely steady for the common and medium classes, which constituted the bulk of the offerings of cattle. Prices for sheep and lambs, especially the latter, were firmer, and calves were firm, especially the common and rough, grass calves, which advanced in price from 25c. to 50c. per cwt.; choice veal calves were firm, and hogs advanced in price 25c. per cwt. Considering the heavy deliveries the past few weeks, trade was unusually good, and dealers seemed, as a rule, to be well pleased with the week's transactions.

Butchers'.—Best butchers' cattle sold at \$6 to \$6.35, with a very few at \$6.50; loads of good, \$5.60 to \$6; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.50; common, \$4.25 to \$5; inferior, \$3.75 to \$4.15; cows, \$3.50 to \$5.25, and for a few extra choice cows, \$5.50 to \$5.60 was paid; canners, \$2 to \$2.50; bulls, \$3.15 to \$5.25, and a few very choice-quality bulls sold at \$5.50 to \$5.70.

Feeders and Stockers.—The demand for good steers was greater than the supply, but prices were not more than steady, at our last quotations. Good quality steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. sold at \$4.75 to \$5.15; good stockers, \$4 to \$4.60; common stockers, \$3.50 to \$4.

Milkers and Springers.—The demand for fresh milkers and forward springers was as good as at any time this season, but there was not enough to supply the demand. Extra choice-quality cows, Holstein and Shorthorn dairy-breeding qualities, sold readily at \$85 to \$100 each, but few of these are being offered; the bulk of cows offered sold at \$60 to \$80, and common and inferior cows sold at \$50, down to \$40 each.

Veal Calves.—Common, rough, heavy calves, were firmer, at \$3.50 to \$4.50; medium-quality calves, \$3 to \$6.50; good calves, \$7 to \$8, and choice veal calves

sold at \$8.50 to \$9, with an odd calf now and again at \$9.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Although receipts of sheep and lambs were liberal, the demand was extra good, and prices were firmer, especially for the lambs. There were a few lots, probably 100 lambs all told, sold as high as \$7 per cwt.; but the bulk of lamb sales ranged from \$6.65 to \$6.85 for those of good quality, and common lots sold as low as \$6 per cwt. Sheep.—The bulk of sheep sold at \$4 to \$4.50, and a few reached \$4.60 per cwt.; culls and heavy-weight ewes and rams, sold from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Hogs.—Selects, fed and watered, sold up to \$8.50, and \$8.15 f. o. b. cars, but the market on Thursday closed about 10c. lower.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2 red, white or mixed, 95c. to 97c., outside; inferior grades, down to 70c. Manitoba, No. 1 northern, 90c.; No. 2 northern, 88c., track, lake ports; feed wheat, 67c. to 70c., lake ports. Oats.—Ontario, new, 36c. to 37c., outside; 40c., track, Toronto; Manitoba oats, No. 2, 40c.; No. 3, 39c., lake ports. Rye.—No. 2, 83c. to 85c., outside, nominal. Peas.—No. 2, \$1.25 to \$1.30, outside, nominal. Buckwheat.—60c. to 61c., outside, nominal. Barley.—For malting, 68c. to 70c.; for feed, 48c. to 50c. Corn.—No. 2 American yellow, old, all rail, Toronto, 66c.; No. 3, 65c.; No. 2, new, kiln-dried, 61c.; No. 3, kiln-dried, 60c. Flour.—Ontario ninety-per-cent. winter wheat flour, \$4.05 to \$4.15, delivered. Manitoba flour.—Prices at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.30; in cotton, 10c. more; second patents, \$4.80; in cotton, 10c. more; strong bakers', \$4.60, in jute.

HAY AND MILFEED.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots, track, Toronto, No. 1, \$14 to \$14.50; No. 2, \$12. Straw.—Baled, in car lots, track, Toronto, \$10 to \$10.50. Bran.—Manitoba bran, \$22 to \$23 per ton; shorts, \$26; Ontario bran, \$23, in bags; shorts, \$25, car lots, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—The market for butter was about steady, at our last quotations. Creamery pound rolls, 32c. to 33c.; creamery solids, 30c. to 31c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.; store lots, 24c. to 26c.

Eggs.—Strictly new-laid are scarce, at 50c. per dozen; cold-storage, 28c. to 30c. Cheese.—Market unchanged. Large, 14c.; twins, 15c.

Honey.—Choice, extracted, clover honey, 12c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3.

Beans.—In broken lots, prices firm, at \$2.90 to \$3 for primes, and \$3.10 for hand-picked.

Potatoes.—Ontario potatoes, car lots, track, Toronto, 85c.; New Brunswick Delawares, in car lots, track, Toronto, 90c. per bag.

Poultry.—Receipts were liberal, and quality best of the season, with prices easier, as follows: Dressed—Turkeys, 20c. to 23c.; geese, 13c. to 15c.; ducks, 16c. to 18c.; chickens, 14c. to 16c.; hens, 12c. to 13c. per lb.

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, 13c. to 14c.; country hides, green, 11c. to 12c.; calf skins, per lb., 14c. to 17c.; lamb skins, 90c. to \$1.10; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 37c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5c. to 6c.

WOOL.

(Wool prices are discontinued, as there is nothing doing.)

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 of choice quality, \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel; fall apples, \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel; per basket, 25c. to 35c.; grapes, 35c. to 45c. per basket; onions, per bag, 90c. to \$1.10; beets, per bag, 75c.; carrots, 50c. per bag; turnips, per bag, 40c.; parsnips, per bag, 50c.; cabbage, \$1 to \$1.25 per case.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—On the local market, the outlook seems rather better, owing to the colder weather, more especially. Steers sold as high as 6c. per lb. for choicest, and some fine stock brought 5c. per lb., while good were 5c. to 5c., and medium ranged down to 4c. Best cows sold at 5c., and the common went at 2c., these being for canners' stock. In fact, some canning stock sold as low as 1c. per lb. Lambs were in good demand again, and prices ranged from 6c. to 6c. per lb., while sheep sold at 4c. per lb. Calves showed very little change, ranging from \$3 to \$6 each for ordinary, while choice sold up to \$12 each. The market for hogs was a fraction firmer, being up about 1c., and the price being around 9c. per lb. for select, weighed off cars.

Horses.—The market showed no change last week so far as price was concerned, but there was a fairly active trade during a few days. This no doubt was due to the snowfall. Prices the same as before, being as follows: Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., sold at \$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; broken-down animals, \$75 to \$125, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

Poultry.—The colder weather was good for trade, and receipts were heavier. Prices held fairly steady, being as follows: Turkeys, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; ducks, 15c. to 16c. per lb.; chickens, 14c. to 16c.; fowl, 10c. to 12c.; geese, 12c. to 14c. per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—There was a slight firming up of prices for dressed hogs, and sales took place at 12c. per lb., in a jobbing way.

Potatoes.—The market showed very little change. Green Mountains, in car lots, sold at 80c. to 85c. per 90 lbs., track, while Quebec stock sold at 70c. to 80c. Sales of smaller lots were made at an advance of about 20c. per bag on the above prices.

Eggs.—New-laid eggs were unquotable, as all prices were paid for them. Select eggs were quoted at 32c. per dozen, to grocers, while No. 1 were 28c., and seconds somewhere around 22c. to 23c.

Syrup and Honey.—Maple syrup moved slowly, at 8c. to 8c. per lb. in tins, and 6c. to 7c. in wood. Sugar, 8c. to 9c. per lb. White-clover comb honey, 16c. to 17c. per lb., strained, 12c. to 12c. Dark comb, 14c. to 14c., while extracted was 8c. to 9c. per lb.

Butter.—Receipts of butter fell off rapidly, and prices held firm, but unchanged. Finest creamery sold at 30c. to 31c., in a jobbing way, and fine quality could be had at 30c. to 30c. per lb. Secondary grades were about 1c. under these figures. Dairy butter sold around 26c. to 27c. per lb.

Grain.—The market for oats showed somewhat of a decline. No. 2 Western oats, 43c. to 44c. per bushel, and No. 1 extra feed, 43c. to 43c. per bushel. Ontario malting barley sold at 80c. to 82c. per bushel, and No. 2 buckwheat, at 56c. to 57c., while No. 3 yellow corn was 69c. to 70c. per bushel. Choice peas were \$2.25.

Flour.—The market showed no change since the advance week before last. Prices were \$5.70 per barrel for Manitoba spring-wheat patents, firsts, in wood; \$5.20 for seconds, and \$4.90 for strong bakers. Ontario patents, \$5.25 to \$5.35, while straight rollers were \$4.95 to \$5, flour in jute being 30c. less per barrel.

Hay.—Baled hay was steady, at \$14.50 to \$15 for No. 1 hay, per ton, track; No. 2 extra, \$13.50 to \$14; No. 2 ordinary, \$12 to \$13; No. 3 hay, \$11 to \$11.50; clover mixture, \$10 to \$10.50.

Millfeed.—Bran was easier, selling at \$21 per ton, while shorts were also lower, being \$25 to \$26 per ton. Middlings sold at \$28 to \$30; mixed mouille at \$34 to \$35, and pure grain mouille at \$36 to \$38.

Hides.—Prices were steady, at 13c., 14c. and 15c. per lb. for beef hides, and

15c. to 17c. for calf skins. Lamb skins were 85c. each, and horse hides \$1.75 and \$2.50 each. Tallow, 1c. to 8c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 6c. for rendered.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$8.85 to \$9.25; butchers', \$5.75 to \$8.50; bulls, \$4.25 to \$6; stock heifers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; shipping, \$7.50 to \$8.75; cows, \$3 to \$6.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.50 to \$6.75; fresh cows and springers, \$85 to \$75.

Veals.—\$4 to \$11. Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$7.80 to \$7.90; Yorkers, \$7.50 to \$7.85; pigs, \$7.50 to \$7.60; roughs, \$6.75 to \$7; stags, \$6 to \$6.50; dairies, \$7.50 to \$7.85.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$7.75; yearlings, \$5 to \$5.50; wethers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; ewes, \$2 to \$4; sheep, mixed, \$3 to \$4.25.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$6.55 to \$11; Texas steers, \$4.40 to \$5.75; Western steers, \$5.60 to \$9.20; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$7.65; calves and heifers, \$2.75 to \$7.65; calves, \$6.75 to \$10.50.

Hogs.—Light, \$7.30 to \$7.75; mixed, \$7.40 to \$7.80; heavy, \$7.35 to \$7.82; rough, \$7.35 to \$7.55; pigs, \$5.50 to \$7.40.

Sheep and Lambs.—Native, \$3.75 to \$4.65; Western, \$4 to \$4.65; yearlings, \$5 to \$6.35; lambs, native, \$5.75 to \$7.75; Western, \$5.85 to \$7.75.

Cheese Markets.

London, Ont., 10c. to 10c. bidding, no sales; Cowansville, Que., butter, 28c. offered, no sales; St. Hyacinthe, Que., 28c. offered, no sales.

British Cattle Market.

John Rogers & Co. cable quotations 12c. to 13c. per pound for Irish steers.

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

FAMILIAR NOISE.

Wife (dining at restaurant)—"John, dear, can you see what those people at the next table are eating?" Husband—"Can't see at all, but it sounds like celery."

Nice Old Lady—"Will you kindly tell me if the lady who writes 'The Mothers' Page' every week in your paper is in? I want to tell her how much I have enjoyed reading her articles on 'The Evening Hour in the Nursery.'"

Office Boy—"That's him over there with the pink shirt smoking a pipe."

"Are you going to marry Sister Ruth?" asked the small boy of the young man who had been invited to Sunday dinner. "Well—er," stammered the young man in great embarrassment, "I—er—I really don't know, you know."

"That's just what I thought," said the boy. "Well, ma says you are."

"Hov yez anny ancistors, Mrs. Kelley?" asked Mrs. O'Brien.

"And phwat's ancistors?"

"People ye sphring from."

"Mrs. O'Brien, listen to me," said Mrs. Kelley impressively. "O! come from th' rale sthock of Donaghans that sphring from nobody—they sphring at them."

The candidate for the position of locomotive fireman had studied the impressive figures showing the aggregate loss to the company each year resulting from careless firing and waste of coal oil. The first question put to him in the verbal examination was what he would do if he found his freight train confronted by an oncoming passenger train.

He hesitated only a moment, then replied: "I'd grab a lump of coal in one hand, the oil-can in the other, and jump for my life."