

**LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
TORONTO.**

Receipts of live stock at the city market, as reported by the railways, were 67 carloads, composed of 887 cattle, 465 hogs, 1189 sheep and lambs, 412 calves and 23 horses. There were a few lots of good cattle, but many more of common, medium and inferior.

Trade was good for the best cattle and the poorer grades sold for more than they were worth. There were some old cows, that were calves from 15 to 16 years ago, that were sold for beef purposes. All offerings were sold early in the day, and more choice cattle would have found ready sale.

Exporters—With the exception of a few bulls there were no export cattle on sale. Bulls sold from \$4.40 to \$4.90 per cwt.

Butchers—George Rowntree, who bought 8 loads of fat cattle for the Harris Abattoir Co., reported prices as follows: Best butchers, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; fair to good cattle, \$4.60 to \$4.90; cows, \$3 to \$4.25 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers—There was little business transacted in the stocker and feeder classes, and prices were reported as unchanged.

Milch Cows—Trade in Milkers and springers was dull, especially for the common light classes. Common cows sold at \$25 to \$30; medium \$35 to \$45, and the best were reported at \$45 to \$55 each.

Veal Calves—Deliveries of veal calves were large, over 400. Prices ranged from \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt.; the bulk selling at \$5 to \$6 per cwt.; choice new milk-fed calves are worth \$7, but few of this class are being offered.

Sheep and Lambs—Export ewes sold at \$4.60 to \$4.85 per cwt.; bucks \$3.50 to \$4; lambs \$3.50 to \$5.30 each for bulk of offerings, or \$8 to \$8.50 per cwt., or in other words, 8c to 8½c per lb. live weight.

Hogs—Receipts of hogs were light. Mr. Harris advanced prices 15c per cwt. and quoted selects at \$6.75 and lights and fats at \$6.50 per cwt.

THE FARM LABOR PROBLEM.

A correspondent of the Weekly Sun points out that one reason why the farm laborer problem persists in this country is that the farmers have not yet seriously undertaken to deal with it. Farmers, he says, must do as manufacturers do, consider the question of labor as one of the chief elements in their industry. Heretofore the farmers have depended too much to chance. The solution, he thinks, lies in recognizing the social instincts of farm laborers. "Even with the wages that are being paid at the present time," he says, "many workers in factories would prefer working on the farm if there was any provision for home life. If neat cottages with half or an acre of ground at least attached were readily available, there would be no difficulty in having them occupied by the proper class of laborers." There is no doubt that herein is indicated one of the difficulties of the problem. Another difficulty is closely related. Farmers in order to make sure of help when they most need it, must so arrange their work as to provide employment the year round. Just how they are going to do this is a matter for themselves to solve. It is a problem the manufacturers have had to solve. Steady employment is a big consideration to a man endeavoring to make up his mind whose offer he shall accept.

WHAT YOU MAY EXPECT.

Here are a few things you must expect to be told by the natives of the place at which you spend your vacation:

This is the hottest summer we've ever had here.

Things have never been so backward here as they are this season.

It ain't never been so wet here before.

There's lots of fish here, but for some reason they ain't bitin' just now.

If you'd been here last week you could of pulled 'em out faster'n you could bait a hook.

It's too bad you ain't goin' to be here about two weeks later. Things just begins to be at their best then.

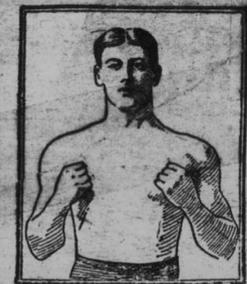
There was a man ketchin' one that weighed 'leven pounds in here day before yistday.

Last year every one of them trees was just loaded with fruit.

Generally we have lots of vegetables, but our garden ain't somehow doin' very well this season.

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SPEED SOUND TRAVELS AT.

A New Haven man was praising the late Judge David Torrence, of Derby, Conn.

"Judge Torrence," he said, "uttered many an epigram from the bench. In a case concerning a noise nuisance a scientist was once testifying before him about the speed of sound."

"Sound," said the man, "travels at the rate of 400 yards a second."

"All sound?" asked Judge Torrence.

"All," replied the scientist.

"The judge smiled."

"I'm sure you're wrong," he said. "I have noticed a great difference between the speed of certain kinds of sound."

Thus, slander travels at the rate of quite 1,000 yards a second, flattery 500 yards, while truth makes only a few feet a second, and, slow as its progress is, truth often fails to reach the goal, no matter how short the distance."

Free mail delivery is getting very close to quite a number of Ontario's smaller cities and larger towns. Guelph, Galt, Woodstock, Berlin, and Stratford are among the ones looking forward to the early adoption of this system, and even Waterloo has a proposition of this kind to deal with. In the United States a very large and rapidly increasing territory of towns, villages, and farming country is covered by what is known as rural free delivery, and every indication points to a system of that kind soon being obtained for Canada.

Citizens of Walkerton have formed a party on the same lines as those formed in the country. They have engaged a butcher to do their dressing and are getting their beef at 8½c. a pound. The shops are charging 15c.

Two weeks ago we pointed out that the Legislature at the session just closed had increased the grants to rural schools according to salaries paid over \$300 and accommodation and equipment. This is correct. But we were in error when we stated that the salary clause enacted at the sessions in the session of 1906 had been retained. Though the statutes of 1907 are not yet printed we have it on authority of the Minister of Education that trustees are not compelled to pay salaries to teachers according to the assessment of sections. The minimum salary clause was repealed at the session last winter. Rural trustees can now set the salary of their teachers. In order to encourage trustees to pay larger salaries, a grant of 40 per cent., is made on the excess of salary paid over \$300 and up to \$600. This is in addition to the fixed grants of \$15 and the grant ranging from \$7.50 to \$30 as recommended by the inspector. To make a concrete illustration: a section engages a teacher at \$500; the 40 per cent. grant means \$80 to which add the general grant of \$15 and say \$25 more on the inspector's report. This reduces the amount the section is required to raise to \$330 which is not a large levy for any fairly sized section. The new method of making rural school grants is based largely on the principle of High School grants and is intended to encourage rural trustees to pay as high salaries as were in vogue under the minimum clause.—Chesley Enterprise.

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Tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. of the amount of tender (10%), must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the person tendering decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

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Department of Public Works,
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