

Shields; the three Doltralls; the Musical Clowns; Carlos Fernandez, the Cuban trapeze performer; Roy Burton, the swinging-wire rifle shot and equi-artist; Powell & Powell, the comedy acrobats; Ozav, the French clown juggler; and others. This array, together with the speeding events and the cinematograph, or living-picture machine, the gondolas, etc., should be sufficient entertainment for the amusement-loving public. The Fair dates are Sept. 9 to 18 and four evenings, and the date of positively closing entries, Sept. 9. If we are to judge by general indications throughout Western Ontario and the present optimistic outlook for farmers and breeders, the approaching show in London (Ont.) will, with fine weather, be a record-breaker in more respects than one.

### Summer and Autumn Exhibitions.

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Stanstead, Que.                    | August 18th and 19th. |
| Montreal, Que.                     | " 19th to 28th.       |
| Syracuse, N. Y.                    | " 23rd to 28th.       |
| Sherbrooke.                        | " 30 to Sept. 4.      |
| Toronto.                           | " 30 to " 11.         |
| Columbus, Ohio.                    | " 31 to " 3.          |
| Three Rivers.                      | Sept. 2nd to 11th.    |
| Grand Rapids, Mich.                | " 6th to 10th.        |
| Minnesota, Minn., St. Paul.        | " 6th to 11th.        |
| Williamstown.                      | " 7th and 8th.        |
| Perth.                             | " 8th to 10th.        |
| Des Moines, Iowa.                  | " 9th to 18th.        |
| London.                            | " 9th to 18th.        |
| Richmond.                          | " 13th to 15th.       |
| Vankleek Hill.                     | " 14th to 16th.       |
| Belleville.                        | " 14th to 17th.       |
| St. John.                          | " 14th to 24th.       |
| Guelph.                            | " 15th and 16th.      |
| Renfrew.                           | " 16th and 17th.      |
| Bowmanville.                       | " 16th and 17th.      |
| Ottawa.                            | " 17th to 25th.       |
| Peterborough.                      | " 21st to 23rd.       |
| Goderich.                          | " 21st to 23rd.       |
| Charlottetown, P. E. I.            | " 21st to 24th.       |
| Collingwood.                       | " 21st to 24th.       |
| Prescott.                          | " 21st to 24th.       |
| Stratford.                         | " 23rd and 24th.      |
| Tyendinaga, at Shannonville.       | " 25th.               |
| Kemptville.                        | " 27th and 28th.      |
| Whitby.                            | " 27th to 29th.       |
| Kildonan and St. Paul.             | " 28th and 29th.      |
| Almonte.                           | " 28th to 30th.       |
| Springfield, Ill.                  | " 27th to Oct. 2nd.   |
| Halifax, N. S.                     | " 28th to 1st.        |
| Maxville, Ont.                     | " 29th and 30th.      |
| Birtle.                            | " 30th.               |
| Beachburg.                         | " 30th to Oct. 1st.   |
| St. Louis, Mo.                     | Oct. 4th to 9th.      |
| Wapella, Man.                      | " 5th.                |
| Russell, Man.                      | " 6th.                |
| Springfield, Man.                  | " 6th and 7th.        |
| New Westminster, B. C.             | " 5th to 8th.         |
| Markham.                           | " 6th to 8th.         |
| Neepawa.                           | " 12th and 13th.      |
| Melita, Man.                       | " 13th and 14th.      |
| Chicago Fat Stock and Horse Show.  | Nov. 2nd to 13th.     |
| New York Horse Show.               | " 15th to 20th.       |
| Ontario Fat Stock Show, Brantford. | Dec. 7th to 9th.      |

### MARKETS.

#### Toronto Markets.

The progress of the market shows an upward tendency; all stock on offer cleared up. Exporters more pleased at the outlook than for some time past; everything was sold a little after ten o'clock in the morning that showed any quality; only the rough class remained for late comers. The total receipts for the week were: Cattle, 3,468; sheep and lambs, 2,569; hogs, 2,249.

**Export Cattle.**—The market was brisk, but showed very little change in prices from the last two weeks. The quality of the cattle was a little better, and sales were reported at 45c. per lb., but not verified. The general run was from 4c. to 4 1/2c. per lb.; a few extra choice brought \$4.60; all cleared off early.

**Butchers' Cattle.**—There was a brisk demand for butchers' cattle; the choicest brought 3 1/2c. to 4c. per lb.; the general run was from 3c. to 3 1/2c. per lb., while a very few choice sold at 4c. for Montreal.

**Bulls.**—Good export bulls scarce, and sold as high as 3 1/2c. per lb.; general run about 3c. to 3 1/2c. per lb.; only a very few on offer.

**Stocks.**—The market was quiet for stocks; prices ruled from 3c. to 3 1/2c. per lb.; choice, handy weight, 850 lbs. and upward, sold at 4c. per lb.; not many on sale to-day; good demand for next week by Ontario farmers.

**Feeders.**—Only a few on offer, the country about cleared up of this class of cattle. The Buffalo buyers were not present.

**Calves.**—Only a very few on offer, and these of very inferior quality. Prices a shade lower; they sold from \$2 up to \$6.50, according to size and quality.

**Sheep.**—About 300 on offer; good inquiry from outside points; 3c. per lb. for ewes, 2 1/2c. per lb. for bucks. Messrs. Dunn Bros. shipped out two carloads. Mr. Verrall shipped out four carloads for export; if any quantity on offer next week the price will go down. Not many butchers' sheep on offer.

**Lambs.**—The market for lambs was overloaded, and prices were easier; about 1,000 on offer, at prices from \$2.25 to \$3 per head. Mr. Kinnear held over about 400 head for Tuesday's market; best quality.

**Milk Cows.**—There were several head of good milk cows, and they were soon bought up at good prices; one extra choice dairy cow fetched \$35.00.

**Hogs.**—The market was firm at 6c. per lb. for best singers, a trifle more weighed off cars. The run was very light for the week, notwithstanding the advance in price; if there is not a better supply next week we expect this price to hold, so that we again advise our readers to market their hogs without delay; the prospects are still good, but cannot last; only 2,569 on offer, about 2,000 short of actual requirements. No variation for other grades.

**Dressed Hogs.**—Light, lean hogs are quoted at \$6.75 to \$7. Shipments of smoked meats are being made freely to Ontario points. Demand quite unprecedented from this market.

**Wheat.**—The decrease in the visible supply of wheat was followed by a short rise. Locally the tone is strong. New Ontario wheat is moving freely; twenty cars sold at 72c. per bushel to-day. Manitoba is higher—quoted No. 1 hard at 87c. White wheat, per bushel, 75c.; red, 77c.; goose, 64c. to 64 1/2c. Barley.—Quoted at 25c. per bushel.

Corn quiet; quoted at Chatham 26c. for yellow.

**Oats.**—Only one load of oats on the market; sold for 28c. per bushel.

**Hay.**—Half a dozen loads new hay per day at from \$7 to \$9 per ton, and \$11 to \$12 for old hay. There is still a good quantity of hay in the farmers' hands of last year's crop. Haled hay is quoted at \$10.

**Straw.**—Very scarce; only four loads this week; it advanced \$1 per ton; \$7 to \$8.50.

**Butter.**—Export demand for creamery is reported less keen; the demand for good dairy stock for local consumption is very fair; in one-pound rolls, 14c. to 15c. was asked.

**Cheese.**—Steady; small lots of new make sell at 9c. per lb. Eggs.—The market about steady; supplies fair; demand good for export; offerings of choice stock only moderate. Strictly new laid, 11c. per dozen.

**Hides.**—This market shows considerable strength. No. 1, green, 8 1/2c.; heavy steer hides, over 60 lbs., 8 1/2c. per lb.; No. 2, 7c.; No. 3, 6c.; No. 1, cured, 8 1/2c. per lb. Skins—Calf skins, No. 1, green, 10c. per lb.; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 25c. each. Lamb skins, 50c.

**Wool.**—The market continues quiet; nearly all the surplus wool is shipped, and a quiet season is looked for. The heavy shipments of wool we have lately forwarded to the United States are the last of any consequence that we will be likely to make to that market for some time. Further sales there are prohibited by the new duties. Farmers' lots are quoted 12c. to 20c. for washed and 12c. for unwashed. Pulled supers, 22c. to 23c.; extras, 24c. to 25c.

### Apple Market Prospects.

Lawrence & Co., Boston, Mass., write us as follows:—"We now enclose you our annual letter regarding the coming season's apple crop. The only sections of which we can learn where there will be surplus crops are Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Virginia, and Canada. [NOTE.—Canada's apple crop will be very light.—EDITOR.] In the other apple sections of the country there are only fair crops, which will about equal the local demand. New York and New England will probably be obliged to call on other sections for their supplies before the season is over. New England and New York State will export some apples this season, as there are a large number of growers and operators who always make this disposition of their apple; their brands have become well known in the foreign markets, and they can obtain better results there than at home.

Messrs. D. Crossley & Sons, of Liverpool, London, and Glasgow, after a careful study of the situation on the Continent and in England, report a fair crop in these countries; but in face of the fact that there will be only a limited quantity exported from this side, they report the prospects as favorable, and during the winter months the English markets must depend wholly upon American apples for their supply.

Nova Scotia will have an under average crop of apples, and most of these will be sent to the foreign markets. There will be an excellent opening this season for apples from Missouri, Iowa and Virginia in the Boston and also in the foreign markets.

We look forward to a very favorable season, both in the export and home trade. As far as we can learn, the quality will be good in nearly all sections, and this will help prices. We believe that prices during the coming season will rule better than for some seasons past, although the exceedingly low prices of last year will have a tendency to keep values down. The factors that there will be only a limited quantity of apples exported from this side, they report the prospects as favorable, and during the winter months the English markets must depend wholly upon American apples for their supply.

Although the outlook is favorable, we must impress upon the shippers the importance of operating conservatively. The packing and sorting cannot be too carefully attended to.

### Chatty Stock Letter from Chicago.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Following are the current and comparative prices for the various grades of live stock:—

| CATTLE.              | Range of Prices. | Top prices |                |        |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|--------|
|                      |                  | Present    | Two weeks ago. | 1896.  |
| 1500 lbs. up.        | \$4 65 to 5 25   | \$5 10     | \$4 50         | \$5 85 |
| 1350 to 1500         | 4 30 to 5 25     | 5 15       | 4 60           | 5 85   |
| 1200 to 1350         | 3 85 to 5 05     | 5 00       | 4 45           | 5 80   |
| 1050 to 1200         | 3 85 to 5 00     | 4 60       | 4 45           | 5 60   |
| 900 to 1050          | 3 75 to 4 85     | 4 40       | 4 30           | 5 30   |
| Stallions            | 4 00 to 4 80     | 4 60       | 4 35           | 5 60   |
| Stks. and F.         | 2 75 to 4 50     | 4 25       | 3 60           | 4 10   |
| Fat cows and heifers | 3 25 to 4 40     | 4 30       | 4 15           | 3 75   |
| Canning cows         | 1 60 to 2 60     | 2 60       | 2 00           | 2 50   |
| Bulls                | 2 00 to 4 00     | 3 80       | 3 50           | 3 75   |
| Calves               | 2 75 to 6 25     | 5 65       | 5 40           | 6 00   |
| Texas C. & H.        | 2 75 to 4 05     | 4 15       | 3 10           | 4 35   |
| Western              | 2 35 to 3 35     | 3 55       | 2 40           | 3 05   |
| West. cows           | 3 75 to 4 35     | 3 85       | 3 50           | 5 10   |
| West. cows           | 2 80 to 3 95     | 3 25       | 3 25           | 4 00   |

| HOGS. | Range of Prices. | Top prices |                |       |
|-------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
|       |                  | Present    | Two weeks ago. | 1896. |
| Mixed | 3 65 to 3 90     | 3 67 1/2   | 3 55           | 5 15  |
| Heavy | 3 50 to 3 85     | 3 65       | 3 45           | 5 10  |
| Light | 3 70 to 3 92 1/2 | 3 75       | 3 65           | 5 40  |
| Pigs  | 2 25 to 3 80     | 3 70       | 3 65           | 5 15  |

| SHEEP.  | Range of Prices. | Top prices |                |       |
|---------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
|         |                  | Present    | Two weeks ago. | 1896. |
| Natives | 2 25 to 4 10     | 4 15       | 3 25           | 4 25  |
| Western | 3 25 to 4 00     | 4 00       | 3 15           | 5 50  |
| Texas   | 3 50 to 5 40     | 3 75       | 3 85           | 5 65  |
| Lambs   | to 5 30          | 5 30       |                |       |

Recently light hogs sold as high as \$4.12, and heavy up to \$4.05, but the improvement in the market was too much for country shippers to withstand, and one day when dealers were expecting 20,000 to 25,000 hogs they sent in 35,000, and this caused a sharp down-turn in prices. The general trend of the hog market seems to be higher. Prices are not far below the high point of the year so far, and indications point to a comparative scarcity of ripe fat hogs until the big crop of Calves is brought to market. The hogs have been little pigs can have time to mature. This year Wisconsin marketed very closely during all of the year. This year Wisconsin has had plenty of corn to fatten all the hogs and other stock she had. The result has been that not only Wisconsin but other States have kept the pigs and growing hogs fattened to a hog.

The general opinion regarding the hog situation is that receipts will be fairly large, but the demand is larger. There is surely a great broadening of the demand for both hogs and products.

Chicago receipts of live stock for the year to date with comparisons were as follows:

|                  | Cattle.   | Hogs.     | Sheep.    |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Receipts—        |           |           |           |
| 1897 to date     | 1,434,400 | 4,873,700 | 2,000,000 |
| Same period 1896 | 1,510,740 | 4,115,482 | 2,085,748 |
| Same period 1895 | 1,613,648 | 4,306,647 | 1,690,677 |

A good many Canadian feeding cattle of good quality sold here lately at \$1.25 to \$1.40, and were easily the best of the thin cattle offered.

Exporters bought more cattle than usual the past week. The list was as follows: Swift, 854; Schwartzschild, 1,303; Williams & Hall, 68; McIntosh, 143; Bickerdike, 31; Black-shere, 99; Shambert, 2,082; Morris, 641; Hathaway, 364; Lunness, 51; Rawlins, 180; Epstein, 100; Sherman, 300; Coughlin, making a total of 6,246, against 4,016 the previous week and 4,616 a year ago.

Range feeding cattle in the Southwest are selling higher than at any time since 1882-3. Then the cattle business was on

the pinnacle of a boom, while now a majority of people think it has only begun to get "good." They are paying at the rate of \$25 per head for good three-year-old Pan-handle feeders.

Practically the first Western range cattle for the season of 1897 arrived August 2, nearly a month late. The first shipment of the Keeline cattle this year sold at \$4 for 1,192 to 1,304-lb. steers, and \$3.90 for 1,056-lb. heifers, against \$3.65 for 1,166 to 1,183-lb. steers, and \$3.55 for 1,000 to 1,050-lb. heifers a year ago. The steers sold 35c. higher, while the heifers sold 35c. higher than in 1896. The Western Union beef steers, 1,212 lbs., sold at \$4, and 1,095-lb. heifers at the same price, against \$3.50 for some 1,294-lb. Wyoming steers and \$3.25 for 1,092-lb. Texans a year ago. The Marvel Horse steers, 37 head, 1,329 lbs., at \$4.05, with 13 at \$3.35, against \$3.40 for 1,224-lb. steers a year ago.

Receipts of cattle the first week in August were the largest of the year so far and only included 2,400 Western rangers at that, against 12,400 a year ago and 17,000 two years ago.

As usual at this season of the year, the supply of cattle shows an increase in all of the Western markets. A good share of the increase was on account of the dry weather in certain sections of the country and the beginning of the range cattle season. Buyers are neglecting the heavy cattle, those above 1,400 lbs. that are merely "good." A few that are strictly fancy met with ready sale at good prices, but not in comparison with the choice 1,250-lb. steers.

It is certainly a great mistake to ship any kind of cattle before they are in proper condition for the market, especially where feed is plentiful and cheap, and until the fall demand for feeding cattle takes place we do not think the prospect favorable for the fair to good light and medium weight range cattle. At the same time cattle should be marketed as soon as they are ripe and before they get so heavy as to be above the most active competition.

It is reported that by a recent decision of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Kansas, cattle from the fever district of Texas may be admitted into Kansas after the have been "dipped." The experiments of dipping cattle for the destruction of ticks were undertaken at the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Missouri, at Columbia, Mo., and have proved entirely successful. Also exhaustive experiments have been made with the Texas fever tick at the Santa Gertrudes ranch, situated at Neosho County, Texas, and the results were the same as those at the Missouri Experiment Station. More than 1,000 head have been dipped in a few hours at the Santa Gertrudes ranch, and more than 50,000 have been dipped in this experimental vat, which is nine feet deep and is never filled to a greater depth than five feet, at which point it holds 2,500 gallons.

### Buffalo Markets.

**Cattle.**—The general condition of the market remains strong; good cattle seem to be in light supply, and the few that are coming are bringing good prices. We sold on Monday some 1,270-lb. steers at 5 cents; some 1,230 averages at \$4.50, and some 1,160 averages at \$4.75. The general supply of stock here Monday was about the worst in point of quality that we have had in a year, there being not over ten loads of really good cattle in the yards. There was a very large percentage of cow and heifer stuff, which consequently sold considerably lower than the week previous, the decline all the way from 15 to 25 cents per hundred. Some steers partly fat and green sold 10 cents lower—there was a rather fair sprinkling of this class of stock on sale also. The nice handy steers or anything weighing 1,000 lbs. and upwards, dry fed, as said before, sold strong and was in good demand; in some cases for the right kinds prices 10 cents higher than the week previous. The heavy cattle, however, sold steady to strong, with no change, but in good demand; quite a good many more could have been sold at steady to strong prices.

Stockers and feeders steady for the good kinds, a shade easier for the common ones. The supply was light, both from Michigan and Canada; the demand, however, was fairly active, quite a number of Pennsylvania buyers being here, that have not been coming heretofore. The Western demand, however, has let up somewhat owing to the high prices. We do not look for any particular change to speak of for the near future. We quote as follows:

Prime to fancy steers, \$5.10 to \$5.25. Feeders, fair flesh, good quality, \$3.90 to \$4.15. Stockers, good quality, \$3.75 to \$4. Oxen, good to prime, \$3.50 to \$4. Prime to fancy heifers, \$4.25 to \$4.50. Prime heavy fat cows, \$3.75 to \$4. Bulls, prime to fancy, \$3.50 to \$4. Milk cows and springers, fancy, \$5.50 to \$6.00; common, \$17 to \$20. Veal calves, extra fancy, \$6.50; heavy fed calves, \$5.50 to \$6.25.

**Sheep and Lambs.**—Receipts light. Market strong and higher. Lambs.—The offerings have been very light and prices are strained, with good lambs quotable at 6c., and anthing fancy would have brought \$6.25 to-day. Of course these prices are due to light receipts and an urgent demand from the local butchers. Full loads cannot be sold over \$5.75. Yearlings.—There is an exceptionally good demand for choice yearling wethers that are not too heavy; when handy weights, weighing around 80 to 100 lbs., they are quotable at 5c. Ewes, however, are not salable much over \$4.50, inasmuch as they will not break lamb. Prime heavy lambs still have the call over yearlings just at present, but before many weeks are around there will be a scarcity of these yearling sheep, and they will command a good strong price. Butcher sheep.—The market is strong in sympathy with the advance on lambs, and almost any kind of sheep will sell at \$4 to \$4.25, with choice wethers quotable up to \$4.75. Of course these prices are high and we would not advise buying any on the basis of present values to put out. The common to fair grades, however, will sell strong right along.

**Hogs.**—The general condition of the trade remains steady to strong. Prices fluctuate a little, though the margin at this place continues to be very wide compared with the Western markets, such as Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis. For three weeks values have averaged from 20 to 35 cents—in some instances 40 cents—per hundred higher here. Receipts to-day are about 15 cars, and prices generally steady, with about all offerings disposed of. Closing quotations as follows: Mediums and extreme heavies, \$4 to \$4.07 1/2; York weights, 140 to 170 lbs. average, \$4.12 1/2 to \$4.15; pigs, good to choice, \$4.15 to \$4.20.

Buffalo, Aug. 11th. ERICK BROS.

### Canadian Live Stock Export.

The following are the live stock exports for the week ending Wednesday, August 11th, as prepared by R. Bickerdike, of the Live Stock Exchange, Montreal:

| July 29.—Fremona     | London    | 283 cattle   | 224 sheep |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| " 30.—Cervona        | "         | 279 "        | "         |
| Aug. 1.—Montezuma    | "         | 326 "        | "         |
| " 2.—Ormidale        | "         | 225 "        | 313 "     |
| July 29.—Lake Huron  | Liverpool | 638 "        | 142 "     |
| " 31.—Carthignian    | "         | 813 "        | "         |
| Aug. 4.—Lake Ontario | "         | 404 "        | "         |
| July 30.—Memmon      | Bristol   | 316 "        | "         |
| " 29.—Concordia      | Glasgow   | 410 "        | "         |
| Aug. 3.—Sarmatian    | "         | 427 "        | "         |
| " 1.—Ruperra         | Cardiff   | 163 "        | "         |
| Total                |           | 4,341 cattle | 679 sheep |

| For week ending Wednesday, Aug. 11: |            |              |           |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Aug. 6.—Iona                        | London     | 374 cattle   | 407 sheep |
| " 8.—Parkmore                       | "          | 340 "        | "         |
| " 7.—Ottawa                         | Liverpool  | 374 "        | "         |
| " 9.—Baltimore                      | "          | 675 "        | 183 "     |
| " 5.—Merrimac                       | Bristol    | 419 "        | "         |
| " 5.—Amarynthia                     | Glasgow    | 417 "        | "         |
| " 9.—Aldice                         | "          | 238 "        | "         |
| " 10.—Sardinian                     | "          | 445 "        | "         |
| " 11.—Lake Superior                 | Liverpool  | 385 "        | "         |
| " 6.—Lord Gough                     | Newcastle  | 297 "        | 194 "     |
| " 7.—Sts. of Menai                  | Manchester | 341 "        | "         |
| Total                               |            | 4,808 cattle | 784 sheep |