

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, May 17th.—We had about the heaviest run of stuff of the season so far on the market this morning; all told, there was nearly 90 loads offered, comprising close on 1,200 hogs, 180 lambs and sheep, and 150 calves. The market was a good one as far as activity was concerned, and was very much a repetition of the market on Tuesday. Cattle from the old country report prices at Glasgow as maintained, but weak at Liverpool, the latter market being reported about 1c a pound below Glasgow. This checked buying for export here, and held prices back. Prices for shipping cattle averaged from 4½c to 5½c per pound, though a special sale or two occurred at low as 4c and as high as 5½c. Prices for shippers were weak on account of depressing cables, and, to a lesser extent from over supply. Here are some sales of export:—One load, averaging 1,300 lbs, sold at 4½c per pound; a load, averaging 1,366 lbs., sold at 5½c per lb; a load, averaging 1,230 lbs, sold at 5½c; a load, averaging 1,350 lbs, sold at \$4.80 per cwt; a load averaging 1,370 lbs, sold at 5c; a load averaging 1,325 lbs, sold at \$4.90 per cwt; and several loads averaging from 1,200 to 1,300 lbs, sold at from 4½c to 5c per pound.

In butcher's cattle the trade was good. It was said by some of the drovers that prices were not as steady as on Tuesday, but if this applied at all it applied only to the inferior stuff, as all good butchers' cattle sold quickly and well, prices being better than inferior grades of shippers brought, and butchers supplies were sold out early. Some sales were as follows:—A load, averaging 1,020 lbs, sold at \$4.40 per cwt; 20 averaging 980 lbs, sold at 4½c per lb; 8 cattle averaging 920 lbs, sold at \$3.90 per cwt; a load averaging 1,050 lbs, sold at 3½c per lb; and a load, averaging 1,060 lbs, sold at 3½c per lb. Buyers from Kingston and Montreal were here, but the outsiders were not so numerous as usual. The local enquiry was good.

Stockers were selling at from 3½c to 4c per lb; for some extra choice \$4.40 per cwt was paid. Good stockers are wanted.

A good number of fine bulls for export sold at from 4c to 4½c per lb.

Lambs and sheep—The market was practically unchanged. A few more sheep and yearlings would have sold. Yearlings sold at from 4 to 5c per lb, though for anything very superior 5½c per lb will be paid; a bunch of 34, averaging 120 lbs, sold at 5c per lb. Spring lambs were slow at from \$2 to \$3.50 each; a bunch of 7 sold for \$19. Sheep are worth about 4c per lb; bucks, 4½c per lb. Only a few choice lambs are required.

Calves were much plentiful, and prices were off for anything but very choice. Ordinary calves sold at from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each to-day. A few of the best are wanted. A bunch of 22, averaging 90 lbs, dressed, sold at \$4.50 each.

Hogs—Prices again weakened; the very top figure was \$4.75, off cars, and \$4.60 was paid; light and fat would not go above \$4.50; and stores about the same. The prospects are for lower prices yet.

East Buffalo, May 17.—Receipts of cattle were about all consigned through the few odd lots of milk cows and butchers' cattle on sale were peddled out at nearly former prices. All of 350 veals were on the market, and for these the demand was good and prices 15 to 20c higher. Hogs—On sales 8,300 head the demand was good, and prices were fully sustained; yorkers brought \$4.55 to \$4.65, mixed packers and mediums, \$4.65 to \$4.75; heavy \$4.75 to \$4.80; roughs, \$4 to \$4.30; stags \$3 to \$3.75. Sheep and lambs—On sale, 12,000 head mostly lambs. The best of the lambs sold up to \$5.85 to \$5.90, and good 77 lb lambs at \$5.60; good handy weight sheep sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75.

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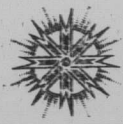
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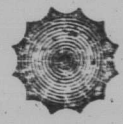
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