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and 61,958 hogs; compared to 36,477 cattle, 38,537 calves, 41,998 sheep, and 70,607 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 11th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,624 butcher cattle and 1,046 hogs; Canadian shipments were made up of 241 calves, 474 butcher cattle, and 621 lambs. Shipments to United States points totalled 712 calves 146 butcher cattle, and 532 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1st to October 11th, inclusive, were: 38,103 cattle, 37,312 calves, 29,872 sheep, and 35,367 hogs; compared to 35,968 cattle, 38,279 calves, 33,626 sheep and 47,621 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Winnipeg.

The market for cattle is unsettled and in a congested state. Receipts during the week amounted to fourteen thousand head sold on the open market, and eleven hundred on through billing. On Friday under an exceptionally heavy run and with many cattle on hand that were held over from the previous week, all available yard space was taken up, and in some cases consignments of cattle remained unloaded for several hours. This condition, coupled with disquieting news from the south, gave the market an easier tone on Saturday. With unusually big offerings the market held about steady on Monday although buyers were reluctant purchasers at the prices ruling. On Tuesday those who sold early in the forenoon were fortunate, as the market weakened later in the morning when word was received to the effect that a railway embargo had been placed on cattle shipments to St. Paul and Chicago and prices declined from 25 to 40 cents. Word was received that the embargo had been lifted by noon but the market remained unchanged at the decline. Later in the day with the Yards full it was announced that five hundred cars were in transit from the west and the Union Stock Yards authorities placed an embargo on cattle in order to relieve the pressure. The following day the market was weak. On Thursday, only one southern buyer was on the market on which day prices were 25 cents lower, and \$2 below those prevailing two weeks ago. Normal conditions however, are expected as soon as the congestion is relieved; in the meantime values are lower. Few choice cattle are coming forward, the majority of the receipts being of plain quality. Twelve steers of thirteen hundred pounds weight brought \$11 per hundred and one sold at \$13.75. These were exceptionally good sales and were made before the decline occurred. The bulk of the heavy steers brought from \$9 to \$10.50, while a number weighing from one thousand to twelve hundred sold from \$8.75 to \$9.75. Steers of medium quality were weighed up at \$7.70 to \$8.75. A number of light butcher cattle are being received and these sell from \$7.75 to \$8.80 for the best, and from \$6.70 to \$7.60 for those of common to fair quality.

There was a good run of stockers and feeders on which a 50 cent reduction occurred. The best stockers sold from \$6.50 to \$7.75, and those of medium quality from \$5.60 to \$6.50. Choice heavy feeders sold from \$8.50 to \$10.60 while a few sold as high as \$11, and light feeders brought from \$7.25 to \$8.75. Two hundred and ninety head which sold at \$10.25 per hundred were shipped south. During the week, twelve hundred

stockers and feeders were shipped to the west, twelve hundred and sixty to the south, and nineteen hundred and thirty to the east. Of the movement to the east one thousand head were shipped under the terms of the Free Freight Policy of the Dominion Live Stock Branch.

Sheep and lambs were 25 cents lower the best lambs selling from \$14 to \$15 per hundred, the best sheep from \$12 to \$13, and common sheep and bucks from \$5 to \$9. There exists a good demand for breedy ewes from country points.

The run of hogs for the week totalled thirty-three hundred. Four hundred were shipped east and the local packing houses took the remainder. The quality of the run was only fair. The market opened 25 cents lower, and held steady during the remainder of the week at \$17, fed and watered, for selects; \$15 to \$16 for heavies; \$15.70 to \$17 for lights; \$14.50 to \$15.50 for sows, and \$10 to \$12 for stags. Prospects are for a steady market.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 11th, Canadian packing houses purchased 179 calves, 5,130 butcher cattle, 2,128 hogs and 452 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 180 calves, 731 butcher cattle 285 hogs and 379 sheep and lambs. Shipments back to the country were made up of 28 calves, 93 butcher cattle, 1,614 stockers, 479 feeders, and 241 sheep. Shipments to United States' points totalled 1,473 butcher cattle, 174 stockers and 385 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1st to October 11th, inclusive, were: 149,884 cattle, 7,207 calves, 11,956 sheep and lambs, and 19,233 hogs; compared to 90,901 cattle, 7,848 calves, 13,270 sheep and 254,020 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Cattle trade on steers generally continued bad at Buffalo last week. Receipts were the largest for any one week for the year of 1917, and with Jewish holidays again, the decision of the government to fix prices on meats November first and a general bullish feeling among killers, had the effect of lowering values on steers from a quarter to half a dollar. Best steers sold last week were Canadians, ranging up to \$13.25 for a load of heavy steers, averaging 1,445 lbs. and being desirable. Other shipping steers ranged from \$11.75 to \$12.50. In the butchering steer line values dropped fully a dollar generally, and this take off was noted on butchering heifers. On stockers and feeders, while the demand was not as keen as the previous week, still prices were only a shade easier and sellers had little complaint, good weight feeders reaching \$11. Best heavy fat heifers sold at \$11 to \$11.10 and were Canadians, with best heavy Canadian cows in loads reaching \$9.25, a few fancy up to \$10. Bulls of all grades sold at about steady prices, while the demand was strong for milk cows and springers, these selling at higher prices. After Monday quite a few steer cattle were held over and prices were lower. Receipts for the week totalled 8,175 head, as against 6,450 head the previous week and 6,375 head for the corresponding week last year. Quotations: Shipping Steers.—Native—Choice to prime, \$14 to \$15; fair to good, \$11.75 to \$12.25; plain, \$10.75 to \$11; very coarse and common, \$9.50 to \$10.25.

Shipping Steers.—Canadians—Choice to prime, \$11.75 to \$13.25; fair to good, \$11.25 to \$11.60; common and plain, \$9.50 to \$10.25.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy \$11.50 to \$12; fair to good, \$11 to \$11.50; best handy, \$11 to \$11.75; fair to good, \$10 to \$10.75; light and common, \$8.50 to \$9.50; yearlings, choiceto prime, \$12.50 to \$13; fair to good, \$11.75 to \$12.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$10 to \$11; best butchering heifers, \$9 to \$9.50; fair butchering heifers, \$8 to \$8.50; light and common, \$6.75 to \$7.50; very fancy fat cows, \$9.50 to \$9.75; best heavy fat cows, \$8.50 to \$9.25; good butchering cows, \$7.50 to \$8; medium to fair, \$6.75 to \$7.25; cutters, \$6 to \$6.50; canners, \$4.25 to \$5.40.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$9 to \$9.50; good butchering, \$7.50 to \$8.25; sausage, \$6.75 to \$7.50; light bulls, \$6 to \$7; Oxen, \$7 to \$9.

Stockers and feeders.—Best feeders, \$8.50 to \$9.25; Common to fair, \$7 to \$8; best stockers, \$7.50 to \$8; common to good, \$6.50 to \$7.25.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small lots, \$100.00 to \$140.00; in car loads, \$85.00 to \$100.00; medium to fair, in small lots, \$75 to \$85.00; in car loads, \$70.00 to \$80.00; common, \$45 to \$55.

Hogs.—Prices showed a severe break last week. Monday, which was the high day, best hogs sold up to \$18.75 and \$18.85, and the general market for York weight grades and the light mixed kinds was from \$18.25 to \$18.50. Buyers had the market well under control the next few days and before the week was out or on Friday, top hogs dropped to \$17.40 and packers got Yorkers and light grades down to \$17 and \$17.10. Pigs on the opening day brought \$17.25 and Friday they were down to \$16. Roughs were also hit hard dropping from \$17.25 on Monday down to \$16 on Friday. For the past week receipts were 19,200 head, as against 17,373 head for the week before and 38,600 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Market was on the slow and draggy order last week and the result was that several loads had to be carried over from day to day. The week started with best lambs selling at \$17.50 and culls went from \$15 down, although some throwouts that were brought for feeding purposes reached up to \$16 and \$16.50. Tuesday best lambs dropped to \$17.25. Wednesday's range on best was from \$17 to \$17.25 and the next two days saw the best native lambs selling at \$16.75 and \$17. Cull lambs the latter part of the week went from \$15 down. Sheep were slow all week, wethers being quoted from \$11.50 to \$11.75 and ewes went from \$11 down. Receipts the past week were 13,800 head, as against 13,441 head for the week previous and 18,000 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Market occupied an unfavorable position last week. At no time of the week did best veals sell above \$16, the high days being Monday and Friday and the low day was Wednesday, when no sales could be made above \$15.50. Good handy-cull grades at no time of the week could be placed much above \$13.50 and while Monday saw good heavy fat calves selling up to \$10.00 and \$10.50, Thursday these kinds went at a range from \$7.25 to \$8.90. On Friday good grass calves, kinds that sold the week before up to \$8.50, were hard to land above \$6.50. For the week—receipts were 2,325 head, as compared with 2,174 for the week before and 2,700 head for the same week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Live-stock receipts at Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, Oct. 22, were 325 cars, 6,352 cattle, 334 calves, 1,831 hogs, 2,616 sheep and lambs. Butcher cattle, steady to 25 cents lower; cows, strong; bulls, steady; stocker and feeders, choice, steady; common 25 cents to 50 cents lower. Sheep, lambs and calves steady. Hogs, fed and watered, seventeen dollars.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2, winter, new, per car lot, \$2.22, basis; (according to freights outside.) Manitoba wheat, in store, Fort William—Including 2c. tax—No. 1 northern, \$2.23½; No. 2 northern, \$2.20½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½.

Oats.—(According to freights outside) Ontario, No. 2 white, 63c. to 64c., No. 3 white, 62c. to 63c., nominal. Manitoba oats, No. 2 C. W., 66½c.; No. 3 C. W., 63½c.; (in store, Fort William).

Barley.—Malting, \$1.16 to \$1.18.

Peas.—According to freights outside; No. 2, nominal.

Corn.—American (track, Toronto), No. 3, nominal.

Rye.—No. 2, \$1.72.

Flour.—Manitoba first patents, in jute bags, \$11.50; second patents, in jute bags, \$11; strong bakers', in jute bags, \$10.60. Ontario winter, according to sample, \$9.80, Montreal; \$9.60, Toronto; in bags.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, No. 1, \$12.50 to \$13.50 per ton; mixed, per ton, \$9 to \$11. Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50, track, Toronto.

Brn.—Per ton, \$35.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$42; middlings, per ton, \$45 to \$46.

Good feed flour, per bag, \$3.25.

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered, Toronto:

City hides.—City butcher hides, green, flat, 20c.; calf skins, green flat, 23c.; veal

kip, 20c.; horse hides, city take off, \$5 to \$6; city lamb skins, shearings and pelts, \$1.50 to \$2.25; sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$4.

Country markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 18c. to 19c.; deacons or bob calf, \$1.50 to \$1.75 each; horse hides, country take off No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$3.50; horse hair, farmers' stock, \$25.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 13c. to 14c.; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 12c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 14c. to 16c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 60c.; coarse, 58c.; washed wool, 70c.; coarse, 65c.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Prices kept practically stationary on the wholesales during the past week, selling as follows: Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, 46c. to 47c. per lb.; creamery solids, 44c. to 45c. per lb.; dairy, 37c. to 38c. per lb.; separator dairy, 44c. to 45c. per lb.

Eggs.—Freshly gathered eggs kept stationary; selling as follows, wholesale, No. 1, 45c. to 46c. per dozen; selects, 49c. per dozen; in cartons, 53c. per dozen; new laid selling at 55c. per dozen.

Poultry.—Poultry, with the exception of fowl which declined slightly, kept about stationary in price—(live weight) spring chickens, 19c. to 20c. per lb.; spring ducks, 17c. per lb.; roosters, 16c. per lb. fowl 4 lbs. and under, 13c. per lb.; fowl over 4 lbs., 18c. per lb.

Cheese.—Cheese remained practically stationary in price: Old cheese selling at 30c. per lb.; new at 24c. per lb., and new twins at 24½c. per lb.

Honey.—Honey is still quite scarce, and therefore, high priced selling as follows, wholesale: Extracted 5 lb. and 10 lb. pails 19c. per lb.; 60 lb. pails 18½c. per lb. The comb selling at \$3 to \$3.25 per dozen.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples.—Boxed apples from both British Columbia and Washington arrived freely during the past week; consisting of Jonathans, McIntosh Reds and Bellflowers selling at \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2.25 per box.

Cantaloupes.—The home-grown variety still came in and there were some really good ones—selling at 30c. to 40c. per 11-qt. basket and 50c. to 65c. per 16 qts.

Grapes.—The grapes this year are generally of very poor quality—Green ones selling at 12½c. to 20c. per 6-qt. basket; Blues at 20c. to 27½c. per 6-qt. basket; Red Rogers at 30c. to 35c. per 6 qts.

Peaches.—Peaches continued to come in and there were some of choice quality; they sold at 35c. to 40c. per 6-qt. flats; 35c. to 40c. per 6-qt. lenos; 50c. to \$1.25 per 11-qt. lenos.

Plums.—Prices kept practically stationary—Lombards selling at 65c. to 75c. per 11-qt basket; Blues at 75c. to \$1 per 11-qt. basket; Damsons at \$1.25 per 11 qts.

Quinces also sold at unchanged prices: 50c. to 60c. per 6-qt. basket and 90c. to \$1 per 11 qts.

Tomatoes had a wide range of prices, as they varied greatly in quality, selling at 35c. to 65c. per 11-qt. basket.

Beets and carrots were rather a slow sale at 75c. per bag.

Onions have been quite scarce—Leamingtons selling at \$2.75 per 75-lb. bag; Californias at \$3.50 per 100-lb. sack, and Spanish at \$5.50 to \$5.75 per case.

Potatoes kept firm at \$1.50 to \$1.60 per bag.

Turnips were a slow sale at 65c. per bag.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$6.75 to \$17.10; Western steers, \$5.90 to \$13.65; stockers and feeders, \$6 to \$11.40; cows and heifers, \$4.75 to \$11.80; calves, \$9 to \$16.

Hogs.—Light, \$14.50 to \$16.30; mixed, \$14.90 to \$16.75; heavy, \$14.85 to \$16.60; rough, \$14.85 to \$15.10; pigs, \$10.50 to \$14.25.

Sheep.—Lambs, native, \$12.75 to \$18.

Cheese Markets.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., 21½c.; Cornwall, 21½c.; Belleville, 21 5-16c.; Iroquois, 21½c.; Vankleek, 21½c.; Chicago, twins, 23½c. to 24c.; daisies, single, 20c.; double, 25½c.; Young Americas, 20c.; long horns, 26½c.; Montreal, finest westerns, 21½c.; finest easterns, 21½c.; Watertown, N.Y., 20½c.

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