

MARKETS.

Toronto.

LIVE STOCK.

Live-stock receipts at the Western Cattle Market last week amounted to 214 cars, and included 3,502 cattle, 1,086 sheep and lambs, 2,829 hogs, and 646 calves. At the Union Stock-yards during that time the receipts amounted to 80 cars, and included 1,366 cattle, 52 sheep, 1,301 hogs, and 88 calves.

Export Cattle—Choice are quoted at \$5.50 to \$5.70, good to medium at \$5.10 to \$5.40, others at \$5 to \$5.10, and bulls at \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Butchers' Cattle—Good to choice are quoted at \$5.10 to \$5.35, fair to good at \$4.80 to \$5.10, mixed lots, medium, at \$4 to \$4.75, and common at \$3 to \$3.50. Cows sold at \$2.50 to \$4.50, and bulls at \$2.90 to \$3.50.

Stockers and Feeders—Feeders are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, bulls at \$3.40 to \$3.80, stockers at \$2.50 to \$4.25, and stock bulls at \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Milch Cows—Good cows are in excellent demand. The range of prices is quoted unchanged at \$30 to \$50 each.

Calves—8½c. to 6c. per pound, and \$2 to \$12 each.

Sheep and Lambs—Export sheep, \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt.; grain-fed lambs, \$6 to \$6.50; barnyards, \$3 to \$4, and springs, \$3 to \$5.50.

Hogs—\$6.50 per cwt. for selects and \$6.25 for lights and fats.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat—Ontario—Sales of 58-pound wheat at 97c.; No. 2 red and white is quoted at 97c. to 98c.; goose is nominal, at 85c. to 86c. Manitoba—No. 1 northern, 99½c.; No. 2 northern, 96c.; No. 3 northern, 90c.; lake ports, 6c. more grinding in transit.

Flour—Dull; Ontario 9c. per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.35 to \$4.45, buyers' sacks, east and west, 15c. to 20c. higher for choice. Manitoba, \$5.40 to \$5.50 for first patents, \$5.10 to \$5.20 for seconds, and \$5 to \$5.10 for bakers'.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 to \$14.50; shorts, \$17.50 to \$18; Manitoba, \$18 for bran and \$20 for shorts.

Barley—45c. for No. 2, 43c. for No. 3 extra, and 41c. for No. 1 malting, outside, Toronto freights.

Rye—There is no demand, and a carload offered down to 61c. found no buyers.

Corn—Canadian nominal; American, kiln-dried, No. 3 yellow, 60c. to 60½c. at Ontario points.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 42c. to 43c. outside.

Peas—A good demand finds insufficient supplies at 70c. for No. 2, west and east. Buckwheat—59c. to 66c., east or west.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The market for all kinds continues to hold an easy tone. Dairy butters are coming forward in large lots. Prices are unchanged.

Creamery, prints18c. to 20c.
do, solids18c. to 19c.
Dairy, lb. rolls, good to choice.....15c. to 16c.
do, large rolls14c. to 15c.
do, medium13c. to 14c.
do, tubs, good to choice.....14c. to 15c.
do, inferior12c. to 13c.

Cheese—Has an easy tone, at 10½c. to 10½c. for new, in job lots here.

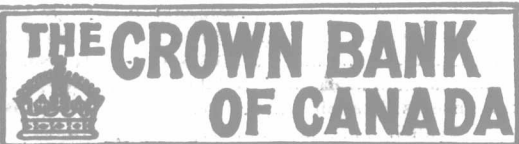
Eggs—The market has a firm tone, and few eggs are selling below 16c. Larger receipts are expected here, a circumstance which may result in lower prices.

Potatoes—Quoted steady; Ontario, 60c. on track and 65c. to 75c. out of store; eastern, 65c. on track, and 70c. to 75c. out of store.

Baled Hay—The market is fairly steady. Quotations are unchanged, at \$8 per ton for No. 1 timothy, and mixed and clover \$6.50 to \$7, in car lots, on track here.

Baled Straw—Car lots on track here are quoted unchanged, at \$5.75 to \$6 per ton.

Beans—Are quoted unchanged. Hand-picked, \$1.75 to \$1.80; prime, \$1.65 to \$1.70, and undergrades, \$1.25 to \$1.50.



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Head Office, Toronto, Ont.

Edward Gurney,
President.

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Special attention given to accounts of Cheese Factories, Drovers and Grain Dealers, and all out-of-town accounts.

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FARMERS' MARKET.

Wheat, white	1 02	
do, red	1 02	
do, goose	78	to \$0 80
do, spring	92	
Peas	78	
Oats	46	to 47
Buckwheat	54	
Rye	75	
Barley	49	
Hay, No. 1 timothy	9 00	to 10 50
do, clover or mixed	7 00	to 8 60
Dressed hogs, light, cwt.	9 00	
do, heavy	8 50	
Butter	18	to 20
Eggs	19	to 20
Spring chickens	30	
Potatoes, per bag	70	to 85
Apples, Spies	2 00	to 3 00
do, others	1 25	to 2 60
Beef, hind quarters	9	to 10½
do, fore quarters	6½	to 7½
Mutton	8	to 10
Lambs, per lb.	14	to 15
Spring lambs, each	6 00	to 8 00
Calves, per lb.	7½	to 9½

WOOL, HIDES AND TALLOW.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front Street, wholesale dealers in wool, hides, calf and sheep skins, tallow, quote:

Inspected hides, No. 1 steers	\$0 09
Inspected hides, No. 2 steers	8
Inspected hides, No. 1 cows	8½
Inspected hides, No. 2 cows	7½
Country hides, flat, at	7½ to \$0 08
Calfskins, No. 1 selected, each	11
Sheepskins	1 25
Horse hides	3 15
Horse hair	25
Tallow, rendered	4 to 4½
Wool, unwashed	14
Wool, washed	22
Rejections	19

Toronto Horse Markets.

Dealers report seasonable dullness in the horse trade here, but there is still a well-sustained demand for good-quality light horses, and prices in most lines show little variation, though where fluctuations have been registered they have tended towards a lower level. However, values are still considerably above those prevailing a year ago and the volume of trade is also greater, but just how long these conditions are going to prevail is a question which is agitating the minds of local dealers, some of whom are inclined to take a pessimistic view of the outlook. They claim that the farmer at present is holding his horses at prohibitive prices, and, as a result, buyers have been compelled to buy poor quality and low-priced animals, whenever possible, in preference to meeting the extravagant views of values held by sellers. In the opinion of Mr. Stock, of the Horse Exchange, the present attitude of farmers will result disastrously to the market later on. He bases this belief on the fact that his representatives at various country points report an unprecedented number of foals and young horses generally in all sections, the very high prices which have been obtained for some time back having greatly stimulated the breeding industry, and if farmers continue to hold their horses back for awhile longer, many of these young animals will be ready to come on the market, and the result will be that the trade will be overloaded. The impression is held that prices are now about as high as they are going to go, and that the next movement will be a downward one. In the meantime there is a good demand for

railroad horses here, Burns & Sheppard having an order for instant delivery of 60 teams, weighing 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., and another order for 20 pairs of superior workers. Buyers are out securing the horses now.

Burns and Sheppard's weekly report of the market follows:

Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands	\$125 to \$200
Single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	125 to 250
Matched pairs, cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	300 to 500
Delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs.	125 to 175
General-purpose or express horses, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs.	140 to 225
Draft horses, 1,350 to 1,750 lbs.	150 to 225
Serviceable second-hand workers	75 to 110
Serviceable second-hand drivers	75 to 100

The Canadian Horse Exchange report the following range of prices:

Single drivers, 15 to 16 hands	\$125 to \$175
Single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	160 to 250
Matched pairs, cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	300 to 700
Delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs.	125 to 175
General-purpose and express horses, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs.	125 to 200
Draft horses, 1,350 to 1,700 lbs.	140 to 225
Serviceable second-hand workers	60 to 110
Serviceable second-hand drivers	60 to 110

Buffalo.

Hogs—Heavy, \$5.50; mixed, \$5.50 to \$5.55; Yorkers, \$5.55 to \$5.60; pigs, \$5.60; roughs, \$4.60 to \$4.85; stags, \$3 to \$3.75; dairies, \$5.30 to \$5.50. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$4.50 to \$6.75; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$5.75; wethers, \$5.25 to \$5.50; ewes, \$4.50 to \$4.75; sheep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$5.

Chicago.

Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.50 to \$6.40; poor to medium, \$4 to \$5; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$5. Hogs—Mixed and butchers', \$5.15 to \$5.40; bulk of sales, \$5.30 to \$5.35. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, shorn, \$4.50 to \$5; fair to choice, mixed, shorn, \$3.50 to \$4.40; native lambs, shorn, \$4.60 to \$6.25.

Cheese Board Prices.

Prices reported from the cheese boards the latter part of last week are as follows: Perth, 9½c.; Napanee, 9 3-16c.; Ottawa, 9½c. and 9 3-16c.; Huntingdon, Que., cheese sold at 9½c., and fresh butter at 19½c., salted butter at 19c.; South Finch, 9½c.; Brantford, 8 13-16c., and 9c.; Iroquois, 9½c. bid; Brockville, 9 3-16c., a few, 9½c.; Watertown, N. Y., 8½c. for both large and small, dairy twins, 8½c.; Belleville, 9 3-16c.; Cowansville, Que., 9½c. to 9 3-16c.; London (Ont.), 8½c. (bid); Cornwall, 9½c. to 9 5-16c.; St. Hyacinthe, Que., 9½c. Vank leek Hill, 9½c. to 9 5-16c.; Canton, N. Y., tub butter, 21c., twin cheese, 8½c.; Alexandria, white, 9 5-16c., colored, 9½c.

British Cattle Market.

London.—Cattle are quoted at 11½c. to 12½c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 9½c. to 9½c. per pound; sheep, 13c. to 14½c. per pound.

Montreal.

Butter—Last Friday the high prices which have been mystifying the trade took a tumble, cold-stores merchants offering only 19c., at which figure good stock was available. Quality of the stock arriving is excellent.

Cheese—Holders of choicest Ontario grass cheese are asking 9½c. to 9½c., and of Quebec, 9½c. to 9½c. The quality is the best, and considered worth a good half cent more than that obtainable a week ago. Demand fair.

Eggs—Market unprecedentedly high for the time of year, holders asking 16½c. for straight-gathered stock.

Potatoes—55c. to 60c. per bag of 90 lbs. for car lots on track.

Maple Products—Demand for syrup fair of late, and prices reasonable, the make having apparently been fairly large in the latter part of the season. Dealers quoting from 5½c. to 6c. in tins; sugar, 7c. to 8c.

Hay—All grades except No. 1 have declined 25c. ton, with probabilities of further drops unless the present bright crop prospects are endangered. No. 1 is quoted \$9 to \$9.25 ton, car lots, on track; No. 2, \$7.75 to \$8; clover, mixed, \$6.75 to \$7, and clover, \$6.50.

Feed—Market less active than formerly, but demand still satisfactory; millers obliged to refuse export orders of late. Manitoba bran in bags, \$18 ton; shorts, \$20.

Live Stock—Local market fairly steady. Packers, however, claim that the price of live hogs show considerable decline, owing to the lower markets in England. Offerings light, and demand fair, but it is said that very few animals brought as much as 7c., while the bulk of the select hogs sold at 6½c. off cars. This is the lowest price for some considerable time past. Choice cattle firm, being 5½c. to 6c.; fine, 5½c. to 5½c.; good to fine butchers' stock firm, at 4½c. to 5c.; medium stock ranges from 3½c. to 4c., and common at 3c. Sheep steady, at 3½c. to 4c. per pound; lambs being \$3 to \$5 each, and calves, \$2 to \$8, according to quality. A few milch cows brought from \$25 to \$50 each, according to quality.

Flour—No demand for export, but at the bottom figures there is a fair local and domestic demand. Manitoba strong bakers' are quoted at \$5.10, and patents, \$5.40 bbl., in bags.

Grain—Only grain dealt in locally now is oats, which have advanced one cent a bushel. Sales of carload lots being made here at 45½c. for No. 3, in store, and 46½c. for No. 2.

Beans—Choice prime, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bushel; \$1.50 to \$1.60 in car lots.

Standard of Living in Britain

In Mr. Austin Chamberlain's British budget speech, he called attention to the changing conditions among the people, there being a marked decrease in the amount of spirits consumed, and an increasing popularity of innocent outdoor recreation, such as pleasure excursions. That the British population is learning to spend more of its money upon bread and less upon drink, the following figures will demonstrate. The table gives the amount of consumption per head of the ordinary articles of diet for the years 1893 and 1903:

	1893.	1903.
lbs.	per head.	lbs.
Bacon and Hams	11.72	16.35
Fresh meat (beef)	5.67	11.38
Butter	6.58	10.57
Cheese	5.86	6.99
Wheat	188.85	232.53
Fresh mutton	5.73	10.60

These figures point to the fact that the working classes are living better than they did ten years ago, and all those acquainted with economic and industrial conditions will welcome this as a very necessary improvement, though they may, perhaps, wonder where the extra money is coming from.

It was a little boy in an American Sunday school who, in reply to his teacher's question, "Who was the first man?" answered "George Washington," and, upon being informed that it was Adam, exclaimed: "Oh, well, if you are speaking of foreigners, perhaps he was!"

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