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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets last week were 227 carloads, composed of 3,876 cattle, 2,559 hogs, 403 sheep, 1,033 calves, and 207 horses. Taken altogether, the quality of the cattle was better than for the previous week. Trade was brisk in all classes, excepting calves and hogs. Prices for cattle were firmer. H. G. Whaley, live-stock dealer of Buffalo, bought, some three weeks ago, 900 distillery-fed cattle from John Scott, of Waterloo, at \$6.50 per cwt., to be delivered not later than the month of June. Mr. Whaley turned them over to Gordon & Ironsides at a slight advance on the first price. The highest price yet recorded for cattle on the Toronto market this year was for a choice load of steers, 1,300 lbs. each, fed by Rennie Bros., York Co., Ont., who received \$6.25 per cwt.

Receipts of cattle at the Junction on Monday, May 18th, amounted to 1,781; quality not as good; prices a little easier. Export steers, \$5.50 to \$6.12½; bulls, \$4.25 to \$5.25; choice picked butchers', \$5.70 to \$5.90; loads of good, \$5.50 to \$5.70; medium, \$5.15 to \$5.40; common, \$4.75 to \$5; cows, \$3.75 to \$5; canners, \$2 to \$3; bulls, \$4 to \$4.75; milk cows, \$35 to \$65; calves, \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt. Sheep, \$5 to \$6 per cwt.; yearling lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per cwt.; spring lambs, \$4 to \$7 each. Hogs, \$6 for selects, fed and watered, \$5.75, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Exporters.—Export steers sold last week from \$5.50 to \$6.25; export bulls, \$4.25 to \$5.25.

Butchers'.—Prime picked lots of butchers' steers and heifers sold at \$5.90 to \$6.20; loads of good, \$5.60 to \$5.85; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.50; common, \$4.75 to \$5.15; cows of good to choice quality, \$4.50 to \$5.25; medium to good cows, \$4 to \$4.50; common, \$3.50 to \$3.80; canners and rough cows, \$2.50 to \$3.25.

Stockers and Feeders.—There has been a good demand for feeders and stockers, but few of good quality are being offered. Prices ranged as follows: Good steers,

1,000 to 1,100 lbs. each, at \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.; good steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each, at \$4.25 to \$4.75; good steers, 800 to 900 lbs. each, at \$3.90 to \$4.25; good steers, 600 to 900 lbs. each, at \$2.25 to \$5.90; light stockers, 400 to 600 lbs. each, at \$3 to \$3.25.

Milkers and Springers.—There was a good demand for all the desirable milkers and springers. The market was active, and receipts were not large enough to fill the demand. Prices ranged from \$25 to \$60 during the week, for inferior to choice grades, with the bulk selling at \$35 to \$45.

Veal Calves.—Receipts were moderate, with prices ranging from \$3 to \$5.50 per cwt., with a few prime milk-fed veals at \$6 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts light, with prices firm. Export ewes, \$4.75 to \$5.75; rams, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; yearlings, \$6.75 to \$7.75 per cwt.; spring lambs, \$3.50 to \$8 each.

Hogs.—Deliveries light, and prices lower. Selects, \$6, at the market, fed and watered, and \$5.75 to \$5.85 to drovers, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—At the Union Stock-yards Horse Exchange last week over 140 horses were offered for sale, of which about 100 were sold. Among the offerings were a number or extra choice, but the majority were of the cheaper class. Intermediate horses and wagon horses are still scarce, as farmers and breeders are asking such high prices that the dealers cannot handle them at a profit. Prices ranged: For drafts, choice, \$160 to \$210; seconds, \$130 to \$165; general-purpose, \$145 to \$190; drivers and carriage horses, \$110 to \$185; a number of ponies were sold on Monday from \$35 to \$140, and two pairs of ponies, with outfits, at \$275 and \$325 each; serviceably-sound horses of all classes sold from \$25 to \$95. Northwest trade is still slack, but more horses are required yet. There is still a good fair demand for wagon horses and drivers in Toronto.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white winter, sellers, 96c. to 97c., outside points; No. 2 red, 96c., outside; No. 2, mixed, 95c.; Goose, 91c.; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, \$1.19; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16; No. 3 Northern, \$1.11, Georgian Bay ports.

Rye.—No. 2 wanted at 88c.

Barley.—No. 2, 55c., holders asking 60c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 49c. to 49½c., outside; No. 2 mixed, 47c.

Peas.—No. 2, 92c. to 94c., outside.

Buckwheat.—No. 2, 64½c. to 65c.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow, 75c. to 76c., Toronto.

Bran.—Car lots, in sacks, on track at Toronto, \$25.50.

Shorts.—Car lots, in sacks, on track, at Toronto, \$26.50, and scarce.

Oil-cake Meal.—\$1.70 to \$1.75 per cwt.

Flour.—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, \$3.50 bid for export. Manitoba patent, special brands, \$6; seconds, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.30.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts becoming larger, and dealers are quoting prices 1c. per lb. lower on each grade. Creamery, pound rolls, 29c. to 30c.; separator dairy, 27c. to 28c.; store lots, 24c. to 26c.

Eggs.—Meat prices being high, eggs are being consumed in large quantities, causing prices to be firm at 17½c. to 18c.

Cheese.—Market steady. Large, 14c.; twins, 14½c.; new make, 12c. for large, and 12½c. for twins.

Honey.—Market quiet. Extracted, 11c. to 13c.; combs, \$2.75 to \$3 per dozen for No. 1 clover.

Potatoes.—Market firm. New Brunswick Delawares, in car lots, on track at Toronto, 90c. to 98c.; Ontarios, 85c. to 90c.

Beans.—Market firm. Primes, \$1.70 to \$1.75; hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots, \$15 to \$15.50, on track at Toronto, and scarce.

Straw.—Baled, in car lots, on track at Toronto, \$8 to \$9.

Poultry.—Receipts light; prices firm. Turkeys, 18c. to 23c.; last year's chickens, 16c. to 18c.; fowl, 14c. to 16c.; spring chickens, 50c. to 55c. per lb.; squabs, \$2 to \$3 per dozen.

HIDES AND SKINS.

F. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front St. E., Toronto, were paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 6½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 5½c.; country hides, cured, 5c.; calf skins, city, 10c.; calf skins, country, 9c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.50; horse hair, per lb., 24c. to 25c.; tallow, per lb., 4½c. to 5½c.; sheep skins, 70c. to 80c.

TORONTO BACON MARKET.

There has been little change in prices on the Toronto market for bacon. Breakfast bacon, 13½c. to 15c.; backs, 16½c. to 17½c.; long clear, 10½c. to 11c.; hams, 13c. to 14c.; rolls, 10½c.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

The apple market shows a little more activity. Fancy Spies sell at \$4.50; other grades are at a discount, and sell from \$1 per bbl. upwards. Southern States strawberries are plentiful, selling from 15c. to 18c. per quart.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Shipments of cattle from the port of Montreal during the week ending May 9, amounted to 1,449 head. The supply of cattle on the local market was rather larger last week; but, as the attendance of buyers was large, and their demands in proportion, prices were forced up about ¼c. a lb. The tone of the market continued very firm, owing largely to the scarcity of good stock in the country. Exporters took all the suitable stock they could get their hands on at 6½c. a lb. Butchers' in some cases paid as high as 6½c. for choice stock; fine sold around 6c.; good, 5½c. to 6c.; medium, 4½c. to 5½c.; common, 3½c. to 4½c., and inferior down to around 3c. Supplies of sheep and lambs are very limited, and, as the demand was good, prices held firm. Yearling lambs sold at 7c. to 7½c., and sheep at 5½c., spring lambs bringing \$3 to \$6 each, supplies of these also being rather limited. Trade in calves was fair, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$5 each, according to quality. The offerings of hogs showed quite an increase, and, as a result, prices declined almost ¼c. a lb. Deliveries were being made on previous contracts at 7c. a lb. for selects, but dealers were only paying 6½c. to 6½c. a lb. for current trading, weighed off cars.

Horses.—Dealers were trying to put through a few small sales last week, and meeting with considerable difficulty in doing so. The market was too high for export, and practically the only horses required are a cheap grade of farming horses. Heavy-draft, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275 each; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225 each; express, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$300 to \$350 each.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—The market for dressed hogs continued practically unchanged, notwithstanding the decline in the price of live hogs. Choice fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed stock sold at 9½c. a lb. Pure lard, 12½c. to 13½c., and compound at 8½c. to 9½c.

Potatoes.—Stock costing \$1 per 90 lbs., carloads, on track here, with prospects of an increase. Dealers were asking 10c. advance to those carting potatoes away from the cars and demanding \$1.15 to \$1.20 bagged and delivered into store.

Eggs.—Market for eggs became very firm, owing mainly to competition between Eastern and Western buyers. Early last week purchases could not be made at less than 19c., in a wholesale way, while dealers were demanding 20c. from grocers, but later prices eased ¼c. to 1c.

Maple Products.—Sale of good maple syrup, in wood, has been made at 4c. a lb., perhaps the lowest figure reported for many years. In tins, about 1c. more can be made, wholesale. Sugar, 7c. a lb. Supplies of both large.

Butter.—The market has been gradually easing off, and 25c. to 26c. represented a fair range of quotations last week. The quality is good, although some of the stock is spotted. The make is now about equal to consumption. There is no export. Very little butter has yet been bought in the country at lower prices than those mentioned above, but on Monday morning, May 18th, a decline to 22½c. was recorded.

Cheese.—The market seems to have firmed up last week, some very high prices having been paid in the country. Some colored fodder cheese has been available at 11½c. here, but 11½c. was being asked for it. It is doubtful if

white could be had at less than 11½c. to 12c., but it was not being offered on this market to any considerable extent. Apparently quite a little inquiry from the other side.

Grain.—The market for oats firm. Prices advanced 2c. per bush. Eastern Canada No. 2 white oats were quoted at 52c. to 54c. per bushel, carloads in store; No. 3, 50c. to 51c.; No. 4, 48c. to 49½c., and rejected, 46½c. to 47c.; Manitoba rejected being 46½c. to 49c.

Flour.—Turnover of limited volume, but prices firm, owing mainly to the strong wheat market. Manitoba spring-wheat patents, \$6.10 to \$6.20, seconds being \$5.50 to \$5.70 per barrel, in bags; Ontario winter-wheat patents, \$5.10, and straight rollers, \$4.50 to \$4.75.

Feed.—Market holds steady, and demand continues active; \$23 per ton, in bags, for Manitoba bran, and \$25 for shorts; Ontario bran, \$23.50 to \$24, and shorts, \$24.50 to \$25; ground oil cake and nutted cake, \$33 to \$34 a ton, and gluten meal, \$1.50 per 100 lbs.

Hay.—No. 1 timothy scarce, and selling at \$16 to \$16.50 a ton, carloads, Montreal; No. 2 extra, \$14.50 to \$15, and No. 2, \$13 to \$13.50; clover mixture, \$12 to \$12.50, and pure clover, \$11.50 to \$12 a ton.

Seeds.—Demand for seed has been falling off a little. Prices of red clover continue at \$23.50 to \$25 a 100 lbs., alfalfa being \$21 to \$22, and timothy, \$6.25 to \$7.50.

CHEESE BOARD PRICES.

Napanee.—White sold at 11½c.; 10½c. offered for colored, and 11½c. for white.

Brantford.—No sales. The board adjourned till May 29.

Kemptville.—Bidding, all 11c. for colored, and 11½c. for white. No sales.

Pictou.—11c. bid.

Belleville.—White at 11½c.; colored at 10½c.

Alexandria.—All white, sold at 11c.

Winchester.—Nearly all sold on the board at 11c. for white, and 10 13-16c. for colored.

London.—No sales. Bidding, 10c. to 10½c.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$6.75 to \$7.25.

Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$5.65 to \$5.70; Yorkers, \$5.50 to \$5.70; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.05; dairies, \$5.40 to \$5.60.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$6.90; yearlings, \$6 to \$6.25; wethers, \$5.50 to \$5.75; ewes, \$5 to \$5.25; sheep, mixed, \$2 to \$5.50.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$5 to \$7.25; cows, \$3.75 to \$6.25; heifers, \$3.50 to \$6.75; bulls, \$4.40 to \$5.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 to \$5.75.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$5.40 to \$5.45; butchers', \$5.40 to \$5.45; packing, \$5.20 to \$5.45; bulk of sales, \$5.35 to \$5.45.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$5 to \$6; lambs, \$6 to \$7.40; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$6.25.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—Cattle steady at 18c. to 18½c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 11c. to 11½c. per pound.

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"And what is that, Ad?" queried our first mother.

Adam suddenly smiled.

"Nobody can dispute the claim that you are the first lady in the land," he said.