

MARKETS.

Toronto.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

At West Toronto, on Monday, January 20, receipts of live stock numbered 102 cars, comprising 1,852 cattle, 1,048 hogs, 612 sheep and lambs, and 90 calves; no business transacted. Packers quote hogs at \$8.25 fed and watered, and \$7.90 f. o. b. cars.

Receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards last week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	26	393	419
Cattle	297	5,760	6,057
Hogs	195	7,380	8,025
Sheep	538	2,411	2,949
Calves	18	286	304
Horses	9	9	9

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1912 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	122	196	318
Cattle	1,744	2,927	4,671
Hogs	2,312	3,006	5,318
Sheep	911	1,227	2,138
Calves	124	61	185
Horses	2	38	40

The combined receipts at the two yards for the past week, show an increase of 101 cars, 1,886 cattle, 2,707 hogs, 811 sheep and lambs, 119 calves; but a decrease of 81 horses, compared with the corresponding week of 1912.

As will be seen by the above figures, the receipts of live stock were liberal, but not greater than the demand. Trade was active, and prices firm throughout the week for all classes of live stock, excepting hogs, which were slightly easier, under a strong demand. Sheep and lambs sold at higher prices than at any time this year.

Exporters.—There were none bought for export. Several lots of steers of export weights and quality, sold from \$6.75 to \$7.35, but they were bought by the local abattoirs.

Butchers.—Choice picked lots, and even loads, sold from \$6.60 to \$6.90; good, \$6 to \$6.50; medium, \$5.40 to \$5.90; common, \$5 to \$5.30; inferior, \$4.75 to \$5; cows, choice, \$5.25 to \$5.60; medium to good cows, \$4.50 to \$4.75; common, \$3.50 to \$3.75; canners and cutters, \$2.75 to \$3.25; common to medium bulls, \$3.75 to \$4.50; heavy bulls, \$5 to \$5.50, and a few of extra-fine quality sold at \$5.60 to \$5.75, and even \$6 was paid for two or three.

Stockers and Feeders.—Stockers, 600 to 700 lbs. each, are worth from \$4.75 to \$5.15; feeders, steers, 800 to 900 lbs., are worth from \$5.25 to \$5.50. Not many of either class are coming forward.

Milkers and Springers.—Receipts of milkers and springers were fairly liberal, and good to choice cows were in good demand, but common medium were slow sale, and at unchanged prices. Common and medium cows sold at \$40 to \$55 each, while good sold at \$60 to \$75, and a few of extra quality brought \$80, \$85, and \$90 each, but only two at the latter figure.

Veal Calves.—Calves were in demand, and prices advanced about 25c. per cwt. Common, Eastern calves, sold at \$4.50 to \$5; heavy calves, \$6 to \$6.50; medium quality veals, \$7 to \$7.50, and good at \$8 to \$8.50, while choice, new-milk-fed veals sold at \$9 to \$9.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts of sheep and lambs were moderate, while the demand was strong, the result being that prices advanced from 25c. to 40c. per cwt. Sheep—Ewes sold at \$4.75 to \$5.50; rams and culls at \$3.50 to \$4.25. Lambs sold from \$8 to \$9 per cwt., the bulk of sales being made at \$8.75.

Hogs.—Packers were determined to get hogs at lower prices, as they consider that they have been paying too high, compared with the outside markets. Canadian prices being over \$1 per cwt. higher than the Chicago and Buffalo quotations. The bulk of the hogs were bought at \$8.50, fed and watered, and \$8.15, f. o. b. cars, although \$8.60 was paid for about 700 hogs during the week.

Horses.—The market for horses last week was a little more active, and for the first time this winter there was con-

siderable inquiry by Western dealers, but prices seem to be too strong to suit them. Prices, however, are reported a little easier. Several car lots were sold at the Union Horse Exchange, the bulk of which were for the local trade, one car lot of 18 going to Montreal. Prices were as follows: Drafters, \$260 to \$300; general-purpose horses, \$225 to \$260; express and wagon horses, \$200 to \$240; drivers, \$100 to \$175; serviceably sound, \$30 to \$100.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2 red, white or mixed, 92c. to 93c., outside. Manitoba, No. 1 northern, 95c.; No. 2 northern, 93c., track, lake ports; feed wheat, 66c., lake ports. Oats—Ontario, No. 2, 38c. to 34c., outside; 38c., track, Toronto. Manitoba oats—No. 2, 41c.; No. 3, 40c., lake ports. Rye—No. 2, 73c. to 75c., outside. Peas—No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.20, outside. Buckwheat—51c. to 52c., outside. Barley—For malting, 60c. to 65c.; for feed, 40c. to 50c., outside. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 56c., track, Toronto, all-rail shipment. Flour—Ontario winter-wheat flour, \$4.05 to \$4.15, delivered. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.30; second patents, \$4.80; in cotton, 10c. more; strong bakers', \$4.60, in jute.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, No. 1, \$13.50 to \$14; No. 2, \$11 to \$12 per ton.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$10 per ton.

Bran.—Manitoba, \$19 to \$20 per ton; shorts, \$22 to \$23; Ontario bran, \$19 to \$20 in bags; shorts, \$22 to \$23, car lots, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market about steady. Creamery pound rolls, 32c. to 34c.; creamery solids, 30c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.; store lots, 24c.

Eggs.—New-laid, 30c.; cold-storage, 26c. to 27c.

Honey.—Extracted, No. 1 clover honey, 12c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3.

Cheese.—Large, 14c.; twins, 15c.

Potatoes.—Market unchanged. Ontario, car lots, track, Toronto, 85c.; New Brunswick Delawares, 90c. per bag, car lots, track, Toronto.

Beans.—Market easier. Primes, \$2.50 to \$2.55; and \$2.60 to \$2.65 for hand-picked.

Poultry.—Receipts were moderate, but quite equal to the demand. Prices ruled steady to strong, as follows: Turkeys, 22c. to 25c.; geese, 14c. to 16c.; ducks, 16c. to 18c.; chickens, 16c. to 17c.; fowl, 12c. to 13c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$11.50 to \$12.50; alsike No. 2, per bushel, \$10.50 to \$11; alsike No. 3, per bushel, \$9.50 to \$10; red-clover seed, Ontario-grown, \$7 to \$9 per bushel; timothy No. 1, per bushel, \$1.90 to \$2.25; timothy No. 2, per bushel, \$1.25 to \$1.60.

HIDES AND SKINS.

No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 14c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 13c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 13c.; country hides, cured, 12c.; country hides, green, 11c.; calf skins, per lb., 15c.; lamb skins, \$1 to \$1.25; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 37c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5c. to 6c.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Fruits and vegetables are still coming forward freely at reasonable prices. Apples—Spies, No. 1, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Spies, No. 2, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Greenings, \$2.50 to \$3 per barrel; fall apples, \$2 to \$2.75; cabbage, 40c. to 50c. per dozen; beets, per bag, 75c.; carrots, per bag, 75c.; turnips, per bag, 40c. to 50c.; parsnips, per bag, 60c.; celery, per dozen, 50c. to \$1; hot-house tomatoes, 28c. per lb.; wax beans, imported, \$5 per hamper; grape fruit, per box, \$3 to \$3.50; hot-house cucumbers, per dozen, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

John Miller, Brougham, Ont., in ordering a change of his advertisement, writes: "I have had a very good demand for sheep, and have only what I want for breeding purposes left. The young Shorthorn bulls I am offering for sale are a fine lot, good enough to head the very best herds, or to breed first class feeding steers from. Am quoting very low prices in order to make quick sales."

Montreal.

Live Stock.—A very fair trade took place in cattle last week, and prices held about steady. Best steers sold at 6c. to 6c. per lb., while fine brought about 5c., medium 5c. to 5c., and common ranged from 4c. to 5c. Canning stock sold down to about 3c. per lb., and there was a fair export demand for them, several carloads being shipped to the United States. Lambs held steady, at about 7c. to 7c. per lb., and sheep at from 4c. to 5c., according to quality. Calves sold at \$3 to \$6 for common, and up to \$12 for fine. Hogs showed little change, selects selling at 9c. to 9c. per lb., weighed off cars.

Horses.—The demand for horses was very light, but the supply was not large, so that prices were steady, as follows: Heavy draft, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$400; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$300; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$125 to \$200; broken-down animals, \$75 to \$125, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

Poultry.—Recent mild weather took the heart out of the poultry men. However, prices showed very little alteration, being as follows: Turkeys, choicest, sold at 22c. to 23c. per lb.; ducks, 15c. to 17c.; fowl, 11c. to 13c.; geese, 13c. to 14c., and chickens, 14c. to 16c.

Dressed Hogs.—Abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed hogs, sold at 13c. to 13c. per lb., and country-dressed at 12c. to 13c. for light weights, and 12c. to 12c. for heavy.

Potatoes.—Green Mountains have been coming forward more freely, possibly because of the mild weather, and the market showed a tendency to ease off a little. Car lots sold at 75c. to 80c. per 90 lbs.; Quebec grades at 75c. to 80c., track. In a jobbing way, prices were about 20c. more than these figures.

Eggs.—The market showed a rather easier tendency, and it was stated there had been importations of Americans to this market. Fresh-laid stock was not so scarce, and prices not very definite. Select stock could be had at about 29c. to 30c. per dozen, while No. 1 storage stock was about 25c. to 26c. or 27c. per dozen.

Syrup and Honey.—White-clover comb honey sold at 16c. to 17c. per lb., extracted being 11c. to 12c. Dark comb honey was 14c. to 14c., and extracted, 8c. to 9c. per lb. Maple syrup, 8c. to 8c. per lb., in tins, and 6c. to 7c., in wood. Sugar, 8c. to 9c.

Butter.—The mild weather had a rather weakening effect upon this market also. Choicest makes were 29c. to 30c., and next quality at about 28c. to 29c., while the fresh makes were about 26c. to 27c., and dairies around 25c. to 26c.

Grain.—The tone of the market for oats was a shade firmer, being 42c. to 43c. per bushel, for No. 2 Canadian Western, car lots, ex store; No. 3 American yellow corn, about 61c. per bushel.

Flour.—Manitoba spring wheat, first patents were steady, at \$5.40 per barrel, in bags, second being \$4.90, and strong bakers' being \$4.70. Ontario patents were \$5.35, in wood, and straight rollers, \$4.95 to \$5, wood being 30c. dearer than jute.

Millfeed.—Bran held steady, at \$20 per ton, and shorts at \$22, in bags, while middlings were \$27. Demand was very fair for feeding purposes.

Hay.—This market was reported unchanged. Carloads, track, Montreal, for pressed hay: No. 1 hay, \$14 to \$14.50 per ton; No. 2 extra, \$13 to \$13.50 per ton; No. 2 ordinary, \$12 to \$12.50; No. 3 hay and clover mixture, \$10 to \$11 per ton.

Hides.—Beef hides were 1c. down, at 12c., 13c. and 14c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1; calf skins, 1c. down, being 14c. for No. 2, and 16c. for No. 1. Sheep skins were 10c. up, being \$1 each. Horse hides were steady, being \$1.75 each for No. 2, and \$2.50 for No. 1. Tallow steady, at 6c. to 6c. per lb. for refined, and 1c. to 3c. for rough.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$5.85 to \$9.20; Texas steers, \$4.70 to \$5.70; Western steers \$5.10 to \$7.15; stockers and feeders, \$4.30 to \$7.60; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$7.40; calves, \$7 to \$11.

Hogs.—Light, \$7.30 to \$7.57; mixed \$7.30 to \$7.60; heavy, \$7.10 to \$7.60;

rough, \$7.10 to \$7.25; pigs, \$6 to \$7.45.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, native, \$4.65 to \$6.25; Western, \$4.75 to \$6.25; yearlings, \$6.40 to \$8.15; lambs, native, \$6.70 to \$9; Western, \$6.70 to \$9.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$8.75 to \$9; butchers', \$6 to \$8.70; bulls, \$4.50 to \$6.50; stockers and heifers, \$4 to \$4.50; shipping, \$7.50 to \$8; heifers, \$4.75 to \$8; cows, \$3.25 to \$7; stockers and feeders, \$4.50 to \$6.75; fresh cows and springers, \$35 to \$78.

Veals.—\$4 to \$12. Hogs.—Heavy, \$7.75 to \$7.85; mixed, \$7.85 to \$8; Yorkers and pigs, \$7.90 to \$8; roughs, \$6.90 to \$7.10; stags, \$5.50 to \$6.50; dairies, \$7.60 to \$7.90.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$6 to \$9.25; yearlings, \$5 to \$4.25; a few, \$8.35; wethers, \$6 to \$6.40; ewes, \$3.50 to \$5.75; sheep, mixed, \$4.50 to \$6.

GOSSIP.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

Jan. 31st.—John Semple, Milverton, Ont.; Clydesdales.

Feb. 5th.—Annual Consignment Sale, Toronto; Shorthorns.

Feb. 5th.—T. H. Hassard, Markham, Ont., sale at Toronto; Percherons and Clydesdales.

Feb. 7th.—Graham-Renfrew Co., Bedford Park, Ont., at Burns & Shephard's Repository, Toronto; Clydes and Hackneys.

Feb. 12th.—Fred Bogart, Kettleby, Ont.; Shorthorns.

Feb. 25th and 26th.—Union Stock-yards Co., Ltd., Toronto; Clydesdales and Percherons.

March 5th.—Annual Contribution Sale of pure-bred cattle, at Guelph, Ont.

March 6th.—James Cowan, Seaforth, Ont.; Shorthorns.

A HOLSTEIN PEACE CELEBRATION.

J. E. K. Herrick, Abbotsford, Que., President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, sends "The Farmer's Advocate" a memorandum stating that the Holstein-Friesian breeders of Canada and the United States have become infected with the peace centennial jubilee spirit of the mother country, and are completing arrangements for a peace jubilee that promises unity of action and harmony of purpose in the way of co-operation in perfecting rules of entry, registration fees, and custom-house regulations. The recent plan suggested by leading Holstein-Friesian breeders of the Dominion to refer all matters of difference between the Canadian Herdbook Associations to a joint committee composed of three members of each organization, is commended as a move in the right direction.

Mr. Herrick encloses a resolution suggested for adoption at the annual meeting of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association. This resolution proposes to invite the American Commission to appoint a conference committee of three to confer with a like committee from the Canadian Association. A final clause proposes to establish that such rules relating to registration and fees on animals passing the border line between Canada and the United States as may be fixed by the said conference committee shall remain in force until annulled by a two-thirds vote of either association at a regular annual meeting. The matter will doubtless come up at the forthcoming annual meeting in Toronto.

TRADE TOPICS.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the annual meeting report of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which merits a careful perusal by our readers, not only because of the remarkable progress of this great monetary institution, but on account of the keen public interest in banking subjects at the present time.

Attention is called to the new advertisement of "Ontario Seed Co. Successors," of Waterloo, Ont., in which it is stated that the mangel, "Ideal," which has shown the highest comparative value and yield per acre, as shown in the tabulated report of co-operative experiments which appeared in our January 16th issue, page 87, can be had only from the above-named firm.