

ness there. This is one of the many instances where the Ontario farmer is hampered by excessive freight charges. If the extra freight charge cannot be done away with our farmers can, however, improve the quality of their cattle.

Export Cattle—These were a little lower on Friday than a week ago. Choice heavy ones brought \$4.80 to \$4.90 per cwt. A few choice picked lots brought \$3 per cwt., but the general run sold for \$4.60 to \$4.75. Heavy export bulls sold for \$3.85 to \$4.25, and light ones at \$3.40 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—These were scarce and firm at \$4.50 to \$4.60 per cwt. for choice picked lots equal in quality to the best exporters and weighing 1,000 to 1,150 lbs each. Good butchers' cattle brought \$4.37½ to \$4.50 and medium \$4.20 to \$4.30 per cwt. Common and inferior stuff brought all the way from \$3.25 to \$3.85 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders—It is expected the demand in the West for these will be greater when the grass is ready. Stockers were active on Friday at this market. Buffalo stockers sold all the way from \$3.75 to \$4 for common to medium, and \$4.25 to \$4.30 for choice extra bred steers. Stock heifers are worth \$3, and stock bulls \$2.50 per cwt. Heavy feeders are in good demand and prices are firm at \$4.40 to \$4.50 for well-bred steers, half fat, weighing 1,000 to 1,150 lbs. each. Some farmers are buying medium shippers weighing about 1,200 lbs., to turn on grass, at \$4.60 to \$4.75 per cwt. Feeding bulls are worth about \$3 per cwt.

Calves—These are in moderate demand at Buffalo, and on this market fetch from \$2 to \$8 each, the bulk going at \$3 to \$6.50 each.

Milk Cows—These are worth from \$30 to \$45 each. Extra choice cows are wanted.

Sheep and Lambs.

There has been a good demand at Chicago and Buffalo during the week and supplies have not been large. Deliveries on this market on Friday were light and prices firm at \$3.50 to \$4 for ewes, and \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. for bucks if they are not too heavy. Yearling lambs are scarce and are wanted. Good grain-fed ewes and wethers sold at \$5.65 and common at \$5 per cwt. Spring lambs are worth from \$2 to \$5 each.

Hogs.

Prices are the same as last week for choice bacon hogs at \$4.50 per cwt. Light sold on Friday at \$4 12½ and thick fats at \$3 per cwt. Receipts are light at Montreal, where quotations are \$4.60 to \$4.75 per cwt. The *Trade Bulletin's* cable of May 4th, re Canadian bacon, is as follows: Under larger arrivals of Danish, Irish and American, the market has lost the improvement cabled by me last week, and values of Canadian have receded as on the week.

Buffalo Horse Market

Receipts were fairly liberal this week, 700 head. There was a good attendance of buyers and the bidding was quick and active with a good retail trade also. A pair of choice drafters sold at \$152.50, a pair at \$337.50, a pair at \$322.50, one drafter at \$160, one at \$185. About all were sold and the close was firm. We quote: Good to choice draft horses at \$150 to \$180; fair lots, \$75 to \$95; good light teams, \$185 to \$230; better ones, \$250 to \$300; good to choice drivers, \$75 to \$115; fancy ones, \$125 to \$175; plugs and only fair horses, \$20 to \$40, as to quality.

Watts—Did you ever know a doctor who would take his own medicine? Potts—I think I did once, an old Routt county fellow who prescribed whisky for nearly every possible complaint.

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