ing as high as $60, and some poor ones as low as $30. Veal calves bring $3.50 to $6 per cwt., or $2 to $12 each, with a few of prime quality going as high as $6.25 to $6.50 per cwt.

Export ewes sell at $4 to $4.30 per cwt. and bucks and culls at $3 to $3.50 per cwt. In lambs choice ewes and wethers bring $5.75 to $6 and buck lambs $5.35 to $5.75 per cwt. On the Buffalo market Canada lambs sell at $7.50 to $7.75 per cwt.

Bacon hogs are scarce and packers are bringing in large supplies from the States. The market here is firm in tone at $6.37½ for selects and $6.12½ for lights and fats. We have been informed on good authority that packers are paying from 25 to 50c more per cwt. than the quotations given on Toronto market. If this is true it is a reason why farmers are not producing more hogs.

HORSES

The local horse market here is on the whole good for this season of the year and well above the average. The demand for first-class horses is good, but the dealers claim holders are asking too much. On Tuesday last the Clydesdale stallion Gold Links sold at the Repository to H. W. Ironsides, Puslinch, for $750. This horse has been in Chancery for sometime and on which $1,500 was deposited in court. Prevailing prices at the Repository this week are as follows:

Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands, $120 to $160; single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, $125 to $150; matched pairs and carriage horses, 16 to 16.1 hands, $250 to $375; delivery horses, 1100 to 1200 lbs., $130 to $160; general purpose and express horses, 1200 to 1350 lbs., $150 to $175; draught horses, 1350 to 1750 lbs., $150 to $180; serviceable second-hand workers, $50 to $80; serviceable second-hand drivers, $50 to $75.

Maritime Markets

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 9, 1905.

The general condition of the produce market here remains very much the same as last reported, business being somewhat dull and consumption curtailed probably by the high prices. The demand will, of course, increase somewhat in the next few weeks, as it always does at the holiday season. The local production of creamery has been very small and the factories now demand from 25 to 26 cents per pound f.o.b. for prints.

Cheese also has now reached a stable condition and although a high one dealers do not look for lower prices for some time to come.

The latest advices from P. E. Island say that the egg market is very firm under rapidly decreasing receipts. They are now quoted at 21 cents per dozen in Charlottetown and a further advance is expected. Halifax price, 22 cents.

Receipts of P. E. Island produce at Halifax have been heavy during the past two weeks. Notwithstanding the great abundance the demand has been steady and prices satisfactory. But as the demand for the season is about supplied, cargoes now arriving will not sell so readily. Potatoes are quoted at 30 cents per bushel. Turnips, 20 to 25 cents.

The demand for feeds is improving, prices are firm and likely to remain so. Jobbers have advanced their prices on middlings over the prices ruling two weeks ago. Oats also are a cent or two higher. The demand for hay is increasing and prices here have advanced about 50 cents per ton. It is now quoted at $11.50.

The market is well supplied with fresh meats. Rabbits are lower and the demand less brisk. Wholesale prices have fallen to 12 and 15 cents per pair.

Will Create New Varieties

The Board of Control of the fruit experiment stations met in Toronto last week. A distinctly forward movement is proposed in connection with this work. In the past their work has been restricted to testing the adaptability to local conditions of established varieties of fruit. It is now proposed to extend this work by attempting to create new varieties after the methods successfully adopted in California. A deputation from the Board waited on Hon. Mr. Monteith in regard to this new work.

Farmers' Institute Meetings

The regular winter meetings of the West Peterborough Farmers' Institute were held on the 7th, 8th, 9th ult.; on the 7th at Lakefield town hall. In the afternoon the meeting was addressed by Mr. C. W. Nash, of Toronto, on the chemistry of the soil and by Mr. W. C. Shearer, of Bright, Ont., on rotation of crops. Both addresses were listened to by a fair crowd of the leading farmers of the vicinity. A profitable afternoon was spent in asking questions and discussing various subjects in connection with the addresses given. The Women's Institute met at the same time in the Forester's Hall, and were given an excellent address on milk, composition and uses, by Miss Laura Rose, of the O.A.C., Guelph. In the evening a joint meeting was held in the town hall, with an attendance of about 400.

Program.—Nature Studies about the Farm, Mr. Nash; How Much are We Worth, Miss L. Rose; Making a Success of the Farm, Mr. Shearer. The musical portion, vocal and instrumental, given by the young people, was well rendered. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent and enjoyed by all.

On the 8th a judging class was held at the Munro Hotel sheds, Peterboro, bacon hogs and dairy cows being the subjects. A large crowd surrounded the rings and score cards were handed out to anyone wishing one. After the cards were handed in Mr. Shearer and Mr. Mathews went over the animals and pointed out where the cards were right or wrong. The evening meeting was held at North Monaghan town hall.

Addresses by delegates.—This was a well attended meeting of farmers and their families. On the afternoon of the 9th, at the Peterboro' council chamber, a large meeting was held and listened to able addresses. Our Insect Pest, by Mr. Nash; Milk: its Composition, Miss Rose; Bacon Hog and its Feeding, Mr. Shearer; other addresses by Mr. Hale, M.P., Mr. Publow, dairy instructor, filled in a profitable afternoon. The large attendance is in a great matter due to the popularity of the officers and the untiring zeal of the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Collins, in attending to every detail. May success attend their efforts.

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