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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

At West Toronto, Ont., on Monday, November 30th, receipts numbered 630 cattle, quality fair to good; prices firm; no exporters on sale. Picked butchers', \$4.60 to \$4.80; best loads, \$4.25 to \$4.60; medium, \$3.80 to \$4.10; common, \$2.80 to \$3.70; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.25; milkers and springers, \$4.00 to \$6.00; calves, \$3.00 to 6.50 per cwt. Sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.60 per cwt. Lambs, \$4.25 to \$4.85. Hogs, \$6.10 for select, fed and watered at market, and \$5.85 to drovers, f. o. b. cars country.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKET.

Receipts of live stock last week totalled 306 cars; 3,737 cattle, 9,921 hogs, 4,650 sheep and lambs, 206 calves, and 61 horses. The run of hogs was the largest of any week this year, if not in the history of the markets.

Owing to late heavy receipts, and local dealers having obtained large supplies, trade was dull, with low prices for all classes of beef cattle, excepting a few prime stall-feds, which were very scarce.

Exporters.—There were few export steers on sale, and what were offered were bought for butcher purposes by one of the abattoirs at \$5.10 per cwt., for 9 steers weighing 1,300 lbs. each. Bulls sold at \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt. Exporters were not wanted, owing to scarcity of shipping space.

Butchers'.—The bulk of the cattle offered as butchers' were common to medium quality, and slow of sale. A few of the best sold readily. The choicest of a very poor market-lot sold up to \$4.60; loads of the best, \$4 to \$4.37½; medium, \$3.60 to \$3.90; common, \$2.50 to \$3.50; canners, \$1 to \$2.

Feeders and Stockers.—Receipts moderate, trade steady to strong for the best quality steers. Common stockers were slow sellers. Prices ranged as follows: Best steers, 950 to 1,100 lbs. each, \$3.25 to \$4; best steers, 800 to 900 lbs., \$2.90 to \$3.75; stockers, 600 to 700 lbs., \$2.90 to \$3.15; common stockers, 500 to 600 lbs., \$1.75 to \$2.20 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—A few beginning

of the week, trade in milkers and springers of good to choice quality was brisk, some selling as high as \$65 and \$70 each, but at the close the market was easier on account of the demand easing off from Montreal and Quebec, which caused a decline of at least \$5 per head. Good to choice cows, \$40 to \$60 each; common to medium, \$25 to \$35 each.

Veal Calves.—Few calves are being offered, which, as a rule, are of poor quality, some of them being four or five months old, weighing from 300 to 400 lbs. each, with little flesh; these sell at \$3 per cwt. Medium to good calves, 150 to 200 lbs., sell at \$5 to \$6.50 per cwt.; few, however, sell for more than \$6 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts were moderate, with prices easy, as follows: Export ewes, \$3 to \$3.40 per cwt.; rams, \$2 to \$2.50; lambs, \$4 to \$4.40 per cwt.

Hogs.—Prices were steady to firm, at \$6.25 per cwt. for select, fed and watered at the market, and \$6 to \$6.15 per cwt. to drovers, for hogs, f. o. b. cars at country points. In some parts of Ontario, drovers report \$6 as the price paid to farmers.

Horses.—There was little doing at any of the horse markets last week. J. Herbert Smith, of the Union Horse Exchange, reported a quiet trade during the week. Prices were unchanged as follows: Drafters, \$140 to \$180; general-purpose and expressers, \$140 to \$200; wagon horses, \$100 to \$130; drivers, \$100 to \$150; serviceably sound, \$40 to \$80. Mr. Smith stated that he does not look for much improvement before the new year.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, 95c. bid; No. 2 red, 94c.; No. 2 mixed, 93½c. Manitoba—No. 1 northern, \$1.07 to \$1.07½c.; No. 2 northern, \$1.04 to \$1.04½c., at lake ports. Rye—No. 2, 76c. Peas—No. 2, 85c. Oats—No. 2 white, 40c.; No. 2 mixed, 39c. Barley—No. 2, 58c.; No. 3X, 55c.; No. 3, 54c. Corn—Old, 75c.; No. 2 new, yellow, 71½c. to 72c., Toronto freights. Bran—Car lots, in sacks, f. o. b. cars at Toronto, \$22. Shorts—Car lots, in sacks, f. o. b. cars, Toronto, \$24. Buckwheat—No. 2, 55½c. to 56c. Flour—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, \$3.50 bid, for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, \$6; second patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.80.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—The butter market is fairly well supplied, but there is too much of inferior and too little of prime, which causes prices for good to be firm. Creamery rolls, 27c. to 30c.; creamery solids, 26c. to 27c.; separator dairy, 25c. to 26c.; store lots, 23c.

Eggs.—New-laid, scarce, and sell from 30c. to 33c.; cold storage, 24c.

Cheese.—Market steady, with prices unchanged. Large, 13½c.; twins, 14c.

Honey.—Receipts moderate, but plenty for demand, at 10½c. to 11c. for extracted; combs, \$2.25 to \$2.75 for choice clover, per dozen sections.

Potatoes.—Market a little firmer, at 60c. to 63c. per bag, for car lots of Ontarios, on track at Toronto.

Poultry.—Receipts equal to demand, but the general quality is not as good as desired. Prices about steady, as follows: Turkeys, 12c. to 13c.; geese, 8c. to 9c.; ducks, 9c. to 10c.; chickens, 9c. to 10c.; fowl, 7c. to 8c.

Hay.—Receipts larger, with prices easier, as follows: No. 1 timothy, baled, in car lots, at Toronto, \$10.50 to \$11.50; No. 2, \$9 to \$10.

Straw.—Baled, in car lots at Toronto, \$7 to \$7.50.

Beans.—Market steady and prices unchanged at \$1.80 to \$1.90 for primes; hand-picked about \$2.

HIDES AND WOOL.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front street East, Toronto, have been paying for No. 1 inspected steers, 60 lbs. and up, 9c.;

No. 2 inspected steers, 60 lbs. and up, 8c.; No. 1 inspected cows, 8½c.; No. 2 inspected cows, 7½c.; country hides, cured, 8c. to 8½c.; calf skins, city, 12c.; calf skins, country, 10c. to 12c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.75; horse hair, per lb., 29c. to 30c.; tallow, 5½c. to 6½c.; lamb skins, 55c. to 60c.; deer skins, green, 12c.; raw furs, prices on application.

SEED MARKET.

The William Rennie Seed Company report that the chance in the seed market is an export that red clover of choice

quality is 25c. per bushel dearer. Many farmers are taking advantage of low prices by purchasing their supplies for next spring sowing, and farmers who have seed to market are seemingly in no hurry to sell. Prices are quoted as follows: Alsike, fancy, \$7 to \$7.25; No. 1, \$6.50 to \$6.75; No. 2, \$6 to \$6.25; red clover, \$4.50 to \$5.25; timothy, \$1.30 to \$1.60.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Shipments from port the third week of November amounted to 6,708 cattle and 160 sheep, this making almost the last shipments for the season. The season has been a fairly satisfactory one for exporters, prices ruling generally steady on the other side. The outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in the States of New York and Pennsylvania, and the placing of an embargo on the ports of those States, has added strength to freight rates from other Northern ports, and space will probably be pretty well taken up.

The weather at Montreal has been unfavorable and unseasonable, and as a result prices were a little on the easy side, especially as the stock offering averaged poor in quality. Demand for choice cattle was sufficient to absorb supplies, some being taken by out-of-town buyers. Choice cattle were selling at 4½c., good at 4½c. to 4½c., medium at 4½c. to 4c., or a fraction less, common being 2½c. to 3c., and inferior down to 1½c. per lb. Lambs show a decline in price, owing partly to the lack of export demand, and also to the weather. Sales were taking place at 4½c. to 5c. per lb., for choice, and at 4½c. to 4½c. for common grades. Supplies of sheep were small and prices steady, at 3½c. to 4c. for good to choice, and 3½c. to 3½c. for common. Calves ruled from \$2 to \$8 each. Hogs were in good demand and prices ruled steady to firm, owing to the scarcity of desirable stock. Sales of select were made at 6½c. to 6½c. per lb., and purchases for delivery in a few days at 6½c., weighed off cars.

Horses.—Col. W. J. McLaughlin, Imperial Remount Officer, was here, offering \$200 for troopers' horses and \$250 for superior animals. A celebrated racing horse, "Sea Horse II," has been purchased by a Montrealer, for a syndicate who are importing him for breeding purposes.

The general market continued dull: Heavy draft horses, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$200 to \$250; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$175 to \$200; small or inferior animals, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$150; broken-down horses, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice saddle or carriage animals, \$300 to \$500.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Country-dressed hogs were still scarce. Prices: 8½c. to 8½c. per lb., while abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed hogs were 9c. to 9½c. per lb.

Poultry.—Market was adversely affected by mild weather. Stock has been received here which is green, and which the inspector would confiscate if it came under his observation. Prices were easy, and lower than the week before. Turkeys must be good to bring over 12c. per lb., and very fancy to bring over 13c., a few having sold at 13½c. Ordinary fowl changed hands at 6c. and 7c. per lb., and really good chickens at 8c. to 9c. Very fair geese sold at 8c. to 9c. per lb., while ducks ranged from 9c. to 11c.

Potatoes.—Quebecs, 70c. to 75c. per 90 lbs., track, Montreal, and Green Mountains at 75c. to 80c., the latter being quoted at a cent a pound, in 50-bag lots, taken from cars, and at about \$1 in single bags.

Eggs.—Market in good shape and demand active. No. 1 stock was 22c. to 23c. per dozen, candled, while selects were 26c., and fresh-laid boilers, 33c.

Butter.—Country boards closed. Stocks here fairly large, probably sufficient for requirements. Fancy October stock, however, scarce; dealers were getting 27½c. per lb. for it in 25-box lots, 28c. for 5-box lots, and 28c. to 28½c. for single packages. November stock, finest, 27c. to 27½c.

Cheese.—Country boards over, and, after the close of navigation expected to take place this week, the markets will probably come in for a quiet time. Dealers last week appeared to be confined to tail-ends, these changing hands at 11½c. to 11½c. per lb. for Quebecs, and 12c. to

12½c. for Ontarios. October goods would probably have brought at least ½c. more than the above. For the third week of November, shipments from this port amounted to 87,000 boxes, against 61,000 the corresponding week of last year.

Grain.—46½c. to 47c. per bushel, for No. 2 Manitoba oats, carloads, in store, and 45c. to 45½c. for No. 3, and for No. 1 feed. No. 2 Ontarios, 44½c. to 45c., No. 3 being a cent less, and No. 4 yet a cent less. No. 3 yellow corn was 73½c. to 74c., and No. 2 buckwheat 58c. to 60c. per bushel, carloads, in store.

Feed.—Bran very firm, at \$21 to \$21.50 per ton, in bags. Shorts were lower, at \$23.50 to \$24 per ton, demand being light. Some demand for cotton seed, at \$33 per ton, and for oil cake at \$32, and for gluten meal at \$25 per ton.

Hay.—\$12.50 to \$13 per ton for No. 1 timothy; \$11 to \$11.50 for No. 2 extra; \$10 to \$10.50 for No. 2 ordinary; \$9 to \$9.50 for clover mixed, and \$8 to \$8.50 for clover.

Hides.—Demand has improved greatly, and as the quality is fine, prices have advanced all round. Dealers were paying 8c., 9c. and 10c. per lb., respectively, for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 beef hides, and 11c. and 18c. per lb. for 2 and 1 calf skins, and selling to tanners at ½c. advance. Sheep skins are 5c. up, at 50c. each, horse hides being \$2 for No. 1 and \$1.50 for No. 2. Rough, tallow, 1½c. to 4c. per lb., and rendered, 6c. per lb.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$4.60 to \$8; cows, \$3 to \$5.25; heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.60; bulls, \$2.75 to \$4.50; calves, \$3 to \$7.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.85.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$5.80 to \$5.90; butchers', \$5.75 to \$5.85; light mixed, \$5.25 to \$5.40; packing, \$5.40 to \$5.80; pigs, \$4 to \$4.75; bulk of sales, \$5.40 to \$5.75.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$4 to \$5.35; lambs, \$5.25 to \$6.75; yearlings, \$4.25 to \$5.75.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London cables for cattle were 11½c. to 12½c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef was quoted at 11c. to 11½c. per pound.

A young woman overheard an old negress call to a piccaninny: "Come back, Exy, Exy!"

"Excuse me," said the young woman, "but isn't that a queer name for a baby, Aunt?"

"Dat ain't her full name," explained the old woman with pride; "dat's jes' de pet name I call for short. Dat chile got a mighty grand name. Her ma picked it out in a medicine book. Yes-sum, de chile's full name is Ecceza."

"Dear," said the young wife, "I just can't wait till Christmas to tell you what I've got you for a present."

"Well," replied the young husband, "what is it?"

"I've got you a new rug to put in front of my dressing-table, and a bronze statuette for the parlor mantel," was the answer. "Now, what are you going to get me?"

"Well," said he contemplatively, "how about getting you a new shaving-mug and a razor?"

A Presbyterian delegate who was accustomed to being sent to denominational conventions to extend fraternal greetings was delegated to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rising to speak, he said it was always an interesting study to him to note the different receptions accorded him at the conventions of the various denominations.

"Whenever I attend a convention of the Episcopal Church, for example," said he, "I find I can do anything I like except preach in the pulpit. When I go before the Baptist Church I am accorded every privilege except that of taking communion. And," he said with a smile, "when I appear among the Methodists I notice I am allowed every privilege except taking the collection!"