

## MARKETS.

## Toronto

## REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

At West Toronto, on Monday, March 10, receipts of live stock numbered 49 cars, comprising 699 cattle, 349 hogs, 39 sheep, 8 calves, and 36 horses; no business transacted. Hog prices firm, at \$9.65 fed and watered; and \$9.30 f. o. b. cars at country points.

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

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars .....	15	324	339
Cattle .....	228	3,192	3,420
Hogs .....	35	7,446	7,481
Sheep .....	52	543	595
Calves .....	8	264	272
Horses .....	18	204	222

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

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars .....	129	153	282
Cattle .....	1,792	1,861	3,653
Hogs .....	3,006	1,947	4,953
Sheep .....	988	515	1,503
Calves .....	215	14	229
Horses .....	93	328	421

The combined receipts of live stock at the two markets for the past week, show an increase of 57 cars, 2,528 hogs, and 43 calves; but a decrease of 233 cattle, 908 sheep and lambs, and 199 horses, compared with the corresponding week of 1912.

There was a fair supply of cattle at the Union yards last week, and for quality and prices, the market was a repetition, as nearly as possible, of our last report. There were far too many of the unfinished classes, and barely enough of the good to choice quality to supply the demand. Prices were no higher generally, only seven cattle selling at \$7.10, which was 10c. higher than the highest quoted in our last report. Receipts of sheep and lambs continue to be light, and, as a rule, of very poor quality, and prices remain firm; in fact, when quality is considered, they are higher. Moderate supplies of hogs and calves, caused prices to remain very firm in both classes.

Exporters.—Probably there would be about 150 cattle of export quality and weights, bought by the abattoirs, at \$6.75 to \$6.90, and 7 cattle at \$7.10.

Butchers.—Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle sold at \$6.25 to \$6.75; loads of good, \$5.90 to \$6.25; medium, \$5.40 to \$5.75; common, \$5 to \$5.25; inferior, \$4.25 to \$5; cows, the bulk sold at \$3 to \$5.25, but a few of choice, heavy-weight cows, good enough to export, sold at \$5.40 to \$5.60; bulls, common to choice, sold at \$3.75 to \$5.40; canner cows, at \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Stockers and Feeders.—Stockers, 500 to 750 lbs., sold at \$4.50 to \$5.15; feeders, 800 to 1,000 lbs., at \$5.25 to \$5.65. The trade in these classes was light.

Milkers and Springers.—The market in these classes has been stationary for several weeks past. The supply, as a rule, was light for the past week, but quite equal to the demand. Enquiry, as a rule, was centered largely on the good to choice kinds, and most of the selling was from \$55 to \$70. Common and medium sold from \$40 to \$48.

Veal Calves.—Receipts of veal calves were light, and, as a rule, the quality of those offered was never worse. Good to choice vealers sold from \$9.50 to \$10; fair to good, light vealers, sold at \$8.75 to \$9; strong-weight vealers, \$6.75 to \$8.25; inferior, rough, heavy calves, sold at \$4 to \$5.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts were small and prices very firm. Sheep—Ewes sold at \$6.50 to \$7.15 per cwt.; rams, \$5.50 to \$6; lambs, \$9 to \$9.50 per cwt., and a few sold up to \$10 per cwt.

Hogs.—Receipts moderate, and prices firmer, at \$9.60 to \$9.65 fed and watered, and \$9.35 f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—There was a fair supply of horses delivered at the Union Horse Exchange, Union Stock-yards, last week. Trade was very quiet, few sales being made to outside points, and only a limited number to local buyers. There was little change in prices, which were

reported as follows: Drafters, \$175 to \$250; general-purpose horses, \$150 to \$225; expressers, \$150 to \$225; drivers, \$100 to \$150, and serviceably sound, \$80 to \$100 each.

## BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2 red, white or mixed, 95c. to 96c., outside; inferior grades, down to 70c.; Manitoba, No. 1 northern, 97c.; No. 2 northern, 94c., track, lake ports. Oats—No. 2, 33c. to 34c., outside; 38c., track, Toronto. Manitoba oats, No. 2, 41c.; No. 3, 39c., lake ports. Rye—No. 2, 60c. to 65c., outside. Peas—No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.20, outside. Buckwheat—51c. to 52c., outside. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 56c., track, Toronto, all-rail shipment. Barley—For malting, 56c. to 60c.; for feed, 45c. to 50c., outside. Flour—Ninety-per-cent. Ontario winter-wheat flour, \$3.95 to \$4.05, seaboard. 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, \$12 to \$13 per ton for No. 1, and \$11 to \$12 per ton for No. 2. Straw.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$9 to \$10 per ton. Bran.—Manitoba bran, \$19 to \$20 per ton; shorts, \$21.50; Ontario bran, \$19 to \$20, in bags; shorts, \$21.50, car lots, track, Toronto.

## TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Unchanged, and very quiet. 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. The above quotations are prices paid to farmers for seed that has to be cleaned by the seedsmen.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market remains steady, prices being unchanged. No. 1 creamery rolls, 32c. to 34c.; creamery solids, 28c. to 30c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.; store lots, 22c. to 24c.

Eggs.—Strictly new-laid, 26c. to 27c.; cold-storage, 17c. to 18c.

Cheese.—Large, 14c.; twins, 15c.

Honey.—Extracted, 12c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3.

Beans.—Car lots, at Toronto, hand-picked, \$2.60 per bushel; primes, \$2.25, ranging down to \$1.25 for poor quality.

Potatoes.—Car lots of Ontario potatoes, track, Toronto, 60c. to 65c. per bag; New Brunswick Delawares, 80c. per bag, and market easy at these prices.

Poultry.—Receipts continue light, and prices firm. Turkeys dressed, 25c. to 26c.; geese, 18c. to 20c.; ducks, 20c. to 22c.; chickens, 20c. to 23c. per lb.; hens, 16c. to 18c.

## HIDES AND SKINS.

No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 13c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 12c.; city hides, flat 12c.; country hides, cured, 11c.; country hides, green, 10c.; calf skins, per lb., 14c.; lamb skins, \$1.10 to \$1.50; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 37c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5c. to 6c.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples—No. 1 Spies, \$3.75 to \$4; No. 2 Spies, \$3 to \$3.50; Greenings, \$2.75 to \$3; Kings, No. 1, \$4 per barrel; Baldwins, No. 1, \$3 to \$3.50; cabbage, per barrel, \$1; beets, 75c. per bag; turnips, 40c. to 50c. per bag; parsnips, 60c. to 75c. per bag.

## Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$7.25 to \$9.30; Texas steers, \$5.50 to \$6.50; stockers and feeders, \$6.25 to \$8.25; cows and heifers, \$3.60 to \$8; calves, \$7 to \$11.

Hogs.—Light, \$8.60 to \$8.92½; mixed, \$8.50 to \$8.85; heavy, \$8.35 to \$8.80; rough, \$8.35 to \$8.50; pigs, \$6.85 to \$8.75.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, native, \$6 to \$7.10; yearlings, \$7.25 to \$8.30. Lambs, native, \$8 to \$9.10.

## British Cattle Market.

John Rogers & Co. report prices at 14c. to 15½c. per pound for Irish steers.

## Montreal.

Live Stock.—There was a stronger tone in the cattle markets, and prices were about ½c. higher than a week earlier, owing possibly to the smaller supplies. Some choice steers were reported as sold at 7c. to 7½c., and a few at 7½c. per lb. Choice butchers' stock sold at 6½c. Good cattle ranged all the way from 5½c. to 6c., and medium down to 5c., while common ranged down to 4c. per lb. Ewes sold at 5½c. to 5½c. per lb., and lambs at 7½c. to 8c. per lb. There was also a good demand for calves, and prices were steady, at \$5 to \$12 each. Select hogs brought from 10c. to 10½c. per lb., weighed off cars. Milch cows sold at \$80 to \$85 for choice, and down to \$70 for ordinary.

Horses.—Throughout the country the demand is light. On the whole, sales were about as good as could be expected. Prices were steady, as follows: Heavy-draft horses, 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 horses, \$350 to \$500 each.

Poultry.—Supplies light, and as a result dealers asked high prices. Choicest turkeys, 22c. to 25c. per lb.; ducks and chickens, 19c. to 21c. or 22c.; fowl, 15c. to 17c. and 18c., and geese, 14c. to 15c. or 16c. per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—The market for dressed hogs was steady to firm, and prices were 13½c. to 14c. per lb. for fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed stock. Country-dressed sold at 13½c. to 13½c. per lb. for lights, and 12½c. to 12½c. per lb. for heavies.

Potatoes.—There was very little change in the market for potatoes, but the quality is becoming less desirable. Prices, in car lots, Montreal, were 72½c. to 75c. per 90 lbs. for Green Mountains, while Quebec grades were 60c. to 65c. In small lots, prices were 25c. to 30c. more than the above figures.

Eggs.—Although the market was not much changed as compared with a week ago, the tone was easier. Prices were still 28c. to 30c. per dozen for new-laid.

Syrup and Honey.—Syrup prices were 7c. to 9c. in wood, and 10c. per lb. in tins. White-clover comb honey was 16c. to 17c. per lb., and extracted 11½c. to 12c. Dark comb was 14c. to 15½c., and extracted 8c. to 9c. per lb.

Butter.—The market was reported to be fairly firm, with small supplies, although there are occasional arrivals of New Zealand butter. Prices were about 29c. to 31c. for choicest, and 1c. less for fair. Dairies were 28c. to 29c.

Grain.—There was some selling of American corn, No. 3 mixed, at 58½c., ex track, car lots. Oats showed little change, being 41c. per bushel for No. 2 Canadian Western, store, and 40c. for No. 1 feed.

Flour.—There was no change in the market. Prices were \$5.40 for first-patent Manitoba flour; \$4.90 for second, and \$4.70 for strong bakers'. Ontario winter-wheat patents were \$5.25, and straight rollers, \$4.85 to \$4.90.

Millfeed.—There was no change, bran selling at \$20 per ton in bags; shorts at \$22, and middlings at \$25 per ton. Mouille was \$35 to \$36 per ton for pure grain, and \$30 to \$33 for mixed.

Hay.—Prices were \$14 to \$14.50 per ton for No. 1; \$13 to \$13.50 for No. 2; \$12 to \$12.50 for No. 2 ordinary, and \$10 to \$12 for clover and No. 3, pressed, carloads, track.

Seeds.—Market was steady, at \$3 to \$4 per 100 lbs. for timothy, at country points; red clover, \$6 to \$10 per bushel of 60 lbs., and alsike \$12 per bushel.

Hides.—The market was steady. No. 1 hides sold at 12c. per lb., Nos. 2 and 3, 13c. and 14c., respectively. Calf skins were 14c. and 16c. per lb. for Nos. 2 and 1, respectively. Lamb skins were \$1 to \$1.10 each, while horse hides sold at \$1.75 each, for No. 2, and \$2.50 for No. 1. Tallow was 14c. to 3c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 6½c. for rendered.

## Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$8.50 to \$8.75; butchers', \$6 to \$8.25; bulls, \$5 to \$7; stock heifers, \$4 to \$4.50; shipping, \$7.50 to \$8.35; heifers, \$5 to \$7.75; cows, \$3.50 to \$7; stockers and feeders, \$4.50 to \$6.75; fresh cows and feeders,

\$4.50 to \$6.75; fresh cows and springers, \$45 to \$82.

Veals.—\$4 to \$11.75.

Hogs.—Heavy, \$9.25 to \$9.35; mixed, \$9.35 to \$9.50; Yorkers and pigs, \$9.50 to \$9.60; roughs, \$8.35 to \$8.50; stags, \$6.75 to \$7.50; dairies, \$9.25 to \$9.50. Lambs.—Lambs, \$6 to \$9.40.

## Gossip.

## THE JOHN DAVIDSON ESTATE SALE OF SHORTHORNS AND CLYDESDALES.

As advertised on another page, a dispersion sale by auction, of the entire herd of Shorthorns and stud of Clydesdales of the estate of the late John Davidson, Ashburn, Ont., will be held on March 19th, on the farm, 1½ miles from Myrtle, C. P. R., 37 miles east of Toronto, and 2½ miles from G. T. R. Few opportunities are afforded the public of buying either of the above breeds of live stock from a herd or stud kept for practical purposes with such marked success, and in the every-day judicious condition in which they have always been kept. The Shorthorns comprise representatives of the most popular tribes of the day, including six young bulls of choicest breeding, cows with calves at foot, and heifers in calf. The best of judgment has been used in the selections and mating, and the best of results are assured when buying from such a herd, as Mr. Davidson always believed that no one should aim at second-best, and a stock of horses and cattle such as this is rarely offered for sale. There has been little time to advertise, and those who take advantage of the opportunity will doubtless secure good bargains. See the advertisement, and write for catalogue to James B. Davidson, Ashburn, Ontario.

## SPECIAL PRIZE FOR CARLOAD BUTCHERS' STEERS.

In order to encourage the feeding of choice cattle, suitable for slaughter, the Harris Abattoir Company, Limited, will offer \$3,500 in cash prizes, for cattle exhibited at Toronto Fat-stock Show, which is an annual event held early in December at the Union Stock-yards, Toronto. A special cash prize of \$500 is offered for a carload of not less than sixteen steers, all to be polled or dehorned, weighing under 1,300 pounds each, the cattle to be judged with due regard to quality, general uniformity and suitability for market demands, and the entire load to be exhibited by owner, who must have fed and owned same, himself, for a period of not less than six months preceding the opening date of the Toronto Fat-stock Show in each year that this prize is offered. With the exception of the time of ownership, the entry to conform to the rules of the Fat-stock Show. This prize is to be offered annually for five successive years, beginning with the show of 1913. A further cash prize of \$1,000 will be awarded the feeder winning the annual prize as above three times in succession. Attention is directed to the fact that no particular breed of stock is specified, making the competition open to all breeds. This is the right kind of encouragement to the feeders, and will doubtless bring out keen competition.

## A DISPERSION HOLSTEIN SALE.

On Friday, March 21st, as announced in his advertisement on another page, will be sold at auction the entire herd of thirty head of registered Holsteins, the property of Wilber C. Prouse, of Tillsonburg, Ont., three miles north of town. Included in this sale are richly-bred animals, male and female, from high-class sires and dams, the cows and heifers having creditable official records of merit and of performance. This offering should attract the attention of breeders and farmers generally. See the advertisement, note the date, and plan to attend the sale.

"Brown sent me a brick by parcel post, but I got even with him."

"What did you do?"

"Passed the word along to a number of agents that he was figuring on taking out more life-insurance."