

## LIVE STOCK MARKETS. TORONTO.

Receipts of live stock at the City Market, as reported by the railways, were 54 carloads, consisting of 622 cattle, 807 hogs, 735 sheep and lambs and about 250 calves.

The quality of fat cattle offered, generally speaking, was not good, too many of the grass kind, that ought to have been left on the farm at least a month or six weeks longer. Bringing these cattle on the market in liberal numbers has helped to demoralize the trade, the consequence being that this was the duller market experienced for some time.

All classes of cattle sold at lower quotations; of course, the stall-fed cattle did not suffer anything like the grassers, but they were easier also.

The receipts of cattle to-day were about half as large as one week ago, and they were not all sold at that, as several lots were still unsold at the close of the market. The hot weather and high prices of meat has caused less consumption of beef.

Exporters—Few shipping cattle were offered; in fact, we did not see any lots of heavy, well-finished exporters on sale, therefore, we cannot give sales, but would judge that had there been such they would have been worth from \$6 to \$6.25, and medium cattle in proportion.

Butchers—Prime picked butchers' and there were few of them, sold at \$5 to \$5.40; loads of good, \$4.80 to \$5; medium \$4 to \$4.50; common \$3.75 to \$4; cows, at \$3.50 to \$4.25; canners at \$2.75 to \$3.

Milch Cows—Trade for milkers and springers was dull, unless it was for a few of the best. Common to medium cows were almost unsaleable. One commission firm had six fair class cows left on their hands unsold. Prices ranged all the way from \$25 to \$55 each.

Veal Calves—Prices ranged at from \$3.50 to \$6 per cwt., the bulk going at \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt. Choice new milk-fed calves are worth from \$6.50 to \$7.

Sheep and Lambs—Export sheep sold at \$5 to \$5.25 per cwt., rams, \$3.50 to \$4 culls, \$3 to \$3.50; spring lambs, \$4 to \$5.50 each for the bulk; but there were some extra heavy lambs that sold at \$6, \$7 and \$8 each, but these were lambs that weighed 80 to 100 lbs. each.

Hogs—The deliveries were light. Mr. Harris reports the market weak at \$6.75 for select and \$6.50 for lights and fats.

## THE COST OF ONTARIO ROADS.

In an address before the Ontario Rural Municipal Association at Guelph recently Mr. A. W. Campbell, deputy minister of public works, for Ontario, gave some interesting statistics on what it cost the different municipalities of the province to maintain the highways and some reasons why we do not receive better results for the money expended. Mr. Campbell said:

In the last ten years the residents of townships in the province of Ontario have spent 10,510,900 days in statute labor. In the same time the township councils have expended \$9,545,619 in cash on the making and repairs of public highways within their limits.

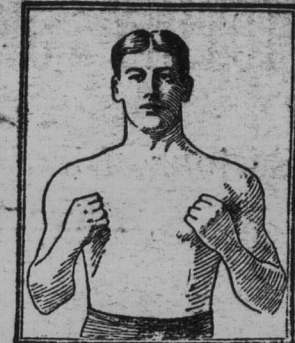
In addition to this nearly \$900,000 has been spent by the counties, one-third of same being contributed by the Provincial Government, under what is commonly known as the good roads movement.

Assuming that statute labor is worth a dollar a day, there has been expended through the township councils alone in labor and cash twenty million dollars, or two million dollars a year in the last ten years. And yet I venture to say that the roads of the Province are little better than they were at the beginning of that ten year period.

Dealing with the causes of the comparatively poor showing in return for so large an expenditure, Mr. Campbell said that these were found in the continuance of the Statute labor system, and in the lack of method in spending the money appropriated. The statute labor system was, he said, a good thing when first introduced; it was, indeed the only possible system for the time. People had not money in the early days, but they could spend time for road-building. Moreover in a country in which there were no roads the need of highways was brought so clearly to the minds of all who were willing to do faithful work in helping to provide the thoroughfares needed.

The majority of people living in Ontario to-day have been accustomed to moderately good roads all their lives and they do not see the need of these as did those who came into a country without highways. Unfortunately, too, there does not seem to be the same vigorous public spirit, the willingness to do something for the general benefit, that there was in the early days. The result is that under the statute labor system value is not obtained for the time which is supposed to be spent. Some men

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will work faithfully under that system, and their labor will be worth \$1.50 per day; some will not put on 75c. worth of labor; some will not work at all; and in some cases actual damage is done to the roadway by the labor that is put on. The result is that on the average statute labor as now applied is not worth over 25 cents a day.

"I am prepared," said Mr. Campbell, "to sign a contract at any time where gravel can be obtained to macadamize in an ideal way every rod of road on which this expenditure has been made for a sum equal to that already spent, and the result of which spending has been so unsatisfactory."

Dealing with the preliminaries necessary to secure good roads, Mr. Campbell said:

"The first thing to do is to pass a by-law fixing the width of highways within the municipal jurisdiction."

"The next is to provide for the abolition of the statute labor, and the raising of the money necessary for the roads in the form of cash."

"The third is to provide for the appointment of a skilled officer, who will have the supervision of all roadbuilding within the municipal limits."

## THE SWATTER'S COURTSHIP.

They were in the parlor and the lights were burning dim; he was a major leaguer, she a fan quite fair and trim; but they knew not as he opened up the game by murmuring "Love" that father was on the stairway just above. "I like your form," he led off first. "with me you've made a hit; your curves are good, you have the speed, and you are looking fit. Now, with you, my turtle dove, I make a hit likewise—won't you join in and play the game, and make a sacrifice? I'll promise to support you, dear, with all my skill each day. I'll draft a pretty home for you and fix it right away. If you'll just call the game a tie I will no longer roam, and when I slide into the plate, please call me safe at home." First tell me, sir, she pitched at him, "how high you ranked last fall. Show me your fielding average, and how hard you hit the ball. In matrimony's busy league dump plays are out of place. I'd like to have the dope before I lead off the base. Remember that the game is rough when pay-day fails to come; sometimes the salary whip is lame—the noodle on the bum; and don't forget you'll be reserved for life and held in line. But promise that you'll never jump the contract, and I'll sign." He started warming up at once—with victory in his eye. He shoved a fast one round her neck, the other was waist high. Just here the umpire butted in. She cried: "Oh, father please, there's nothing wrong, for George is only showing me 'the squeeze.'" The old man gave an irate snort and said, "I'll help the gun by showing George another play that's called 'the hit and run.'" He swung like Kelly at his bat—a soul-inspiring clout. The son of swat slid down the steps—the umpire yelled, "You're out!"

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A case of some practical interest to farmers has developed in the township of Greenock. At the last session of the Ontario Legislature an Act was passed making it necessary for dealers in implements etc. to sue for over due accounts for implements in the division court nearest the home of the person sued. J. Chupe, of Newmarket, doing business under the name of the Excelsior Fire Extinguisher Co., sold two dozen of his extinguishers to J.W. Young, of Greenock, for \$48, and had the following clause inserted in the contract to pay: "and I hereby wave right to the benefit of the Act." Chupe later sued Young for the payment in the court at Newmarket. Young made application to have this disallowed and the Master has granted the application, saying that the clause inserted in the contract was merely an "ingenious device" to evade the provisions of the statute and was therefore not binding.

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