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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets last week were 187 carloads, consisting of 3,281 cattle, 1,100 hogs, 887 sheep, 247 calves, 95 horses. The quality of fat cattle was fairly good, better than at any time this season thus far. Trade was generally good, with prices firm at quotations given below.

Exporters.—Export steers sold last week at \$5 to \$5.30 per cwt.; export bulls at \$4 to \$4.50.

Butchers.—Prime picked cattle sold at \$4.80 to \$5; loads of good, \$4.50 to \$4.75; medium, \$4.20 to \$4.40; common, \$3.80 to \$4.10; cows at \$3 to \$4.25 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Few good to prime milkers and springers were offered. Prices ranged from \$30 to \$55 each.

Veal Calves.—The market for veal calves continued strong, especially for good to choice quality. Prices ranged from \$3 to \$6 per cwt. for the general run, but prime, new-milk-fed calves sell readily at \$7 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—There was a strong market for sheep and lambs. Export ewes sold at \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt.; rams, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt.; lambs, \$6.50 to \$7 for good quality, and \$5 to \$6 for common.

Hogs.—Prices declined, and packers last week quoted \$5 for selects, fed and watered at the market, and \$4.75, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—There was little change to record in the horse trade. At the Union Horse Exchange, Toronto Junction, where the bulk of the Toronto trade is now being transacted, about 100 horses changed hands at practically the same quotations as given in our last report. First-class heavy drafters are hard to sell at satisfactory prices. Light drafters sell the best, at \$160 to \$180 each; delivery and general-purpose horses sold at \$140 to \$175; serviceably-sound horses sold all the way from \$35 to \$90 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, 95c. to 96c.; No.

2 red, 95c. to 96c.; No. 2, mixed, 94c. to 94½c.; Goose, 91c. to 92c., all at outside points; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, \$1.22½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.10; feed wheat, 67c.; No. 2 feed wheat, 62½c.

Barley.—No. 2, sellers, at 74c.; No. 3X, sellers, at 70c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, sellers, 52½c.; No. 2, mixed, 52c.

Rye.—No. 2, sellers, at 91c.

Peas.—No. 2, buyers offer 86c.; sellers at 88c.

Corn.—No. 3 American yellow, 66c. to 68c., Toronto.

Buckwheat.—Buyers at 69c.

Bran.—Car lots, bags included, \$25, at Toronto.

Shorts.—Scarce; car lots, in bags, \$26 at Toronto.

Flour.—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, \$3.50 bid for export. Manitoba patent, special brands, \$6; second patents, \$5.40; strong bakers, \$5.30.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts limited, and prices higher. Creamery, pound rolls, 32c. to 33c.; dairy, separator, 28c. to 30c.; ordinary store lots, 23c. to 26c.; tubs, 23c. to 24c.

Eggs.—New-laid, 28c. to 29c.; cold-storage, 21c. to 22c. On the farmers' market, new-laid sold at 30c. to 35c. per dozen by the basket.

Cheese.—Market continues firm. Large, 13½c.; twins, 14c.

Honey.—Steady at 11c. to 12½c. for extracted; combs, \$2.75 to \$3 per dozen, for choice clover honey; lower grades at correspondingly lower quotations.

Potatoes.—Firm. Car lots, on track, at Toronto, 95c. to \$1.05 per bag.

Poultry.—Deliveries of choice, fresh-dressed poultry were light, but about equal to demand. Turkeys, 15c. to 17c. per lb.; geese, 10c.; ducks, 11c., chickens, 12c. to 14c.; old fowl, 9c.

Beans.—Firm; primes, \$1.70 to \$1.75; hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

Hay.—No. 1 timothy, baled, in car lots, on track at Toronto, \$17.

Straw.—Baled, in car lots, on track at Toronto, \$9 to \$10.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

During the past week there was little change. Choice No. 1 Spies, \$3 to \$3.50 for those now offering; but dealers are holding stocks in cold storage at \$4, and are not anxious to sell at that price; No. 2 Spies, \$2.50; Kings and Baldwins, \$2.50 to \$3; Greenings, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per bbl.

VEGETABLES.

Turnips are worth \$7 per ton; parsnips, 60c. to 75c. per bag; carrots, 50c. per bag; onions, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per bag.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

There has been more activity on the seed market. The Rennie Seed Co. report prices higher, as follows: Alsike, fancy, per bushel, \$9.60 to \$10; alsike, No. 1, \$9 to \$9.50; alsike, No. 2, \$8 to \$8.75; red, fancy samples, bushel, \$11.50 to \$12; No. 1 red, \$10.50 to \$11; timothy, per 100 lbs., \$5.50 to \$7; alfalfa, per 100 lbs., \$18 to \$23. The quotations for timothy and alfalfa are what farmers have to pay at the seed stores. There is little, if any, alfalfa seed grown in Ontario.

HIDES AND SKINS.

The hide market declined last week 1c. per lb. The E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front St., East, Toronto, were paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 5c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 4c.; country hides, 4c. to 4½c.; calf skins, 8c. to 9c.; kips, 6c. to 7c.; horse hides, No. 1, each, \$2.50; horse hides, No. 2, each, \$1.50; horse hair, per lb., 25c.; tallow, per lb., 4½c. to 5½c.; lamb skins, 90c. to \$1 each.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$5.65 to \$5.90.

Veals.—\$5 to \$9.25.

Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$4.85 to \$4.90; Yorkers, \$4.80 to \$4.90; pigs, \$4 to \$4.60; roughs, \$4.10 to \$4.35; dairies, \$4.70 to \$4.85.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$7.40; yearlings, \$6.25 to \$6.60.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London cables, 10½c. to 13c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 9c. to 9½c. per pound.

Liverpool cables, United States steers, 12c. to 12½c.; Canadians, 11½c. to 12c.; cows, 11½c.; bulls, 11c.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Shipments of live stock from Portland, Me., and St. John, N. B., amounted to 2,053 head of cattle and 1,304 sheep, for the week ending Feb. 29, against 1,667 cattle and 800 sheep the previous week. Generally speaking, local prices were on the easy side last week, doubtless owing largely to the advent of Lent, but the offerings were large also, and the demand not being very keen, prices were bound to weaken. As high as 5½c. to 6c. was paid for a few extra choice steers, but choice quality was obtained at 5c. to 5½c. per lb.; fine at 4½c. to 5c.; good at 4½c. to 4½c.; medium at 3½c. to 4½c., and common, 2½c. to 3½c. Offerings of sheep and lambs were light, and prices held firm, at 6½c. to 6½c. for choice lambs, good around 6c., and common down to 5½c., choice sheep being 4½c. to 4½c., and down to 3½c. for inferior. The supply of hogs showed a slight increase, and, as a result, prices declined; select lots, 5½c., and inferior lots, 4½c. to 5c., weighed off cars. Even at the decline, the market was easy.

Horses.—Market dull. The only item of interest is a reported shipment of a few head to the vicinity of Quebec, the horses being evidently for use of farmers. Although prices were about the same as formerly, dealers declared that if matters continued as at present, there will likely be a decline. Heavy-draft, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275 each; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express horses, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice saddle and carriage horses, \$300 to \$350 each.

Dressed Hogs.—On the whole, the market for dressed hogs was lower than the week before, partly due to the decline in the market for live. Demand was good, and fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed stock sold at 8c. to 8½c. per lb., country-dressed being in good demand, at 7½c. to 7½c. per lb.

Potatoes.—Deliveries from the vicinity of Montreal have been fairly heavy of late, potatoes arriving from one section, in heated cars, twice a week, regularly. Many buyers are taking twice as much as usual, the price being reasonable, and the period being now at hand when interruptions from bad roads and weather may be looked for. Best white stock cost in the vicinity of 90c. to 95c. per 90 lbs., carloads, on track, and re-sold in the same position, in loads, at \$1 to \$1.05. In single bags, and in lots of a few bags at a time, delivered into store, they are selling at \$1.10 per bag, reds being about 5c. or so less.

Eggs.—Really new-laid eggs continued very scarce, but increasing slightly in quantity, selling at about 35c. per doz., mixed and new-laid being 28c. to 30c. Cold-store eggs and limed were quoted at about 23c. per doz.

Butter.—Stocks are running lower from week to week, and now that Lent has begun, consumption should be considerably heavier. Arrivals light. A few rolls and a little dairy has been coming along, and selling at 28c. Otherwise, about the only thing offering was grass creamery, this selling at 30½c. to 31½c., wholesale, and at 33c. in single packages, or in a few at a time.

Cheese.—Stocks are much lighter than a year ago, in Canada, being estimated at but 55,000 to 60,000 boxes. Those in Liverpool, London and Bristol are estimated at 185,000 boxes, this being a reduction of 64,000 boxes during the month. On the whole, the market was very dull. Since the flurry of a few weeks ago, when sales and shipments were quite large, nothing has been sold for export. Prices are steady at 12½c. to 13½c. for best white cheese, and 13½c. to 13½c. for colored.

Grain.—Wheat markets stronger last week, but the situation remained the same otherwise. Little export. The local market for oats remained much the same as formerly. There is a fair demand for oats on spot, and sales were made at 53c. per bush. for Eastern Can-

ada No. 2 white oats, 49c. to 49½c. for No. 3, 48c. to 48½c. for No. 4, and 46c. to 47c. for rejected, Manitoba rejected being 49½c. to 50c. store.

Flour and Feed.—Prices \$5.50 for second patents (Manitobas), in bags, and \$6.10 for first patent. Bran and shorts have been in good demand, at \$23 and \$24 per ton, in bags.

Hay.—Fair demand. Deliveries not very large, but have increased of late, so that supplies on spot are about equal to requirements; \$15 to \$16 per ton for No. 1 timothy, \$14 to \$15.50 for No. 2, \$12.50 to \$13 for clover-mixed, and \$12 to \$12.50 for clover, carloads, on track.

Seeds.—The market for seeds holds very firm. Demand is good, and supply is not excessive. Dealers predict that higher prices will be experienced ere long. Meantime, sales are going on at \$22.50 to \$24 per 100 lbs., for red clover, \$17 to \$20 for alsike, and \$6.25 to \$7.50 for timothy.

Hides.—Demand dull; quality poor, the hides being now affected by grub. Dealers are paying 5c., 6c. and 7c. per lb., respectively, for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 beef hides, and 7c. and 9c., respectively, for Nos. 2 and 1 calf skins, and selling to tanners at ½c. advance. Sheep skins are 5c. down, at 75c. to 80c. each, and horse hides are steady at \$1.25 for No. 2, and \$1.75 for No. 1. Tallow is 1c. to 8c. per lb. for rough, and 5c. to 5½c. for rendered.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$4.25 to \$6.15; cows, \$3.25 to \$5; heifers, \$2.50 to \$5.25; bulls, \$3.40 to \$4.50; calves, \$5.75 to \$7.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$4.90.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$4.55 to \$4.60; butchers', \$4.55 to \$4.60; light, mixed, \$4.45 to \$4.50; choice, light, \$4.50 to \$4.55; packing, \$4 to \$4.55; pigs, \$3.50 to \$4.40; bulk of sales, \$4.50 to \$4.55.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$4.50 to \$6; lambs, \$6 to \$6.50; yearlings, \$6 to \$6.25.

TRADE TOPIC.

SEED OATS.—For profitable oat-growing, it is essential to work into new seed every few years. To meet this want, Geo. Keith, the seed merchant, Toronto, after thorough tests, offers his White Lothian oat, Canadian-grown stock, at \$1.25 per bushel; Scottish-grown stock at \$1.75 per bushel. You cannot do better than to place an order for some of these. Mr. Keith also handles No. 1 Government Standard clover seed, Mammoth, red, alsike, also alfalfa and timothy, free from the seed of such noxious weeds as buckhorn, ragweed, catchfly and mustard. This is one of the oldest and most reliable seed houses in Canada. For present prices, see the advertisement.

GOSSIP.

An important auction sale of imported and Canadian-bred Percheron stallions and mares, matched carriage teams and high-class roadsters, is advertised in this paper by McGarvin Bros., Chatham, Ont., to be held at their stables in that city, on March 26th. Look up the advertisement, which tells the story. This should be a favorable opportunity to secure good horses of these classes, on favorable terms. As we have now a Canadian register for Percherons, the prospect is that this grand breed of farm and draft horses will become increasingly popular.

Attention is again directed to the advertisement in this paper of the important auction sale of 25 Shorthorn cattle, 100 registered and high-grade Cotswold sheep, 50 Yorkshire and Chester White swine, and Clydesdale and Hackney horses, the property of W. A. Bagshaw, Uxbridge, Ont., to be disposed of at his Rosehill farm, near that town, on Thursday, March 26th. The Shorthorn herd is headed by the prizewinning imported bull, Deeside Ranger =64225=. The Clydesdales and Hackneys are bred from noted sires, and have been prizewinners. The Cotswold ewes should find ready buyers with the present prospect for a big demand for breeding sheep and for butchers' stock. See the advertisement, and send for the catalogue.