

COUNTRY NOTES AND PRICES

I think there will be only about two-thirds as many hogs for the market in 1908 as in 1907 in this district, and the farmers around here have enough feed to carry their hogs through the winter, if they do not have to feed all summer.—R. C. Morrow, Northumberland Co., Ont.

LOSS IN EVERY POUND OR PORK NOW MADE

The supply of hogs is getting shorter and the outlook for next spring is very bleak.

as to the cause of these heavy marketings of hogs, one is that financial trouble in the respective countries has caused farmers to liquidate their stock. Another is that dear feeding stuffs have made the raising of hogs unprofitable and farmers are clearing stocks as rapidly as they can, thereby surfeiting the market. It is this latter theory is correct, there will be a return to higher prices during the next few months. Canadian bacon has been somewhat in the background while this plethora of Danish has been flooding the market, and sales must have disappointed the Canadian curers. At the time of writing the market is tending up and the prospects are brighter, for the selling price is coming somewhat nearer the cost of production.

regular slump in common to medium grades. On a slow market inferior stock is first hit and is never in demand at any time. Month-bred, feed and fit only the best. Prices were from 15c to 25c lower than the cost of the week and 50c to 55c a cwt. lower than two weeks ago.

For exporters \$5.25 per cwt. was the top price, and only a few choice ones reached that figure. Export bulls sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25 a cwt. and a few exporters offered were bought for further feeding.

Butchers' cattle, which were in large supply, are dragging especially the inferior stock. Quotations are: good butchers and light, \$4.25 to \$4.50; fair to medium butchers, \$4 to \$4.25; light butchers and range, \$3.50 to \$3.85; common to medium cows, \$3 to \$3.40 and light inferior cows, \$2 to \$2.50 a cwt.

Trade in stockers and feeders in sympathy with other lines ruled slow. The best feeders 1,000 to 1,500 lbs. in weight are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50; best feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each, at \$3.50 to \$4; best stockers, thin, 700 to 800 lbs. each, at \$3; and light stockers, thin, 500 to 700 lbs. each at \$2.75 to \$3 a cwt.

MILCH COWS

The bulk of milch cows and springers are of medium quality with a few good to choice ones mixed in. They sell at \$30 to \$35 each, the bulk going at less than \$30 each.

Good calves are scarce and are wanted. They bring from \$6 to \$7 a cwt. for the best. The bulk of those offering bring \$3 to \$4 a cwt. It takes a choice one to reach \$7 a cwt.

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Both sheep and lambs were easier to sell the end of the week. Earlier, the best quality of lambs sold as high as \$7.50 a cwt., but later dropped a bit, the best quotations now ranging from \$6.50 to \$7 a cwt., with a few selected ones selling at \$7.25 and the bulk at \$5 to \$6 a cwt. Export ewes are quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.75 and range at \$3 to \$4 a cwt. Light-yearling ewes and wethers for butchers' purposes sold at \$5 to \$5.25 a cwt. At East Buffalo lambs are quoted at \$5 to \$7.50 a cwt. as to quality. Yearlings \$6 to \$7, ewes, \$5.25 to \$6, and sheep at \$5 to \$6 a cwt.

HOG PRICES

The hog market seems to have reached rock bottom and taken a turn upward. Selects sold on Toronto market last week at \$5 to \$6 and light to fat at \$4.50 a cwt. This meant \$4.90 f.o.b. at country points. The market showed a firmer tone if the market does not get up to higher price very soon packers will hardly find sufficient supply to keep their establishments running, as farmers will not raise their prices to meet the present figures. The American market is higher. At East Buffalo hogs are quoted at \$5 to \$5.25 and roughs at \$4.25 to \$4.50 a cwt.

W.M. DAVIES' QUOTATIONS.

The Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, quote prices for the week beginning March 18 as follows: \$5.10 a cwt. f.o.b. at country points; \$5.40 a cwt. weighed off cars at factory same day as arrival and \$5.50 following morning.

They report receipts as light, though a little better than a week ago. The English bacon market is still in bad shape though a slight improvement is noticeable. The recent advance on this side is largely due to more competition among packers to get hogs.

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LIVE STOCK PRICES

The run of cattle at both the Junction and City cattle markets last week was fairly large. Trade was not as brisk as a week ago. Many drovers claimed to have lost money on their shipments, especially at the end of the week when cattle prices took a drop. The best cattle dropped a little but there was a

At the present price of pork and the price of feed there is a loss in every pound of pork marketed.—Richard Gibson, Delaware, Ont.

HOGS ARE NONE TOO PLENTIFUL

Hogs are none too plentiful in this district. Prospects for spring business are not very bright because of the high price of feed. Nearly everyone seems to think there is no money in hogs. There is plenty of feed to bring stock through the winter in fair shape.—D. DeCourcy, Bornholm, Ont.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Rose Hill—Timothy hay, \$25 a ton; clover, \$18; mixed, \$20; baled straw, \$10; loose, \$8; bran, \$22; shorts, \$24; barley, 60c a bu.; corn, 75c; peas, 80c; fresh eggs, 30c a doz.; creamery butter, 30c a lb.; rolls 25c; oats, 25c; milk, 25c; potatoes, 10c; white, 15c; potatoes, 60c a bu.; 90c a bag; milch cows, \$20 each; springers, \$25; calves, \$7; beef, to \$5 a lb.; 15c; stockers, 35c; butchers, 40c; hogs, 45c; lambs, 50c; wethers, 40c; ewes, 45c; hens, 60c a pr.; chickens, 75c; hogs, 75c a lb.; w.; lamb, 15c; mutton, 35c; beef, 5c; veal, 15c; chickens, 15c; hens, 5c; calf skins, 5c; hides, 3c-4c. M. Mc.

WHY HOGS ARE LOW

Mr. P. B. MacNamara, Canadian Commercial Agent at Manchester, gives the following on the bacon market in the weekly report of March 9:

The condition of the bacon market causes both merchants and retailers considerable anxiety. In the beginning of the year the killings in Denmark were enormous, and more bacon was consigned to the English market than it could readily assimilate. Prices have been reduced to such a point that curers are involved in heavy losses, with the single exception of the American shipper, whose hogs have reached a phenomenally low price. The weekly killings in Denmark have ruled 40,000 to 45,000 hogs, in January Ireland 10,000 to 12,000, while the aggregate killings in Chicago for January attained the enormous figures of 1,151,771, at an average cost of about 45 cents a lb. Various theories are given

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