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MARKETS.

Toronto.

LIVE STOCK.

At West Toronto, Ont., on January 11th, receipts numbered 48 carloads, consisting of 986 cattle, 253 sheep; quality fairly good; trade brisk; prices firm. Export steers, \$5 to \$5.40; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.50; prime picked butchers', \$4.80 to \$5; loads of good, \$4.50 to \$4.75; medium, \$4 to \$4.40; common, \$3.60 to \$3.90; cows, \$3 to \$4; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.25. Milkers, \$30 to \$55 each; calves, \$3 to \$7 per cwt. Sheep, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.35 per cwt. Hogs, \$6.35, fed at market; \$6.15, f. o. b. cars at country points.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKET.

Total receipts of live stock at the Toronto markets last week were as follows: 325 carloads, consisting of 4,597 cattle, 6,820 hogs, 3,496 sheep, 126 calves, and 60 horses.

The quality of cattle generally was medium, with a few good to choice lots. Trade was moderately good, with prices well maintained, especially for the best.

Exporters.—Steers sold at \$5 to \$5.25, with one choice load at \$5.30; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.20, and one or two of extra quality at \$4.50.

Butchers'.—Prime picked lots sold at \$4.75 to \$5; loads of good, \$4.40 to \$4.65; medium, \$4 to \$4.30; common, \$3.50 to \$3.90; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.

Feeders and Stockers.—Not many of either class were on sale. Prices were quoted as follows: Feeders, \$3.30 to \$4; stockers, \$2.50 to \$3.

Milkers and Springers.—Receipts moderate, trade dull, and prices lower, owing to the demand from Montreal and Quebec having fallen off. Prices ranged from \$30 to \$52 each.

Veal Calves.—Deliveries light; prices firmer, at \$3.50 to \$7 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts were moderate and prices firmer, as follows: Export ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; rams, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; lambs, \$3.25 to \$6.25 per cwt.

Hogs.—Receipts moderately large for the season of the year. Prices firmer, at \$6.25 for selects, fed and watered at

the market, and \$6 to drovers, at country points, f. o. b. cars.

Horses.—The number of horses on sale at the Union Horse Exchange on Monday and Wednesday of last week was not as large as usual, but there was a brisker trade than for some time. There was a large number of buyers and dealers on the market at both sales, but the prices generally were not much in advance over those obtained prior to the New Year. J. Herbert Smith, manager, reports prices as follows: Drafters, \$160 to \$180; general-purpose and farm chunks, \$140 to \$165; wagon horses, \$140 to \$180; drivers, \$100 to \$165; serviceably sound, \$40 to \$80.

BREADSTUFFS.

The markets were stronger and prices slightly advanced for western grain. Stocks at lake ports are being rapidly depleted. Wheat.—White winter No. 2, 95c.; No. 2 red, 96c.; No. 2 mixed, 95c., sellers. Manitoba—No. 1 northern, \$1.09 to \$1.09½; No. 2 northern, \$1.06 to \$1.06½, at Georgian Bay ports. Rye—No. 2, 71c. Peas—No. 2, 86c. bid. Oats—No. 2 white, 39½c.; No. 2 mixed, 38c. bid. Barley—No. 2, sellers, 57c.; No. 3X, 53c. bid; No. 3, sellers, 56c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 66½c., Toronto. Buckwheat—No. 2, 56c. bid. Flour—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, \$3.70 bid, for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, \$6; second patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.30. Bran—Sellers, \$20.25, bulk, outside points. Shorts—\$22 to \$23, in bulk, outside points.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts fairly liberal, with prices easy, at unchanged quotations: Creamery rolls, 28c. to 30c., with Locust Hill at 31c.; separator dairy, 25c. to 26c.; store lots, 22c. to 24c.

Eggs.—New-laid, scarce, at 40c. to 45c.; cold storage, 26c.

Cheese.—Receipts moderate, with prices unchanged. Large, 13½c.; twins, 14c. Honey.—Extracted, 10½c. to 11c.; combs, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per dozen sections.

Potatoes.—Prices are steady, at 60c. for Ontarios, in car lots, on track at Toronto.

Apples.—Market firm. Prices range from \$2 to \$4.25 per bbl., according to variety and quality.

Poultry.—Receipts light, with prices firm, as follows: Turkeys, dressed, 18c. to 20c.; geese, 12c. to 13c.; ducks, 13c. to 14c.; chickens, 13c. to 14c.; fowl, 10c. to 11c.

Beans.—Market steady. Primes, \$1.70 to \$1.75; hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, on track at Toronto, \$10 for timothy.

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

HIDES AND WOOL.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front street East, Toronto, have been paying for No. 1 inspected steers, 60 lbs. and up, 10c.; No. 2 inspected steers, 60 lbs. and up, 9c.; No. 1 inspected cows, 9½c.; No. 2 inspected cows, 8½c.; country hides, cured, 9c.; calf skins, city, 12c.; calf skins, country, 10c. to 12c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$3; horse hair, per lb., 29c. to 30c.; tallow, 5½c. to 6½c.; lamb skins, 80c.; raw furs, prices on application.

SEED MARKET.

The William Rennie Co. report the market quiet at following prices: Alsike, fancy, \$7.25 to \$7.60; No. 1, \$6.20 to \$7.20; No. 2, \$6 to \$6.50; red clover, \$4.50 to \$5.25; timothy, \$1.30 to \$2.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Steers, \$4.60 to \$7.75; cows, \$3 to \$5.25; heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.60; bulls, \$3.15 to \$4.50; calves, \$3.50 to \$9.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$5.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$6.20 to \$6.30; light mixed, \$5.50 to \$5.75; choice light, \$5.75 to \$6.10; packing, \$5.70 to \$6.05; pigs, \$4.25 to \$5.50; bulk of sales, \$5.85 to \$6.20.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$4 to \$5.65; lambs, \$5.25 to \$8; yearlings, \$4.25 to \$7.25.

British Cattle Market.

London cables cattle 13c. to 14½c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 9½c. to 9½c. per pound.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—The local market was well supplied the first week of the New Year, but prices held around previous quotations. The tone, however, was easy early in the week, owing to the mild and unfavorable weather, but the lower temperatures which followed had a firming effect. Some outside buyers were in the market, but even with what they took, there was a surplus of stock. Choice cattle sold at 5c. per lb., finest ranchers at 4½c., fine stock at around 4½c., good at 4c. to 4½c., medium at 3½c. to 3½c., and common down to 2½c., and inferior to 1½c. per lb. There were none too many sheep and lambs offering, and prices were firm, at 4½c. to 4½c. per lb. for choice lots of sheep, and 3½c. to 3½c. for culls, choice lambs being 5½c. to 6c., and good 5½c. to 5½c. per lb. Calves ranged from about \$3 to \$9 each. The market for hogs developed a stronger tone last week, owing to the limited supplies and an increased demand from buyers. Prices ranged from 6½c. to 7c. per lb., for selects, off cars.

Horses.—Heavy draft, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$225 to \$300 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$185 to \$240 each; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$175 to \$200 each; small or inferior animals, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$150; broken-down animals, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice carriage or saddle animals, \$300 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed, changed hands at 9c. to 9½c. per lb., country-dressed being 8½c. to 9c. per lb., and the supply being well up to the demand. Hams and bacon were in very fair demand of late, and prices steady, at 11½c. per lb. for hams weighing 25 lbs. and over, 12½c. per lb. for those weighing 18 to 25 lbs., 13½c. for 8 to 18 lb. hams, bacon being 11c. to 15c. for smoked, and 10½c. for green flanks, 11c. for boneless and long clear heavy, and 12c. for long clear light. Barrelled pork is \$21.50 to \$24.50, pure lard being 12½c. to 13c., and compound being 8½c. to 9½c. per lb.

Poultry.—Since the holidays, prices remained exceptionally high, though turkeys, which climbed up to an unprecedented height immediately before New Year's, were a few cents cheaper, selling at 19c. to 20c. per lb., wholesale, for fresh-killed, while frozen might be had at around 17c. to 18c. per lb., and from that downwards, according to quality. Fresh-killed spring chickens brought 14c. to 15c., frozen bringing 12c. to 14c. per lb., and fowl 10c. to 11c. per lb. Geese sold at 10c. to 12c., and ducks at 11c. to 12½c. per lb.

Potatoes.—Quotations for Quebec whites, carloads, on track, were 75c. to 80c. per 90 lbs.; Green Mountains, 80c. Jobbing prices were 5c. more than the above. A considerable proportion of the present arrivals are frozen, owing to the poorly-lined cars.

Butter.—Receipts of fresh-made butter small, and prices for this quality ranged from about 24½c. to 25½c. or 26c. per lb. Fall creamery held at 27c. to 28c. per lb.; dairy rolls were quoted at 24c. per lb., and tubs at 23c. to 24c., Manitoba dairies ranging from 21½c. to 22c. per lb.

Eggs.—Market very strong, No. 1 candled being reported at 25c. to 26c. per doz., selects being 28c. to 29c., and oilers being 35c. to 40c. Stocks light and demand steady.

Cheese.—There was a better enquiry from the Other Side and the tone of the market was stronger. On Monday, English demand caused an advance of ½c. Easterns stood at 12½c. to 12½c., and Westerns, 12½c. to 12½c.

Grain.—Canada Western oats, No. 2, 46½c.; extra No. 1 feed were 45½c.

Flour.—\$6 per bbl. in bags, for Manitoba patents, and \$5.50 for strong bakers', Ontario patents being \$5 to \$5.25 and straight rollers \$4.60 to \$4.70.

Feed.—Market for bran fairly active; prices \$21 to \$21.50 per ton, in bags, shorts being steady at \$24 to \$25, cotton seed being \$33 and oil cake \$32.

Hay.—No. 1 timothy is \$11.50 to \$12 per ton; No. 2, extra, \$11.50 to \$12; \$10 to \$10.50 for No. 2; \$8 to \$8.50 for clover mixed, and \$7 to \$7.50 for clover.

Hides.—A peculiar situation developed last week. Country hides, which are almost always cheaper than city, rose suddenly and commanded a cent more than city, dealers paying 12c., 11c. and 10c. per lb., respectively, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

The only explanation is that the country hides were taken off some weeks since when hides were better than now. Dealers are asking ½c. more than above from tanners. Sheep skins 75c. each, owing to them carrying much longer wool. Calf skins 13c. and 11c.; horse hides \$1.50 and \$2 each, and tallow 1½c. to 4c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 6½c. for rendered.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$6.75 to \$7.15. Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$6.40 to \$6.50; Yorkers, \$6.30 to \$6.45; dairies, \$6 to \$6.30.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$5.25; lambs, \$5 to \$7.85; yearlings, \$6.50 to \$6.75; wethers, \$5.25 to \$5.75; ewes, \$4.75 to \$5; sheep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$5.

GOSSIP.

One day Teddy climbed into a parlor chair to reach something he wanted. "Don't get up into that chair with your feet, Teddy," said his mother. The little fellow looked down at his small extremities with an air of great surprise, and said: "Why, mamma, I tan't tae 'em off!"

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the neurologist, was escorting some New York friends through a Philadelphia sanatorium in which he is interested. Opening a door, he remarked: "This big room has been set aside for the care and cure of chauffeurs who have broken down under the mental strain of driving and repairing automobiles." "Very fine," said one of the doctor's guests, "but where are the patients—the chauffeurs?" "Under the beds, mending the slats."

Messrs. John Cousins & Sons, Harrison, Ont., write: Our Oxford sheep went into winter quarters in good shape and are doing well. Following sales, thanks to "The Farmer's Advocate," have been made, and we have many gratifying letters from purchasers. Seven yearlings, to Henry Arkell, Arkell; two ewe lambs to Jas. A. Cerswell, Bond Head; four ewe lambs to Mr. Abernethy, Bond Head; one ram lamb to each of the following: Jos. Hoskins, Murillo; Frank Cook, Murillo; W. J. Pomeroy, Belmore; Mr. Kennedy, Listowel. Also Imp. Hamptonian 96, to A. Stevenson, Atwood. Every success to "The Farmer's Advocate."

A STILL BRIGHTER LIGHT.

Exchanges all over the country have been exceedingly generous in praise of our Christmas Number this year. Most of them detail quite fully the leading features with unstinted words of commendation. One of the most whole-souled appreciations comes from the St. Mary's Journal, which repeats with endorsement its high encomiums of a year ago in the following terms:

"One year ago The Journal said of 'The Farmer's Advocate': Papers come and papers go, but the old 'Farmer's Advocate' goes on forever. 'Tis the one paper that The Journal can conscientiously recommend to its country readers as always giving them all it promises at the New Year with a little extra thrown in. It is the one farm paper that for the Ontario farmer covers the whole field. It is to him an Encyclopedia Britannica revised to date. It is a newspaper and a magazine all in one—educative, instructive, informative and entertaining. It is of equal value to the head of the family and to the mistress of the household. It is as interesting to the farmer's daughter as to the farmer's son, and it is eagerly sought after by the little children as by the grown-ups. This is the day of 'The Farmer's Advocate,' the Christmas Number of which lies upon our table, and what that paper is to-day, has ever been 'the earnest'—and but the earnest—of what it will be to-morrow."

"The Christmas Number of 'The Farmer's Advocate' again lies before us and bears out in every prediction all we said of it a year ago. Its promises and possibilities for the next twelve months loom up with a brighter light than ever, and the subscriber to 'The Farmer's Advocate' for 1909 can confidently look forward to a weekly feast of good things."