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and one weighing eleven hundred and forty pounds, \$10.25. A few steers sold at \$10.50, but these were extra choice. The bulk of the heavy steers sold from \$8.50 to \$9.50, and medium weights \$7.80 to \$8.50 per hundred. Choice heifers sold as high as \$9.50, and choice cows as high as \$8 per hundred. The bulk of the heifers sold from \$7.50 to \$8, and the bulk of the cows from \$7 to \$7.50. These were all good quality cattle carrying a good amount of fat. The run of calves was light during the week, those of choice quality sold from \$9 to \$9.50 per hundred, while good calves brought from \$7 to \$8.50. Stockers and feeders met with only a fair demand, with quotations advanced 50 cents per hundred. Stockers sold from \$6.50 to \$7.25, with those of poor quality selling around \$5 per hundred. Most of the good feeders were bought for the south at strong prices, the bulk selling from \$6.75 to \$7, and one load of short-keepers, shipped east, selling at \$9 per hundred.

Sheep and lambs were strong, top lambs selling at \$12.50, and the bulk \$1 per hundred lower. Good sheep realized \$9.25 to \$10.75.

The hog market was unsettled, opening on Friday at \$16 per hundred, 25 cents below the close of the previous market. On Monday the price was 10 cents per hundred higher, and this was followed by an advance to \$16.25 on Tuesday. By Wednesday the market was 50 cents per hundred higher, closing on Thursday at \$16.85 for selects, \$12 to \$13 for heavies, \$15 to \$15.50 for lights, \$12 for sows, and \$10.50 for stags. The market was active at the close under a good local and eastern demand.

Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending August 9, Canadian packing houses purchased 64 calves, 2,668 butcher cattle, 4,456 hogs, and 20 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 85 calves, 473 butcher cattle, 176 hogs and 423 sheep. Shipments back to country points were made up of 5 calves, 99 butcher cattle, 489 stockers, 47 feeders, and 101 hogs. Shipments to United States' points totalled 1 calf, 459 butcher cattle, 58 stockers, and 82 feeders.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1 to August 9 inclusive, were 69,734 cattle, 4,291 calves, 1,952 sheep, and 175,728 hogs; compared to 40,527 cattle, 5,052 calves, 4,866 sheep, and 223,362 hogs; received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—With receipts running light at Buffalo the past week, prices were raised generally all the way from a quarter to half a dollar, not a few instances of sales being made on a medium and cheaper kind of steers from 75 cents to a dollar above the preceding week. Of the 125 loads on Monday, around fifteen to twenty cars were shipping steers, mostly Canadians, the Dominion supplying altogether something like twenty cars. Best native steers ranged from \$12.75 to \$13.50, Canadians selling generally from \$11.75 to \$12.95. In the handy steer line the range for the best was up to \$12, a fair class bringing \$11 to \$11.50, and nothing in the light steer line with any kill to speak of, ranged under \$9. A drove of Canadian cows sold at \$9.25, with best heavy fat heifers selling up to \$11 to \$11.50. Stocker and feeder trade was higher, most of this stuff going for kill. Bull market was generally a quarter higher, best here \$9;

the light, cheap stocker grades finding a better outlet than for some weeks. Milk cows and springers were strong sale, \$130 being paid for a fresh cow. There is every reason to believe that the cry-fied cattle are pretty well cleaned up and that a continued strong trade may be expected on these kinds, predictions being freely made that the top has not been reached on strong weight, prime finished shipping cattle. Anything real fat is meeting with ready sale, with the half fat, plain and cheaper steers, except for the past week, going rather slowly. Of late Canada has sent over quite a sprinkling of shipping steers, which have found ready sale. Receipts for the week totaled 4,225 head, as against 4,375 for the previous week, and 6,275 head for the corresponding week last year. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$13.25 to \$13.75; fair to good \$12.50 to \$13; plain, \$11.50 to \$12; very coarse and common, \$9.25 to \$10; best grass Canadians, \$12.50 to \$12.70; fair to good, \$11 to \$11.50; common and plain, \$10 to \$10.50.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$11.50 to \$12; fair to good, \$9.50 to \$11; light and common, \$7.25 to \$8; yearlings, choice to prime, \$12 to \$13; fair to good, \$9.25 to \$10.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$10 to \$11; yearlings, choice to prime, \$13 to \$13.50; best butchering heifers \$8.75 to \$9.50; fair butchering heifers, \$7.25 to \$8; light and common, \$6.50 to \$7; very fancy fat cows, \$8.50 to \$9.50; best heavy fat cows, \$8 to \$8.50; good butchering cows, \$7 to \$7.50; medium to fair, \$6 to \$6.50; cutters, \$6.25 to \$6.50; canners, \$5 to \$5.75.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$9 to \$9.25; good butchering, \$7.50 to \$8.25; sausage, \$6.75 to \$7.50; light bulls, \$6 to \$7; oxen, \$7 to \$9.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$7.50 to \$8; common to fair, \$6.50 to \$7.25; best stockers, \$7 to \$7.50; common to good, \$6 to \$6.75.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small lots, \$90 to \$115; in carloads, \$75 to \$85; medium to fair, in small lots, \$60 to \$70; in carloads, \$55 to \$60; common, \$40 to \$50.

Hogs.—New American records were hung up at Buffalo the past week. A steady advance, as a result of the continued light receipts, has been noted for several days back, fully \$2 per cwt., being tacked on within a period of eleven days. The high day of the past week was Friday, when one deck of good weight hogs scored \$18.80 per cwt. Other sales ranged from \$18.50 to \$18.75, and throwout lights and pigs took the range of from \$15.25 to \$16.25. Roughs reached up to \$16.50 and \$16.75, and fancy stags brought up to \$14.75. For the past week receipts were 7,200 head, as against 8,957 head for the week before, and 19,200 head for the corresponding week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Prices were on the jump the past week. On the opening day top lambs sold generally at \$16, with culls going from \$15 down, and before the week was out, or on Friday, best lambs sold up to \$17, and culls ranged downward from \$15.50. Yearlings sold up to \$13.50, 'though something desirable would have brought more money on Friday's market; wether sheep were quoted around \$11, and ewes went from \$10.50 down. Receipts the past week were 2,600 head, as compared with 1,784 head for the week previous, and 6,900 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—All former American records for veals were broken at Buffalo the past week. The low day of the past week was Tuesday, when bulk sold at \$16.25, and the high day was Friday, when choice lots changed hands at \$17 and \$17.25. Desirable cull grades, during the high time of the week, sold up to \$16; weighty calves on the vealy order ranged from \$14 to \$15.50; heavy rough calves sold from \$11 to \$13, and grassy kinds brought anywhere from \$8 to \$9.50. The past week's receipts were 1,975 head, as against 2,115 head for the week before, and 1,950 head for the same week a year ago.

Cheese Markets.

Cowansville, Que., 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; St. Hyacinthe, Que., 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Danville, Que., 21c.; Belleville, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Alexandria, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; London, bidding, 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.—no sales; Cornwall, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Montreal, finest westerns, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; finest easterns, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; New York, specials, 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 24c.; average run, 23c. to 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, Aug. 20, consisted of 237 cars: 4,848 cattle, 239 calves, 1,484 hogs, 1,383 sheep and lambs. Heavy steers, butchers, and good cows steady; common cows and bulls fifteen cents lower; stockers, feeders, milkers and springers, calves, sheep and lambs steady. Hogs \$18.75 fed and watered.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario No. 2 winter, in car lots, \$2.55 to \$2.60; No. 3, \$2.53 to \$2.58; No. 2 (new crop), \$2.30, nominal. Manitoba, track, bay ports, No. 1 northern, \$2.40; No. 2 northern, \$2.40; No. 3 northern, \$2.38.

Oats.—Ontario, no quotations; Manitoba oats, No. 2, track, bay ports, 76c. Barley.—Malting, nominal.

Peas.—Nominal.

Corn.—No. 3 nominal.

Flour.—Manitoba first patents in jute bags, \$12.90; second patents, in jute bags, \$12.40; strong bakers', \$12; Ontario winter wheat flour, according to sample, in bags, \$11.20.

Hay and Millfeeds.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, extra No. 2, \$11.50 to \$12; mixed, \$9 to \$10.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50.

Bran.—Per ton, \$36.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$45; middlings, per ton, \$47 to \$48. Good feed flour, per bag, \$3.25.

Hides and Wool.

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green flats, 22c.; calf skins, green, flat, 27c.; veal kip, 22c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$6 to \$7; city lamb skins, shearings and pelts, 60c. to 90c.; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 20c. to 21c.; deacons or bob calf, \$1.75 to \$2.50 each; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2 to \$2.50. Horse hair, farmers' stock, \$20.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 13c. to 14c.; country solid, in barrels, No. 1, 12c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 16c. to 17c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 60c.; coarse, 58c. Washed wool, fine, 70c.; coarse, 65c.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter again advanced in price during the past week, selling as follows on the wholesales: Creamery fresh-made pound squares, 42c. to 43c. per lb.; creamery solids at 41c. per lb.; separator dairy at 38c. to 40c. per lb., and dairy at 34c. to 36c. per lb.

Eggs.—Fresh gathered eggs also advanced and were quite firm at 46c. per dozen wholesale.

Cheese.—New, large, 24c.; twins, 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; old, large, 30c. to 31c.; twins, 31c.

Beans.—Japanese hand-picked, \$7.50 to \$8 per bushel; Canadian hand-picked, \$9.25; prime, \$8.75.

Poultry.—Spring chickens, 20c. per lb.; ducklings, 14c. per lb.; old ducks, 10c. per lb.; roasters, 14c. per lb.; fowl, 4 lbs. and under, 16c. per lb.; fowl, over 4 lbs., 18c. per lb.; turkeys, 16c. Quotations all live weight.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Canadian apples are beginning to come in in slightly larger quantities, but the bulk so far have not been of very good quality; the 6-qt. baskets selling at 25c. to 40c., and the 11 qts. at 50c. to \$1.

Bananas remained about stationary in price at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per bunch.

Blueberries came in freely and brought from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per 11-qt. basket, according to quality.

Cantaloupes.—Canadian cantaloupes were shipped in in one and two basket lots occasionally during the past week, and sold at 75c. to 90c. per 11-qt. basket.

Cherries sold well; the Montmorencys bringing from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket, and Morellos at \$1 to \$1.25 per 11-qt. basket.

Currants.—Both black and red currants continued to bring high prices; the black selling at \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.25 per 11-qt. basket, and good quality reds at \$1 to \$1.25; a very few at \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket; some of poor quality going at 50c. to 75c. per 11-qt. basket.

Gooseberries continued to come in in small lots and sold at very high prices, bringing from \$1 to \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket; 75c. to 85c. per 6-qt. basket, and 13c. to 15c. per box.

Lemons kept stationary in price at \$7.50 per case for Verdills.

Oranges firmed slightly, selling at \$4 to \$4.75 per case.

Peaches.—Both California and Southern peaches came in freely; Californias selling at \$1.75 to \$2 per case; Southern at \$4.75 to \$5 per bushel hamper, and \$4.50 per six-basket carrier. The Canadians came in in larger quantities but were mostly poor quality, selling at 25c. per 6-qt. flat basket; 40c. to 60c. per 6-qt. lenos, and 60c. to 85c. per 11-qt. flats.

Plums.—California plum receipts were heavy and sold at \$2 to \$3.25 per four-basket flats. The Canadians also came in in larger quantities and declined in price, selling at 35c. to 40c. per 6-qt. flats; 60c. to 75c. per 6-qt. leno, and 75c. to \$1 per 11-qt. basket.

Pears.—California pears sold well at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per case. The Canadians being only very ordinary brands, sold at 35c. to 60c. per 6-qt. basket; 60c. to 90c. per 11-qt. basket.

Raspberries were in demand, and as the supply was not very heavy they firmed in price, selling at 16c. to 20c. per box.

Tomato receipts eased off some and prices were, therefore, a little higher at \$1 to \$1.25 per 11-qt. basket for No. 1's, and 75c. per 11-qt. basket for No. 2's.

Thimbleberries were shipped in lightly and sold at 18c. to 20c. per box.

Beets and carrots remained practically stationary at 25c. to 30c. for the beets, and 30c. to 40c. (per 11-qt. basket) for the carrots.

Beans were a better sale; the choice ones bringing 40c. to 50c. per 11-qt. basket.

Cabbage still was difficult to dispose of at 40c. per dozen (for large heads) and 50c. per bushel hamper.

Celery.—There was a lot of poor quality celery received; the price ranging from \$1.50 to \$2 per case (6 or 7 dozen), and from 40c. to 90c. per dozen bunches.

Cucumbers recovered slightly and sold at 20c. to 25c. per 11-qt. basket, while hot-house variety brought 40c. per 11-qt. basket.

Gherkins of choice quality were received but were difficult to sell at 75c. to \$1.25 per 11-qt. basket, and 60c. to 75c. per 6-qt. basket.

Onions are beginning to come in in larger quantities, the imported selling at \$3 per 100-lb. sack; Canadians selling at 50c. to 60c. per 11-qt. basket.

Peas.—There were a few green peas shipped in, which sold at 40c. to 50c. per 11-qt. basket.

Peppers.—Green pepper receipts were fairly heavy and they sold at 75c. to \$1 per 11-qt. basket; the red ones bringing from \$1 to \$1.25 per 11-qt. basket.

Potatoes.—Ontarios came in freely and sold at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bag, the imported going at \$5.25 per bbl.

Montreal Produce.

Butter and Eggs.—Butter prices at the auction sale advanced over a cent per pound, but local business was dull, and quotations were unchanged. Cheese was quiet. Eggs were scarce, with prices firm and with a tendency to advance.

Quotations: Cheese—Finest westerns, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; finest easterns, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 43c.; seconds, 42c. Eggs—Fresh, 52c.; selected, 47c.; No. 1 stock, 43c.; No. 2 stock, 40c.

Dressed Hogs.—Abattoir killed, \$17.75 to \$18. Pork—Canada short cut back, bbls., 45 to 46 pieces, \$48 to \$50.

Grain and Millfeed.—The grain market closed with the same dull tone obtaining throughout the week, with a further easiness in prices, and with a few odd car lots of oats representing the total business for the day. Flour continued in good demand for spring wheat grades, and in poor demand for winter wheat grades, while millfeed orders were up to the capacity of the mills.

Quotations.—Oats, Canadian western, No. 2, 77 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; No. 3, 76c.; extra No. 1 feed, 76c. Barley, Manitoba feed, \$5.35.

Flour, Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, \$13; seconds, \$12.30 to \$12.50; winter patents, choice, \$12.80 to \$13; straight rollers, \$12 to \$12.30; bags, \$6 to \$6.15. Rolled oats, barrels, \$9 to \$9.35; bags, 90 lbs., \$4.40 to \$4.50. Bran, \$35 to \$37. Shorts, \$40 to \$43. Middlings, \$48 to \$50. Mouille, \$60 to \$61. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$9.50 to \$10.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$8.15 to \$14.90; western steers, \$7.80 to \$12.45; stockers and feeders, \$6.10 to \$9.25; cows and heifers, \$4.50 to \$12.60; calves, \$10.50 to \$15.

Hogs.—Light, \$17.40 to \$18.90; mixed, \$14.50 to \$19; heavy, \$17.30 to \$18.90; rough, \$17.30 to \$17.55; pigs, \$12.25 to \$15.75.

Sheep.—Lambs, native, \$10.60 to \$16.25.