

Comparative Prices of Agricultural Products.

The average of prices paid to producers of the United States for articles specified, on November 15, 1912, with comparisons, according to reports made by correspondents of the Bureau of Statistics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, are shown herewith.

| | Nov. 15, 1912 | Nov. 15, 1911 | Nov. 15, 1910 |
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| Beef cattle, per 100 lbs. | \$ 5.22 | \$ 4.36 | \$ 4.48 |
| Veal calves, per 100 lbs. | 6.77 | 6.10 | 6.39 |
| Hogs, | 7.05 | 5.86 | 7.61 |
| Sheep, per 100 lbs. | 4.05 | 3.65 | 4.63 |
| Lambs, per 100 lbs. | 5.37 | 4.68 | 5.54 |
| Milch cows, each ... | 47.38 | 42.70 | 43.34 |
| Horses, each | 139.00 | 137.00 | 143.00 |
| Wool, unwashed, per lb. | .186 | .156 | .179 |
| Honey, comb, per lb. | .138 | .136 | .137 |
| Apples, per bu. | .63 | .73 | .89 |
| Pears | .79 | .85 | 1.01 |
| Beans | 2.25 | 2.34 | 2.14 |
| Cabbage, per 100 lbs. | 1.04 | 1.51 | 1.36 |
| Onions, per bu. | .84 | 1.03 | .95 |
| Peanuts, per lb. | .047 | .044 | |
| Cotton seed, per ton | 18.57 | 16.69 | 25.36 |
| Broom corn, per ton | 69.30 | 124.00 | 95.60 |
| Eggs, per doz. | .286 | .218 | .239 |
| Chickens, live, per lb. | .108 | .106 | .115 |
| Turkeys, | .144 | | |

Railway Rates to the Winter Fair

The railways of Ontario have agreed to issue on account of the Winter Fair at Guelph, return tickets at single fare from all stations in the district bounded by Kingston, Sharbot Lake and Renfrew on the East, and Azilda, St. Clair and Detroit River on the West. These single-fare return tickets will be on sale from December 9th to 12th inclusive, and are good for the return journey up to and including December 14th. All those who make one or more entries may, if they so desire, secure from the Secretary of the Fair a certificate which will entitle them to single-fare return tickets from any station in Canada east of Port Arthur. Such tickets will be good going December 5th to 13th inclusive, and the return trip may be started on or before Tuesday December 17th.

The new stations for both Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific which were opened last year have been fully equipped with every facility for handling the great crowds who will no doubt visit Guelph in December.

FREIGHT RATES.

The railways of Ontario have also agreed to accord the same privileges to Winter Fair exhibitors as last year, with reference to freight on live-stock exhibited. Upon receipt of certificate from the Secretary of the Fair stating that exhibits are unsold, they will be returned free of freight charges by the railroads. This concession on the part of the railways in addition to the Fair Board undertaking to pay the freight charges for any distance over one hundred miles which an exhibitor may bring his stock, from any point in Ontario, places the exhibitor in a very fortunate position with reference to freight charges.

The Hamilton Clydesdale Sale.

The big sale of imported Clydesdale fillies, the property of D. C. Flatt & Son, at Hamilton, Wednesday, Nov., 27th, developed into a genuine Clydesdale bargain sale, and the Ontario breeders of which there were about 500 present, were not slow to grasp the opportunity. There were forty-eight sold in all, but as they had only landed a day or two previous to the sale they were in no condition for making sensational prices. Among the lot were many that when acclimatized and conditioned will easily bring fully three times the purchase price. They were a good average representative lot with good breeding, many of them being bred and likely in foal. Geo. Jackson, of Port Perry, the auctioneer, disposed of the lot in about three hours, the total for the forty-eight being \$15,510 or an average of a little over \$323 each. The highest price was \$510.00, paid for Kelvin Jill, a brown two-year-old daughter of the 1912 Toronto champion, Baron Kelvin, Imp. The entire lot were sold without reserve or by-bidding, and the Messrs. Flatt are deserving of the thanks of Ontario breeders for their courageous work in distributing such a large number of high-class imported fillies among them. All the fillies were bought by Ontario purchasers.

Out-door corn husking and crib-filling was a conspicuous feature of the past week ending Nov. 30th, in the Western Ontario corn belt. A great deal of corn fodder will winter in the fields. At different railway stations sugar beets were being loaded on the cars, and thousands of bushels were piled along the tracks. Ploughing was in general progress, but large areas of land have not yet been turned over, and unless the weather continues unusually open will remain to add to the burden of spring work. The fields of new fall wheat, though not numerous, are looking well.

In condemning to eight months in jail a man whose motor car caused the death of a young woman in Toronto, Chief Justice Mulock expressed a principle of moral and legal right when he said that whoever undertakes to use a motor car "must do so without injury to other people."

The International Harvester Company of Chicago, has secured the services of Prof. P. G. Holden, of Iowa, to promulgate the gospel of good farming among American farmers towards, which they have devoted a gift of one million dollars.

GOSSIP.

LEG-BANDS FOR POULTRY.

We call attention to a new advertisement in this issue of poultry leg-bands, by Geo. Keith & Sons, Toronto.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

- Dec. 5, 1912—Porter Bros., Appleby, Ont.; Shires.
- Dec. 17, 1912—W. G. Milson, Goring, Ont.; Shorthorns.
- Dec. 18, 1912—W. A. Bryant, Cairngorm, Ont.; Holsteins and Oxfords.
- Dec. 31, 1912—C. R. Gies, Heidelberg, Ont.; Holsteins.
- Jan. 1, 1913—Geo. Rice, Tillsonburg, Ont., manager; Holsteins.

Attention is directed to the new advertisement of R. Hamilton & Son, of Simcoe, Norfolk Co., Ont., who announces that he will be present at the Winter Fair at Guelph, with a grand exhibit of imported Percheron stallions and mares, and will be pleased to meet many former purchasers, and new ones. Mr. Hamilton has had a wide experience in importing Percherons, and knows where the best are procurable.

The registered Shire mares and colts advertised for sale on page 2120, by Hugh McPhail, Iona Station, Ont., imported and bred from imported stock of the best breeding, and the mares in foal to high-class sires, should attract the attention of farmers and dealers in heavy draft horses, for which there is an active demand, and a prospect of a continued good trade. See the advertisement and write Mr. McPhail, or better, call and see the stock.

Volume 58, of Coates' Herdbook of Shorthorn cattle in Great Britain and Ireland, containing pedigrees of bulls numbered from 110678 to 113784, and cows to December, 1911, a total of 3,107 bulls, and 11,296 cows, has been issued from the press and a copy, by courtesy of the Secretary, received at this office. This volume is published in a somewhat different form to previous volumes, consequent upon new rules adopted by the council, which enables the males and females being published in one volume, and much earlier than formerly.

Volume 21, of the American Aberdeen-Angus Herdbook, containing entries numbering from 148501 to 160500, inclusive, has been issued from the press, and a copy, by courtesy of the Secretary, received at this office. This volume is uniform with previous issues, and is in every respect complete and commendable, and the Secretary reports the trade, present and prospective, as being encouraging. To members of the Association, the price of the volume is \$1, and to non-members \$3. The Secretary's address is Chas. Gray, 817 Exchange avenue, Chicago.

The bull, Rattler Beryl Wayne, illustrated on another page, was sired by Bleske Clothilde Beryl Wayne (39258), and his dam was the great Rose Rattler, which has a seven-day record of 24.19 lbs. of butter. His sister, Lakeview Rattler, gave 14,000 lbs. of milk as a two-year-old. The grandam on the sire's side gave 42 lbs. of milk a day as a two-year-old, and the great-granddam in six months gave 10,144 lbs. of milk. This bull is right in every way, and will be sold at a reasonable price. Write G. A. Hogg, Thamesford, Ont., for extended pedigree and full particulars.

A. F. & G. Auld the well-known Shorthorn breeders, Eden Mills, Ont., write to say that they are showing two steers at the Guelph Winter Fair, where they will be glad to meet old customers and make new ones. The farms are only five miles from Guelph, and they will drive anyone interested out to see the stock. Ten fall calves, from such cows as Rosebud 11th, dam of Lancaster Bud, champion Alaskan-Yukon Exposition; Lancaster Princess, dam of Lamond's Mysie, as junior champion at Toronto, and topper of Toronto sale, are for sale.

TRADE TOPIC.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Canada Cycle & Motor Co., Ltd., West Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver, makers of the renowned automobile skates. Write for their illustrated booklet, "The Automobile, Skaters, and Hockey Year Book," which contains illustrations and descriptions of all models of skates, together with accessories and hockey information.

News of the Week.

CANADIAN.

The Canadian Government has decided to establish a women's immigration branch in England. According to recent statistics, the excess of female over male adults in England in 1911 was nearly a million and a half.

Mrs. Mary E. Cockett was nominated on November 27th, as a Social-Democratic candidate for the Board of Education in Toronto.

Thirty cases of smallpox have been discovered in the village of St. Elizabeth, near Joliette, Quebec.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The recommendations of the German War Office and Admiralty include the creation of twenty Zeppelin airships capable of travelling 51 miles an hour and remaining aloft four days and four nights without landing.

The latest exploit of the militant suffragists in England has been to pour oil and corrosive acids into the mail-boxes.

The Servians occupied the Port of Durazzo on November 28th, thus gaining the coveted port on the Aegian Sea. Whether they shall be permitted to remain it remains to be seen. Austria is determined that the Servians shall have no part of Albania, and it is reported that Germany and Italy have signified their approval of this decision. Should Russia determine to stand by the Balkans, serious complications may ensue. Great Britain and Germany, however, are both working to secure a peaceful settlement, and Sir Edward Grey has proposed a conference of the powers, Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Austria, and Italy, to consider the working out of the problems connected with the situation.

There is a possibility of very strained relations between Russia and China. Last year, Mongolia, by advice of Kutukhtu, the head of the Buddhist clergy, declared its independence, and the claim has been recognized by Russia.

Cholera is running riot at Constantinople. Among those who have died of it was Joachim III., Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The Socialists of Europe and America have been called upon by a manifesto issued November 25th by the International Socialist Congress at Basle, to resist measures for war taken by their countries. It was pointed out that any great European war must be a great blow to civilization, and a campaign for universal peace was therefore declared to be the first duty of Socialists.

President-elect Wilson has gone to Bermuda for a month's rest. He has decided to call an extra session of the new Congress, to meet in April, to consider tariff revisions.

CHALLENGING THE VOTE.

The University of Oxford, England, long elected its members of Parliament, not by ballot, but by oral or viva voce vote. In 1865, Mr. Gladstone, who had sat for the University for several years, was again a candidate. A humorous incident of the poll is thus described by George W. E. Russell, the author of "One Look Back."

Henry Smith, professor of geometry, was, I suppose, the most accomplished man of his time; yet he lives in our memory, not by his extraordinary performances in the unthinkable sphere of metaphysical mathematics, but by his intervention at Gladstone's last contest for the university. Those were the days for open voting, and Professor Smith was watching the vote in Gladstone's interest.

A certain professor, who could never manage his "h's," wished to vote for the Tory candidates, Sir William Heathcote and Mr. Gathorne Hardy, but he lost his head, and said, "I vote for Gladstone." Then, suddenly correcting himself, he exclaimed, "I mean for 'Eathcote and 'Ardy!"

Thereupon Smith said, "I claim that vote for Gladstone." "But," said the vice-chancellor, "the voter did not finish your candidate's name." "That is true," said Smith, "but he did not even begin the other two."