

MARKETS

Toronto.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

At West Toronto, on Monday, September 30th, receipts of live stock numbered 32 cars, comprising 585 cattle, 169 hogs, 75 sheep and lambs, and 34 calves. Cattle prices looked steady. Hogs, \$8.75 fed and watered, and \$8.40 f. o. b. cars, country points.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards last week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	58	373	431
Cattle	707	5,142	5,849
Hogs	1,050	6,982	8,032
Sheep	1,338	7,060	8,398
Calves	70	673	743
Horses	—	18	18

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1911 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	226	235	461
Cattle	3,165	3,809	6,974
Hogs	4,701	5,271	9,972
Sheep	3,868	1,583	5,451
Calves	399	155	554
Horses	1	21	22

The combined receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards for the past week show a decrease of 30 cars, 625 cattle, 1,940 hogs, and 4 horses; but an increase of 2,947 sheep and lambs, and 189 calves, in comparison with the corresponding week of 1911.

The receipts of live stock, especially cattle, were larger than for some time, and in some classes, especially the common and inferior Eastern qualities, almost greater than the demand; in fact, in every class, excepting the choice, handy-weight butchers' cattle, there was an overplus during the whole week, which caused the break in prices which usually takes place at this season of the year. All classes of fat cattle were cheaper, not excepting the choicest of butcher grades, prices for which declined fully 25c. per cwt. In our last letter we noted that a very few cattle had reached \$6.80 to \$7, but last week \$6.75 was the top for about two carloads of extra-quality butchers', and on Thursday \$6.55 was the outside price paid for this class of cattle. In the lower grades, the break in prices was even greater. In the export class, the heavy steers sold at 30c. to 40c. per cwt. lower, and it is doubtful whether rock-bottom has yet been reached.

Exporters.—A large number of this class came forward, but only 100 steers were bought for export purposes, and they were purchased by Swift & Co., of Chicago, for the Liverpool market, at an average of \$6.45 per cwt. A few of these heavy-weight steers were taken at as high as \$6.65 by the local abattoirs early in the week, but on Thursday \$6.40 was the best that could be obtained, and our opinion is that these heavy cattle will have to be bought at \$6 from the farmers before many of them can be shipped. There were several loads of this class on the market that cost the drovers that had them \$7 to \$7.25 per cwt., prices that were never warranted at any stage of the game for the past three months.

Butchers'.—Choice-quality butchers' sold at \$6.25 to \$6.50; good, \$5.85 to \$6.10; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.60; common, \$4.75 to \$5.10; inferior Eastern grades of light steers and heifers, \$3.75 to \$4.50; cows, \$3 to \$5.25; bulls, \$3 to \$5.25.

Stockers and Feeders.—The demand for good-quality steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., is greater than the supply, and prices high, ranging from \$5.30 to \$5.75; steers, 800 to 850 lbs., \$5 to \$5.25, and some extra-quality lots of these weights brought as high as \$5.40; stockers and yearlings weighing from 500 to 750 lbs. each, sold all the way from \$3 to \$4.75 per cwt., according to quality. It is questionable whether farmers and feeders are justified in paying these high prices for feeders. Many farmers who paid high prices for feeders last fall, have these same cattle on their hands in the stage of export steers, which they cannot sell at a price to let them out.

Milkers and Springers.—There has been a fairly large supply of milkers and springers, which sold readily, at prices ranging from \$50 to \$85 each, and in one or two instances \$90, \$95, and even \$101 was paid for high-class Shorthorn and Holstein cows of heavy weights and good milking qualities.

Veal Calves.—The top price of the week was obtained by Eastwood Bros., farmers at Longbranch, for one 180-lb. veal calf, fed by the mother, which was bought by the Harris Abattoir Company, at \$9.50 per cwt. But calves were quoted at \$3.50 to \$3.80 for the bulk, and \$8.75 to \$9 for good to choice quality.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts were the largest of the season thus far, and prices were accordingly easier, as follows: Sheep—Light ewes, \$4 to \$4.40; heavy ewes and rams, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs sold at \$5 to \$6.10, and anything over these quotations was for selected lots. Should these heavy deliveries continue, prices will certainly go lower.

Hogs.—Early in the week the hog market was firm, but at the close prices were declining, and the best that could be obtained was \$8.75 for selects, fed and watered, and \$8.40 for hogs f. o. b. cars at country points, and we look for a still further decline.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario new, 94c. to 95c., outside; old No. 2 red, white or mixed, 93c. to 94c., outside points; Manitoba No. 1 northern, \$1.09; No. 2 northern, \$1.06½; No. 3 northern, \$1.01, track, lake ports; feed wheat, 64c. to 66c., lake ports. Oats.—Manitoba oats, extra No. 1 feed, 47½c.; No. 2, 48½c.; No. 3, 47½c., track, lake ports. Ontario oats, new, 42c. to 43c., outside; old No. 2 white, 43c. to 44c.; No. 3, 40c., outside. Rye.—No. 2, 70c., outside. Peas.—No. 2, 90c., outside. Buckwheat—70c. per bushel, outside. Barley.—For malting, 65c. to 66c.; for feed, 55c., outside. Corn.—No. 3 yellow, American, 82c., track, Toronto; on track at Collingwood, 85c. Flour.—Ontario ninety-per-cent. winter-wheat patents, \$3.80 to \$3.85, seaboard; Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.80; second patents, \$5.30; in cotton, 10c. more; strong bakers', \$5, in jute.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots, track, Toronto, \$12.50 for No. 1. Straw.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$10 to \$10.50. Bran.—Manitoba, \$22 to \$23 per ton; shorts, \$25; Ontario bran, \$22 in bags; shorts, \$24, car lots, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market steady, and prices firm. Creamery pound rolls, 28c. to 30c.; creamery solids, 27c. to 28c.; separator dairy, 27c. to 28c.; store lots, 21c. to 24c.

Eggs.—Prices steady, at 28c. to 30c. for strictly new-laid.

Cheese.—Large, 15c.; twins, 15½c.

Honey.—Extracted, 12c. per lb. for No. 1 clover honey.

Potatoes.—Car lots, track, Toronto, 75c. to 80c. per bag.

Poultry.—Receipts of live poultry were large, and prices were as follows: Chickens, 14c. to 15c., alive; hens, 11c. to 12c.; ducks, 11c. to 13c.

HIDES AND SKINS.

No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 13c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 12c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 11c.; country hides, cured, 12c. to 13c.; country hides, green, 11c. to 13c.; calf skins, per lb., 13c. to 17c.; lamb skins, 50c. to 75c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 35c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 6½c.

WOOL.

Unwashed, coarse, 13c.; unwashed, fine, 14½c.; washed, coarse, 19c.; washed, fine, 21c.; rejects, 16c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$8.75 to \$9; alsike No. 2, per bushel, \$8 to \$8.50; alsike No. 3, per bushel, \$7 to \$7.25; alsike No. 4, per bushel, \$6 to \$6.75.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Receipts of fruit last week were the largest of the season, especially of peaches, and prices tumbled accordingly. The quotations given are for the eleven-quart basket unless otherwise stated.

Apples, 15c. to 30c., and \$1.50 to \$2.50 per barrel; cabbage, \$1.50 per crate, or 40c. to 50c. per dozen; celery, 40c. to 50c. per dozen; plums, 40c. to 65c. per basket; grapes, 25c. to 30c.; pears, Bartlett's, 60c. to 70c.; peaches, 40c. to 75c.; tomatoes, 20c. to 30c.; Spanish onions, \$2.75 per case; cucumbers, 20c. to 30c.; green peppers, 30c. to 40c.; red peppers, 75c. to 90c.; pickling onions, \$1 to \$1.25.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—In the Montreal market the tone was easier on common and medium stock, owing to increased supplies. Fine stock sold at 6½c., this being for steers, the best price on the market being 6½c. per lb. Good sold around 5½c. per lb.; medium, 5½c. to 5½c., and common as low as 2½c. per lb. Some bulls brought 2½c. to 3½c., and some choice cows as much as 5½c. Lambs were steady, at the recent decline, supplies having again become lighter. Prices were 5½c. to 6c. per lb., while sheep were steady and unchanged, at 3½c. to 3½c. per lb. Calves, steady, at \$2 to \$10 each, according to quality. Hogs were rather easier in price, but the demand was good. Selects sold at 8½c. to a fraction over 9c. per lb.

Horses.—Prices were steady, at \$300 to \$375 for heavy draft; \$225 to \$300 for light draft; \$125 to \$200 for light horses, and \$75 to \$125 for broken-down horses.

Dressed Hogs.—The tone of the market for dressed hogs was not at all firm, and prices for selects were in the vicinity of 12½c. to 12½c. per lb. Demand was good.

Potatoes.—Potatoes are rotting in the fields in this Province, owing to the continued wet weather, and it is stated that some farmers are plowing them in. The price of Cobblers, in car lots, track, was 65c. per 90 lbs. In a jobbing way, the market was 85c. per bag of the same weight. Some quoted 5c. to 10c. more than these prices.

Eggs.—The market was steady and firm, selects being in the vicinity of 30c. to 31c., and 28c. for No. 1.

Syrup and Honey.—Prices were steady, and demand not very active. White clover comb honey, 10½c. to 11c. per lb.; extracted, 8c. to 8½c. per lb.; dark comb, 7c. to 8c., and extracted, 7½c. to 8c. Maple syrup was 8c. to 8½c. per lb. in tins, and 6½c. to 7c. in wood, while sugar sold at 8½c. to 9c. per lb.

Butter.—The market continued very firm on butter, 27½c. having been paid in the country. However, finest stock was available here at 28c.

Cheese.—Prices were perhaps a little easier, Westerns being quoted at 13½c. to 13½c. for colored, and a shade less for white. Townships were 3½c. to 3½c., and Quebecs about ¼c. less.

Grain.—There has been a marked advance in the price of oats, as heretofore intimated in this letter, the weather having been very hard on the crops. No. 2 Canadian Western oats were 54c. to 55c. per bushel, car lots, ex store, while No. 1 feed extra was 53½c. to 54½c. per bushel.

Flour.—Prices of flour were steady. Manitoba No. 1 patent sold at \$6.10 per barrel; No. 2, \$5.60; strong bakers', \$5.40 in wood. Ontario patent was \$5.25 per barrel, and straight rollers, \$4.85 to \$4.90; in jute, 30c. per barrel less.

Millfeed.—The market for millfeed was firm, at \$23 per ton, in bags, for bran; \$27 for shorts; \$28 to \$29 for middlings; \$36 to \$38 for pure grain mouille, and \$34 to \$35 for mixed, in bags.

Hay.—The tendency in the hay market was firm. No. 1 hay sold at \$15 to \$16 per ton; No. 2 at \$14 to \$15; No. 2 good at \$13 to \$13.50; No. 3 hay at \$12 to \$12.50, and clover mixture at \$10 to \$11 per ton.

Hides.—The market for hides was up ¼c. per lb., at 11½c., 12½c. and 13½c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 hides. Calf skins were 15c. and 17c. per lb., and lamb skins were 60c. each. Horse hides were \$1.75 and \$2.50 each, and tallow was 1½c. to 3c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 6½c. per lb. for rendered.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$5.65 to \$11; Texas steers, \$4.60 to \$6.25; Western steers, \$5.90 to \$9.20; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$7.50; cows and heifers, \$2.90 to \$7.85; calves, \$8 to \$11.50.

Hogs.—Light, \$8.25 to \$8.85; mixed, \$8.20 to \$8.90; heavy, \$8 to \$8.80; rough, \$9 to \$8.20; pigs, \$5 to \$8.10. Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, native, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Western, \$3.60 to \$4.50; yearlings, \$4.75 to \$5.50. Lambs, native, \$4.75 to \$7; Western, \$5 to \$7.25.

Cheese Markets.

Campbellford, Ont., 13 5-16c.; Stirling, Ont., 13½c. to 13 5-16c.; Madoc, Ont., 13½c.; Vankleek Hill, Ont., 13 3-16c.; Kingston, Ont., 13½c.; Brockville, Ont., bidding 13c., no sales; Listowel, Ont., 13½c.; Iroquois, Ont., 12½c.; Nanawau, Ont., 13 1-16c.; Picton, Ont., 13½c.; Cowansville, Que., butter, 27½c.; Belleville, Ont., 13 3-16c., 13½c., 13 5-16c., 13½c.; London, Ont., bidding, 13c. to 13½c.; Victoriaville, Que., 12½c.; Watertown, N. Y., 15½c., 16½c., 16½c.; St. Hyacinthe, Que., 12½c.; butter, 27½c.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$9 to \$9.25; butchers' grades, \$8.75 to \$8. Calves.—Cull to choice, \$5.75 to \$11.50. Sheep and Lambs.—Choice lambs, \$7.50 to \$7.40; cull to fair, \$5 to \$7; yearlings, \$4 to \$5.75; sheep, \$2 to \$5. Hogs.—Yorkers, \$8.50 to \$8.90; pigs, \$7.25 to \$7.75; mixed, \$8.90 to \$9; heavy, \$8.90 to \$8.85; roughs, \$7.25 to \$7.40; hogs, \$6 to \$6.75.

British Cattle Market.

John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cable Irish cattle making from 12½c. to 13c. per pound.

GOSSIP.

Two hundred Clydesdales, mares and fillies, were catalogued for the Perth, Scotland, sale, September 16th. The top price realized was \$805, for the prize mare, Isabel, by Revelanta. Seven others sold for prices ranging from \$500 to \$800, and 103 head brought an average of \$275.

Forty-eight head of Hackneys, from the stud of W. Burdett-Couts, M.P., Wrexham, England, sold by auction September 17th, made an average price of \$255. The highest price was \$1,800, for the mare, Postobelle, aged 14 years, sired by Beau Lyons. The seven-year-old Flower Girl, by Last Fashion, sold for \$1,100, and 48 head averaged \$255.

At an auction sale last month of dairy Shorthorns, from the herd of Samuel Sanday, Puddington, Chester, England, good prices were realized. The prizewinning cow, Eaglethorpe Amy 5th, whose 1911 milk record was 18,289 lbs., sold for \$815. Her six-weeks-old heifer calf brought \$445, and her three-year-old heifer \$475. Two other cows sold for \$520 each. Two young bulls sold for \$850 each.

At a joint sale on September 17th, of Shorthorns from the herds of Richard Cornelius, Banksfield, Eastham, and the Hon. H. C. Lewis, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire, the top price realized was \$1,000, for the yearling heifer, Banksfield's Bud II. The highest price for a bull was \$500. The average for the Banksfield offering was \$425, and for the Saundersfoot offering, \$265.

At a draft sale on September 18th, from the Scottish Aberdeen-Angus herds of Sir John McPherson Grant, of Ballindalloch, and John R. Findlay, of Aberlour, the highest price obtained was \$550, for Mr. Findlay's yearling heifer, Elcyntha II., by Aberlour. The second highest price was \$450, for the Ballindalloch three-year-old cow, Baffling Maid, by Eblamere. The 29 head from Ballindalloch averaged \$250, and the 17 from Aberlour averaged \$158.