

Seeds

The demand for Canadian clover seed in England continues but prices on this side are said to be above an export basis. At Montreal red clover is quoted at \$8.25 to \$9.75, alsike \$10.75 to \$12.75, and timothy \$5.75 to \$6.25 per cwt. On Toronto farmers' market alsike brings \$6 to \$8.25, red clover \$4.80 to \$5.10, and timothy \$2 to \$2.75 per bushel.

Fruit

There is not much doing in the apple market, prices being too high and the supply too small for big business. At Montreal No. 1 apples are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel in large lots. On Toronto farmers' market apples bring from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per barrel.

Cheese

The cheese situation continues to improve and the market is as healthy as at any time this season. Stocks are greatly reduced in England and retailers there were never known to be as bare of supplies as at the present time. This should mean a healthy market from this on. The consumptive demand has improved and there is much more inquiry for Canadian cheese. Stocks now held in Canada are estimated at from 400,000 to 600,000 boxes. Finest Western Septembers are quoted at Montreal at 10c to 10½c and finest Easterns at 9½c to 9¾c. Nearly all the cheese is out of factorymen's hands and holders are inclined not to let it go too quickly, expecting higher values later on.

Butter

There is a fair export demand for creamery butter and the market rules steady. Montreal dealers state that while the Quebec summer creamery butter is as a rule better in quality than that made in Ontario, the latter province makes the best winter butter. The Trade Bulletin summarizes last week's butter trade as follows:

"There is a fair business doing for export, at 20½c to 20¾c for choice creamery. The local trade is also taking a few lots in tubs at 20½c to 20¾c and in a few instances jobbers have paid 21c for fancy. Sales of about 750 packages of good useful to fine creamery are reported at 19c to 20c. In dairy butter the market is dull, a few small lots of Western and Manitoba having sold at 14c to 15c for common qualities. During the past week the shipments from Portland and St. John were 8,631 packages, which is very good for winter exports."

Offerings of both creamery and dairy are more plentiful here. There is, however, too much low grade and inferior butter offering. Creamery is steady at 20c to 22c for prints and 19c to 20c for solids. Dairy pound rolls sell at 17c to 18c and tubs at 16c per lb. in jobbing lots. On Toronto farmers' market pound rolls bring 16c to 19c and crocks 15c to 18c per lb.

Cattle

A good steady trade has been done in live stock during the week, which closed with a steady market

and no stocks held over. Cables were higher on Friday and the outlook for choice quality good, though when the Xmas trade is supplied things may be quieter for a week or two. On Friday the run of stock at Toronto cattle market was light, comprising 583 cattle, 1,377 hogs, 757 sheep and 15 calves. The quality of fat cattle was only medium, few choice lots being offered. All the offerings found a market at fair prices according to quality. Prices for choice quality were no weaker but common grades were easy at the prices given.

Export Cattle—Choice loads of these are worth from \$4.70 to \$5.25 per cwt., and light ones \$4.25 to \$4.65 per cwt. Heavy export bulls sold at \$4.12 to \$4.40 and light ones at \$3.50 to \$3.70 per cwt., choice export cows sold at \$3.40 to \$4.00 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1,150 to 1,260 lbs. each, for the Xmas trade, sold at \$4.50 to \$5.25 per cwt., good cattle at \$3.75 to \$4.00, medium at \$3.40 to \$3.55 and inferior to common at \$2.25 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Feeders—Heavy, well-bred steers from 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each, sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75, and other quality at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. Light steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each sold at \$3.00 to \$3.20 per cwt. Feeding bulls for the byres 1,000 to 1,300 lbs. each, sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Stockers—Yearling steers weighing 500 to 800 lbs. each sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00, and off colors and those of inferior quality at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per cwt. Light stock bulls, 500 to 800 lbs. each, sold at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Calves—These are in fair demand at Buffalo. Good to choice veals bring \$4.75 to \$7.25 per cwt. At Toronto market ordinary calves bring \$2 to \$10 each.

Milch Cows—These sold at \$30 to \$50 each.

Sheep and Lambs.

Both sheep and lambs were in good demand and sold at firmer prices. Sheep sold at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. for ewes and \$2 to \$2.50 for bucks. Spring lambs sold at \$3 to \$3.50 each and \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt. Erick Bros, East Buffalo, write us on Thursday last in reference to Canada lambs as follows:

"The supply has been moderate this week, and with a very good demand trade has ruled active and strong on the basis of \$5.25 to \$5.40, with several sales yesterday at \$5.50 on the handy weight order, weighing around 86 to 92 lbs. The extreme heavy weight lambs, weighing around 100 lbs. and over, are rather dull on the basis of \$5.25. The trade to-day closes up steady with a fairly good clearance, and unless the Canada lambs are entirely too heavy I don't look for any material decline in them at present. Buck lambs selling at \$4.50 to \$4.75, according to weight and quality."

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