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HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

Branches throughout every Province
of the Dominion of Canada.

Accounts of Farmers
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Sale Notes Collected

Savings Department at all
Branches

Eggs—New-laid eggs again declined on the wholesales during the past week, selling at 28c. to 30c., and cold-storage at 23c. to 24c. per dozen.

Cheese—New, large, 19c.; twins, 19  c. per lb.

Honey—Extracted, 11  c. to 12  c. per pound; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.40 to \$3.

Beans—Prime, \$1.25 to \$4.50; hand-picked, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per bushel.

Potatoes—Ontario, per bag, car lot, \$1.65 and \$1.70; New Brunswick, per bag, car lot, \$1.80 and \$1.85.

Poultry—Live weight: Chickens, 14c. to 17c. per lb.; ducks, 17c. per lb.; geese, 12c. per lb.; turkeys, young, 20c. per lb.; turkeys, old, 18c. per lb.; fowl, heavy, 16c. per lb.; fowl, light, 14c. to 12c. per lb.

HIDES AND SKINS.

City hides, flat, 18c.; country hides, cured, 16c. to 17c.; country hides, part cured, 15c. to 16c.; country hides, green, 14c. to 15c.; calf skins, per lb., 18c.; kip skins, per lb., 16c.; sheep skins, city, \$2 to \$3; sheep skins, country, \$1.50 to \$2.25; lamb skins and pelts, \$1.20 to \$1.25; horse hair, per lb., 37c. to 40c. horse hides, No. 1, \$4 to \$5; No. 2, \$3 to \$4. Wool, washed, 40c. to 44c.; wool, rejections, 33c. to 35c.; wool, unwashed, 28c. to 32c.

WHOLESALE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Prices remained nearly stationary on most of the offerings at the wholesales during the past week. Navel oranges were an exception, as they declined from twenty-five to fifty cents per box; and are now selling at \$2.25 to \$3.25 per case.

The home-grown mushrooms on sale this week were of better quality than previous shipments and brought 60c. per lb.

Hot-house rhubarb is coming in in larger quantities, and is of splendid quality generally, selling at 75c. to \$1.00 per dozen bunches.

Onions continue to be very high priced, a few choice domestic (and these are scarce) selling at \$2.75 to \$3 per bag; others grading at \$2 to \$2.50, the Americans bringing \$4 per bag and Spanish \$5.50 per case.

New cabbage is in from Florida, selling at \$3 per case of about 48 heads. New carrots at 65c. to \$1 per doz. bunches. New beets at \$1.25 per dozen bunches.

Florida strawberries are in demand at 40c. per box.

Apples—25c. to 35c. per 11-quart basket; Spys, \$4 to \$6 per bbl.; Greenings and Baldwins, \$3 to \$5 per bbl.; Russets, \$3 to \$4.50 per bbl.; Kings, \$3.50 to \$5 per bbl.; imported, \$2.25 to \$3 per box; British Columbia, \$2 to \$2.50 per box; Ontario, \$1.50 to \$2 per box.

Montreal.

Supplies of cattle on the local market have not been at all liberal of late—more especially of fine cattle—and, as a consequence, the tone of the market for this quality has been fairly firm. Sales of choice steers were made at 8c., while good to fine ranged from 7   to 7  c. per lb. Fair quality changed hands at 6  c. per lb. to 7c., while common cattle sold from 5 to 6c. per lb., and canning cattle at 4 to 4  c. per lb. Sheep and lambs continued in very good demand, and it has not been any too easy to obtain sufficient. As a consequence, the tone of the market was very firm. Lambs sold at 10  c. to 11c. for best, while sheep ranged from 6  c. to 7  c. per lb. The offering of calves showed a

slight increase, but the bulk were undesirable, the animals being young and of poor quality. These sold at \$2 to \$3.50 apiece, with an occasional animal selling around \$1 more. The milk-fed stock brought 10 to 11c. per lb., and good, stall-fed calves sold at 5  c. to 6  c. The offerings of hogs have been larger of late and as a consequence the tone of the market was a little on the easy side. Select hogs sold at 10   to 10  c. per lb. weighed off cars.

Horses—There is still some demand for horses, both from cartage companies and from farmers making preparations for spring operations, but the market was nevertheless dull. There was no change in price. Quotations were: Heavy draft horses weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light draft horses weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each; small horses, \$100 to \$125; and culls, \$50 to \$75 each. Fine saddle and carriage animals are \$200 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs—In sympathy with the decline in price of live hogs, dressed hogs sold at slightly lower prices last week. Abbatoir-dressed, fresh-killed hogs were quoted at 14   to 15c., and light-weight, country-dressed hogs at 13   to 14c. per lb.

Poultry—Poultry was scarce and dear. Demand fell off considerably because of the high prices and, owing to this, dealers had to accept lower figures. Choice turkeys were quoted at 27 to 28c. per lb., and ordinary turkeys at 24 to 26c. Chickens declined and the price ranged from 20 to 22c. per lb. Ducks sold from 18 to 20c. per lb. Geese and fowl were lower also, being obtainable at 15 to 17c., according to quality.

Potatoes—The market for potatoes held its strength and supplies were none too plentiful. Choicest Green Mountains and Quebec potatoes sold in car lots at \$1.80 to \$1.85 per bag, ex-track and in a smaller way, at 15 to 20c. advance on these figures.

Maple Syrup and Honey—Old syrup was not in very good demand and very little of it was available. The price held steady at 95c. for 8-lb. tins; \$1.10 each for 10-lb. tins, and \$1.40 for 13-lb. tins. Pure maple sugar was firm, at 13c. Honey was unchanged, being quoted at 15c. for white colver comb and 12 to 13c. for white extracted, while brown clover comb was 12 to 13c. and extracted 10 to 11c. Buckwheat honey was 9 to 10  c. per lb.

Eggs—This is the one food product which is going down in price. Production is constantly increasing and strictly fresh stock was quoted at 30 to 32c. Select eggs were quoted at 26 to 27c., No. 1 candled at 24 to 25c. No. 2 candled, 21 to 22c.

Butter—The market for butter showed slightly easier disposition, which is a little surprising at this time of year, and suggests that stocks may have been a little heavier than anticipated. Quotations for finest were 33   to 34  c., while fine was quoted at about 1c. less and seconds at 31   to 32  c. Dairies were 27 to 28c.

Cheese—There was no change in this market. Finest Western cheese was 18   to 19c. and finest Eastern   c. less.

Grain—The wheat markets have come down several cents during the past few days, but the fluctuations carry the price up and down from hour to hour. Oats have also eased off in sympathy with wheat. No. 2 white Ontario and Quebec oats were quoted at 48  c., No. 3 at 47  c., and No. 4 at 6  c. per bushel ex-store. Canadian westerns were steady at 53  c. for No. 2, and 51  c. for No. 3.

Flour—In sympathy with the lower price of wheat, flour declined to \$7.10 per barrel for first patent Manitoba wheat flour, \$6.60 for second patents and \$6.40 for strong bakers', in bags. Ontarios were also lower, being \$6.60 for patents, in wood, and \$5.90 to \$6 for straight rollers, the latter being \$2.85 per bag.

Hay—The market was steady at \$21 per ton for No. 1, \$20.50 for No. 2 extra good, and \$20 for No. 2 ex-track. No. 3 was \$18.50.

Seeds—Prices were unchanged. Dealers quoted, at country points, to shippers, \$10 to \$12 per bushel for red clover, \$7 to \$1   for alsike, and \$9 to \$12 for timothy, the latter being per 100 lbs. and the clover per bushel.

Hides—There was no change in the market last week.

Buffalo.

Cattle—Receipts at Buffalo last week were again liberal, and another market that was generally weak, prevailed. On

some sales of shipping steers the trade looked steady with the week before, but steers selling under the eight-cent mark were generally lower. There were in the neighborhood of twenty-five cars of shipping cattle on the market for the week's opening—Monday—and best native steers sold from \$8.40 to \$8.50, but no real prime steers were offered. Best handy-weight steers sold up to \$8.35, but from \$7.75 to \$8.00 generally took the best lighter steers. No yearlings to speak of were offered. A plain, light kind of steers running in price from \$6.75 to \$7.35 were a full quarter lower and the supply of these was large and trading was very slow on them. Heifers generally sold possibly a shade lower, while cows generally brought steady prices. In fact, there were three cow buyers to one steer buyer. Some of the country buyers, who are usually long on fat cows, shifted to some of the cheaper steers. Best heavy heifers sold up to \$7.50, but real fancy kinds are bringing steer prices, and sold along with steers at the same price, some sales of these fancy heifers running up to \$8.00 to \$8.25, but they were a very fancy kind. Best heavy fat cows sold at \$6.00 to \$6.25, a medium kind running from \$5.00 to \$5.50, canners generally bringing from \$3.50 to \$3.75. Bulls sold strong, few fancy heavy kinds running up to \$7.00 to \$7.15. Very few stockers and feeders were offered. Thousand-pound feeders sold up to \$7.25, with 800 and 900-lb. kinds running from \$6.60 to \$6.80, a load selected out of fifty head costing \$6.90. Milker and springer trade very satisfactory. Receipts last week were 4,825 head, as against 5,300 for the previous week and 80 head for the corresponding week last year. Quotations:

Shipping Steers—Choice to prime natives, \$8.50 to \$8.75; fair to good, \$8.15 to \$8.35; plain, \$7.50 to \$7.75; very coarse and common, \$6.75 to \$7.00; best Canadians, \$8.00 to \$8.25; fair to good, \$7.25 to \$7.75; common and plain, \$6.50 to \$7.00.

Butcher Steers—Choice heavy, \$8.00 to \$8.25; fair to good, \$7.25 to \$7.40; best handy, \$7.75 to \$8.25; common to good, \$6.25 to \$7.40; light, thin, \$5.50 to \$6.00; yearlings, prime, \$8.00 to \$8.75; yearlings, common to good, \$7.00 to \$7.75. Cows and Heifers—Prime weighty heifers, \$6.75 to \$7.00; best handy butcher heifers, \$6.75 to \$7.25; common to good, \$4.50 to \$6.50; best heavy fat cows, \$6.00 to \$6.25; good butchering cows, \$5.25 to \$5.75; medium to fair, \$4.75 to \$5.00; cutters, \$3.75 to 4.25; canners, \$3.00 to \$3.60.

Bulls—Best heavy, \$6.50 to \$6.75; good butchering, \$6.00 to \$6.25.

Stockers and Feeders—Best feeders, \$6.25 to \$6.50; common to good, \$5.50 to \$6.00; best stockers, \$6.00 to \$6.25; common to good, \$4.50 to 5.75; good yearlings, \$6.00 to \$6.50; common, \$4.00 to \$4.75.

Milchers and Springers—Good to best, in small lots, \$75.00 to \$85.00; in car loads, \$60.00 to \$70.00; medium to fair, in small lots, \$45.00 to \$55.00; in car loads, \$45.00 to \$50.00; common, \$30.00 to \$40.00.

Hogs—A falling off in receipts was the medium for higher prices last week. On the opening day top was \$8.70, bulk went at \$8.60 and pigs landed at \$7.75 and \$7.85. Tuesday top jumped to \$8.85, with the majority going at \$8.75 and \$8.80 and light to good pigs brought from \$7.00 to \$7.90. Wednesday and Thursday a few made \$8.90, although bulk moved at \$8.85, pigs ranging from \$7.75 to \$8.00, and Friday the big end of the crop landed at \$8.90, with a few reaching \$8.95 and \$9.00, latter price being the highest since October 14th, 1915. Friday pigs landed at \$8.00, roughs brought up around \$7.75, and stags ranged from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Receipts last week were 29,000 head, being against 40,705 head for the week previous and 14,850 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs—Trade on lambs last week was not as good as the week before. Monday one load of lambs made \$11.85, three loads went at \$11.75, and the general market for tops was from \$11.50 to \$11.65. Tuesday and Wednesday the top was \$11.75. Thursday nothing brought above \$11.60 with some selling down to \$11.35 and \$11.40 and Friday tops again reached \$11.75, though they had to be fancy to bring above \$11.60, and pretty good class of stuff landed down around \$11.40. Cull lambs sold up to \$10.75, and top for yearlings the past week was \$10.25. Sheep were scarce and they were held steady all week choice wethers selling from \$8.75 to \$9.00, with ewes from

\$8.50 down. Receipts last week reached approximately 17,700 head, as compared with 19,014 head for the week before and 10,650 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves—Last week started with tops selling mostly at \$12.00; the next three days best lots ranged from \$12.00 to \$12.50, and Friday the bulk went at \$12.50, with a few reaching \$12.75. Cull grades went from \$10.00 down, heavy fat calves ranged from \$7.00 to \$8.50, and grassers, unless very desirable, are not quotable above \$5.50. No Canadians were offered the past week. Receipts for the entire week reached around 2,000 head, being against 2,496 head for the previous week and 850 head for the same week a year ago.

Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 26—Cattle—Beeves, \$6.85 to \$9.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.65 to \$7.70; cows and heifers, \$8.25 to \$8.25; calves, \$8.50 to \$11.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.05 to \$8.65; mixed, \$8.35 to \$8.70; heavy, \$8.25 to \$8.75; rough, \$8.25 to \$8.40; pigs, \$6.80 to \$8.75.

Sheep—Native, \$4   to \$8.50; lambs, native, \$9.15 to \$11.25.

The Oxford District
Holstein Sale.

The usual high-class offering of cattle will be seen at the 5th Annual Oxford District Holstein Breeders' Club consignment sale to be held at Woodstock on March 15. The members of the Club have a reputation to maintain and this they are determined to do at the coming event. One of the chief attractions will be the great show bull, Prince Abberkerk Mercena, a proven sire and brother to Madam Posch Pauline, the only cow in the world, it is said, to give 17,476.9 lbs. milk and 709.9 lbs. butter in 179 days. The owner of Prince Abberkerk Mercena is also offering one of this great bull's daughters. Another lot included in the sale is a 26-lb. cow. The names of the breeders consigning stock are familiar to all patrons of the Holstein breed. Write to the Secretary, W. E. Thompson, Woodstock, and get catalogues and full particulars about the sale.

Gossip.

W. J. McCallum, Brampton, Ont., and Wigan, Cumberland, Eng., whose advertisement appears in another column, is in the market to purchase a number of pedigreed Clydesdales. Parties having such horses for sale should communicate with Mr. McCallum.

J. A. Watt, Elora, Ont., writes that he has done a big business in Short-horns, in the last six months. The recent public sales held at Toronto, were topped by Salem Shorthorns, either bought here, or sold directly. Gainford Marquis, nine times first, and unbeaten in Great Britain, champion at Chicago International, and three years grand champion of Canada, will not be shown again, although he is as good as ever. Some time ago, we sold his champion son, "Gainford Perfection," for \$3,000, to Day & Rothrock, Spokane, Wash. "Gainford Marquis" is also the sire of "Silver Queen," champion everywhere in 1915, and Duchess 50th, champion of the Canadian shows 1914. Gainford Marquis in the get of sire class was never beaten, having the honor of winning over the get of the great Avondale, whose get were never beaten in the United States.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

March 8—W. J. Isaac, R. R. 1, Baltimore, Ont.: pure-bred stock.

March 8—John Tuck, R. R. 2, Breslau, Ont.: Shorthorns, sheep and swine.

March 9—Elias Ruby, Tavistock, Ont.: Holsteins.

March 14—W. J. Cowan, Cannington, Ont.: Clydesdales and Standard-breds.

March 14—East Elgin Breeders' Sale, at Aylmer, H. C. Mann, Secretary.

March 15—Oxford Holstein Breeders' Club Consignment Sale, at Woodstock; W. E. Thomson, Woodstock, Secretary.

March 29—Western Ontario Consignment Sale, London, Harry Smith, Hay, Ont., Manager.

April 19—James Benning, Williams-town, Ont.; Ayrshires.