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MARKETS.

Toronto.

Receipts at the Union Stock-yards Monday morning were: 69 cars, 1,353 cattle, 21 hogs, 971 sheep and lambs, and 11 calves. Quality of cattle was generally good; trade was good, and prices strong for butchers' cattle, which were as high as exporters. Prime steers and heifers, \$6 to \$6.25; good loads, \$5.70 to \$5.90; medium, \$5.40 to \$5.65; common, \$5 to \$5.25; cows easier, at \$3 to \$4.80; bulls, \$4 to \$5.25; milkers, \$4 to \$4.70; calves, \$3 to \$8.50; sheep, \$4 to \$4.50; lambs higher, at \$6 to \$6.15 per cwt.; hogs, selects, fed and watered, \$7.40 to \$7.45, and \$7.10 to \$7.15 to drovers for hogs, f.o.b. cars at country points.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS
The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards for last week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	182	128	310
Cattle	2,222	1,539	3,761
Hogs	4,105	4,035	8,140
Sheep	1,132	815	1,947
Calves	188	42	230
Horses	5	54	59

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards for the corresponding week of 1910 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	217	142	359
Cattle	3,118	2,176	5,294
Hogs	4,143	1,731	5,874
Sheep	1,957	449	2,406
Calves	318	36	354
Horses	2	161	163

The above figures show a decrease, in the combined receipts, at the two markets, of 49 carloads, 1,533 cattle, 459 sheep and lambs, 124 calves, 104 horses; but an increase of 2,266 hogs, when compared with the corresponding week of 1910.

Receipts of live stock were fairly large, considering that it was the first week of the year.

The quality of the fat cattle was medium to good, with a very few choice lots and loads.

Trade was good all week at both markets, with prices a little firmer than in our last letter.

Exporters.—E. L. Woodward bought for Swift & Co. 140 exporters, as follows: Steers, 59, weighing 1,189 lbs. each, at \$5.95 average price, or a range of \$5.75 to \$6.15; 81 heifers, 991 lbs. each, at \$5.75 average price, or a range of \$5.60 to \$5.85; 1 bull, choice quality, 1,980 lbs., at \$5.25.

Geo. B. Campbell bought for Morris & Co., 40 exporters, 1,200 lbs. each, at \$5.90. All of these cattle were bought for the Liverpool market.

Stockers and Feeders.—There has been nothing doing in stockers and feeders; none offered, and practically no demand.

Milkers and Springers.—Good quality milkers and forward springers sold readily at \$40 to \$100 each, but we heard of only two choice Holstein cows that brought the latter price. The general run of cows sold from \$40 to \$75 each.

The commission firm of Dunn & Levack sold on Thursday last one lot of 11 milkers and springers at \$72.50 each.

Veal Calves.—Prices firm, at \$3.50 to \$8.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts moderate and prices firm, as follows: Ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.65; rams, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.75 to \$6 per cwt.

Hogs.—Receipts moderate, and prices firmer. Selects, fed and watered at the market, \$7.45, and \$7.10 to drovers for hogs f.o.b. cars at country points. A few car lots were sold off cars at Toronto; that is, without being fed or watered, at \$7.55 and \$7.60.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, red or mixed, 85c. to 86c., outside. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.01; No. 2 northern, 98½c.; No. 3 northern, 95½c. Rye—No. 2, 61c. to 62c., outside. Peas—No. 2, 78c. to 80c., outside. Buckwheat—47c. to 48c., outside. Corn—No. 3 yellow, new, 52½c., Toronto freights. Barley—For malting, 57c.; for feed, 50c., at outside points. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 38½c.; No. 3, 36½c., lake ports; Ontario, No. 2, 32c.; No. 3, 31c., outside. Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, \$3.60 at seaboard. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90; strong bakers', \$4.70.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay—Baled, in car lots on track, Toronto—No. 1, \$12.50 to \$13; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$10.50 per ton.

Straw—Baled, in car lots on track, Toronto, \$7 to \$7.50.

Bran—Manitoba, \$19 per ton; shorts, \$21; Ontario bran, \$20, in bags; shorts, \$22, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Market unchanged; creamery pound rolls, 26c. to 28c.; creamery solids, 25c.; separator dairy, 24c. to 25c.; store lots, 21c. to 22c.

Cheese—Large, 12c.; twins, 12½c.

Honey—Extracted, 10c. to 11c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2 to \$2.50.

Beans—Market steady, at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per bushel for hand-picked.

Poultry—Dressed, turkeys, 20c. to 22c.; geese, 14c. to 15c.; ducks, 17c. to 18c.; chickens, 14c. to 15c.; hens, 11c. to 12c.

Potatoes—Car lots, on track, Toronto, 70c. to 75c. per bag.

HIDES AND WOOL.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, have been paying the following prices: No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 9½c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 8½c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 7½c.; country hides, cured, 8c. to 8½c.; green, 7½c. to 8c.; calf skins, 11c. to 13c.; sheep skins, 65c. to 75c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.75 to \$3; horse hair, per lb., 29c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 6½c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The William Rennie Seed Company report the seed prices as follows: Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$7 to \$7.50; alsike No. 2, per bushel, \$6.50 to \$7; alsike No. 3, per bushel, \$5.50 to \$6; red clover No. 1, per bushel, \$7 to \$7.25; red clover No. 2, per bushel, \$6 to \$6.50; red clover No. 3, per bushel, \$5 to \$5.50.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Prices unchanged, as follows: Box apples—No. 1 Spies, \$2.50; No. 2 Spies, \$2; No. 1 Greenings, \$2; No. 2 Greenings, \$1.75; No. 1 Baldwins, \$2; No. 2 Baldwins, \$1.75; Spies, per barrel, \$4.50 to \$6; Greenings, \$4 to \$5; Baldwins, \$4 to \$5; onions, per bag, \$1 to \$1.25; carrots, per bushel, 35c. to 40c.; cabbage, per hundred, \$3.50.

Buffalo.

Veals—\$7 to \$11.50.

Hogs—Heavy and mixed, \$8.40 to \$8.50; Yorkers, \$8.50 to \$8.75; pigs, \$8.65 to \$8.75; roughs, \$7.27 to \$7.50; stags, \$6 to \$6.50; dairies, \$8.25 to \$8.65.

Sheep and Lambs—Heavy lambs, \$5 to \$5.75; handy, \$5 to \$6.75; yearlings, \$5 to \$5.50; wethers, \$4.15 to \$4.40; ewes, \$3.75 to \$4; sheep, mixed, \$2 to \$4.

British Cattle Markets.

London market cables American cattle, 13½c. to 14½c., dressed weight; refrigerator beef easier, at 9½c. to 10c.

Montreal.

In the local market choice steers sold as high as 6c. to 6½c. per lb.; fine at 5½c. to 6c.; good at 5½c. to 5½c.; medium at 4½c. to 5½c., and common as low as 3c. per lb., although generally around 4c. There was a fair demand for sheep and lambs and calves, and the supply was none too large. Sheep sold at 4½c. to 5c.; lambs at 6½c. to 6½c., and calves at \$3 to \$5 for common, and up to around \$10 for good. There was a good demand for hogs, and prices were firm, being 7½c. per lb. for selects, weighed off cars.

Horses—Dealers reported a very dull demand. They declared that lumbermen are not buying horses this year, and in fact that they are not operating in the woods to anywhere near the extent they did a year ago; the reason given being that there is a lot of lumber on hand, which at present prices shows them a loss. As for the city trade, it was better than the country trade, but it was exceedingly dull nevertheless. Supplies, however, were very light, and dealers were compelled to pay a high price for them. Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., were \$300 to \$350 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., were \$225 to \$300; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$200; broken-down old animals, \$50 to \$100, and fine saddle and carriage horses, \$350 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs—The market for abattoir-dressed hogs was firm, and sales were being made as high as 10½c. and 10½c. for choicest fresh-killed. Country dressed were obtainable at 9c. to 9½c.

Poultry—The market for poultry has fallen flat after the holiday trade, and although trade will keep up to some extent for some time to come, there will be a great diminution in it. Choicest turkeys sold at 18c. to 20c., and undergrades down to 15c.; while chickens sold at around 14c. to 15c., and fowl and geese at 10c. to 12c.; the lower price prevailing where the quality was not finest. Ducks were not at all plentiful, and prices were firm, being 15c. to 16c. per pound.

Potatoes—The supply of potatoes was fairly liberal, and as a result prices were on the easy side. Offerings were made from the East at 80c. per 90 lbs., carloads, track, Montreal. Demand was light, merchants having apparently filled before the severe weather was expected.

Apples—Prices show no falling off, but rather a disposition to advance. No. 1 apples are very hard to get, and as high as \$8 is being paid for them by merchants. There were very few offerings at the auction. No. 2 stock, however, sold at \$4.25 to \$5 per bbl., and No. 3 at \$3 to \$3.50.

Eggs—The market for eggs was steady, and owing to the mild weather was disposed to be easy, particularly on the held eggs. The fresh-laid stock was firm, as the receipts from the country were light. Meantime, however, prices were steady, at 25c. to 27c. per dozen for No. 1, candled stock, and 32c. for selects; new laid being 50c. to 60c. per dozen.

Butter—Fall dairy sold at 21c., and creamery sold all the way from 23½c. to 25c., according to quality, wholesale.

Cheese—There was no interest in the market, and prices were nominally from 10½c. to 11c., or a fraction more.

Grain—The tone of the market for oats was firm; the price ranged from 39½c. for No. 2 Canadian Western, carloads, ex store, to 40½c. for No. 1 extra feed and No. 3 Canadian Western; No. 2 local white was 37½c., No. 3 was 36½c., and No. 4 was 35½c. Manitoba barley was 48c. to 48½c. for No. 4, and No. 3 American yellow corn, 57½c. to 58c.

Flour—The market was very steady and dull, at \$5.60 per bbl., in bags, for Manitoba first patents, \$5.10 for seconds, and \$4.90 for strong bakers'. Ontario patents are \$4.75 to \$5, and straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50. Some claim that flour could be had at lower figures.

Milfeed—The market was firm, being \$19 to \$20 per ton for Ontario bran, \$22 to \$22.50 for middlings, \$31 to \$32 for pure grain moultrie, and \$25 to \$28 for mixed. Manitoba shorts was \$21 to \$22, and bran, \$18 to \$20, while cotton-seed meal was quoted nominally at \$37 to \$38.

Hay—No. 1 hay was quoted at lower prices than the following, yet we repeat them: No. 1, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton, carloads, track; No. 2 extra, \$10 to

\$10.50; No. 2, \$9 to \$9.50; clover mixture, \$7.50 to \$8; clover, \$6.50 to \$7.

Seeds—Dealers say red clover has been coming in freely, and that alsike is getting well cleaned up. They were paying \$6.25 to \$7.50 per bush. for red, and \$6.50 to \$8.50 for alsike. Timothy was just starting, and dealers were offering \$6.50 to \$8 per 100 lbs., country points.

Hides—The market was very dull, and absolutely unchanged, at prices quoted the past few weeks.

Chicago.

Cattle—Beeves, \$6.45 to \$7; Texas steers, \$4.25 to \$5.40; western steers, \$4.30 to \$6; stockers and feeders, \$4.75 to \$5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$6.80; calves, \$7 to \$9.25.

Hogs—Light, \$7.75 to \$8.05; mixed, \$7.75 to \$8.10; heavy, \$7.75 to \$8.10; rough, \$7.75 to \$7.85; good to choice, heavy, \$7.85 to \$8.10; pigs, \$7.50 to \$8.05; bulk of sales, \$7.95 to \$8.05.

Sheep and Lambs—Native, \$2.60 to \$6.45; western, \$2.75 to \$4.50; yearlings, \$4.75 to \$5.80; native lambs, \$4.75 to \$6.55; western, \$5 to \$6.55.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Miscellaneous.

MASTER AND SERVANT.

A hires with B for one year for \$100, his engagement commencing on the morning of August 2nd, 1909, between 9 and 10 o'clock. A's name was placed on the Township voters' list, B being interested on political grounds. A was, according to Statute, ordered to perform one day's road work, which he did. On the expiry of his engagement, A worked for nine days for B, the understanding being that he was working by the day. No stipulation was, however, made as to wages. At settlement, B paid A \$100 as agreed upon, but deducted one day from the 9 days above referred to, on the ground that the road work performed by him (A) was for A himself, and not for B. He also deducted one half day, on the ground that A entered his service on the morning of the date above referred to between 9 and 10 o'clock. During the tapping season, B tapped 123 maple trees, and on three or four occasions, A, at B's special request, assisted him until between 2 and 3 a.m., A getting up at 6 a.m. as usual, thus losing no time.

1. When did A's engagement with B for \$100 expire?
2. Was B entitled to deduct 1½ days, as above stated?
3. Was B bound to pay A the customary rate of wages in the district for the nine days above referred to, that being from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day?
4. Was \$4.25 paid by B to A an ample return for the services rendered by A to B?
5. Was B loyal to the Liberal (his) party?
6. What, generally speaking, is your opinion of B's conduct in the matter?
7. Has A any further claim upon B? Ontario.

"TORY BLUE."

- Ans.—1. With the 1st day of August, 1910.
2. No.
3. B was liable to A for reasonable wages for the 9 days, and the rates mentioned as customary seem not unreasonable.
4. We think not.
5. We do not care to express an opinion on this point.
6. It was illiberal.
7. Unless he is precluded by settlements, we think that he is entitled to the balances of wages above indicated.

GOSSIP.

J. & W. Russell, of Richmond Hill, Ont., advertise for sale in this issue, from their noted herd of Shorthorns, four young bulls, sired by Imp. Lord Gordon -70135. Metropolitan electric cars from Toronto stop at the farm.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

- Jan. 24th.—J. Brydone, Milverton, Ont.; Shorthorns.
Feb. 1st.—William Linton, Aurora, Ont.; Shorthorns.
Feb. 8th and 9th.—Canadian Combination Sale, at Toronto, Robert Miller, manager.