

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, May 8.—We had, all told, about fifty loads of offerings on the market this morning, including between eleven and twelve hundred hogs, 250 lambs and sheep, and about 100 calves. There were also included several loads of export cattle and a rather large supply of stockers and feeders, so that really the supply of actual butchers' cattle was by no means large; neither was the quality of most of it ever good. The demand for shipping cattle was not up to expectations, and prices ranged from 4¢ to 5¢ per lb; now and again 5½¢ was paid but it had to be uncommonly good stuff to fetch the extra quarter of a cent, and 5¢ was practically the limit. There was some grumbling as usual among sellers at the prices paid for cattle generally, but if drovers will pay too much in the country, and then come to these yards and find they cannot trade at what they consider sufficient profit, they have only themselves to blame; and the prices ruling on one particular market day are only a very slight indication of what is going to be paid on the next occasion. Butchers' cattle were weak this morning for all kinds except the best; choice sold at 4 to 4½¢, and a few picked lots fetched 4½¢, but most of the loads were mixed butchers' and shippers', and it is difficult to clearly give prices in circumstances such as these. There was a brisk trade, with a fair amount of outside buying, and about noon a good clearance was effected. Among the sales are these:—One load of shippers, averaging 1,260 lbs, sold at 5¢ per lb; a load of 20 averaging 1,260 lbs, sold at \$4.85 per cwt; a lot of 17, averaging 1,280 lbs, sold at 5¢; and a lot of 12, averaging 1,300 lbs, sold at 5½¢ per lb. In butchers' cattle these were some of the principal sales:—A lot of 18, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 3½¢ per lb; a load averaging 1,010 lbs, sold at 4¢; a load of 20, averaging 980 lbs, sold at \$39 each; a lot of 13, averaging 950 lbs, sold 3½¢; a load of 21, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 3½¢ per lb; 4 heifers, averaging 780 lbs, sold at 3½¢ per lb; 7 cows, averaging 1,020 lbs, sold at \$36 each; and a couple of fine steers, averaging 1,225 lbs, sold at 4½¢ per lb.

Milk cows—There was near thirty here, but the enquiry was limited, and prices poor; it is doubtful if anything fetched \$40.

Stockers are plentiful at from 3¼ to 3½¢ per lb. A fair trade was doing in feeders.

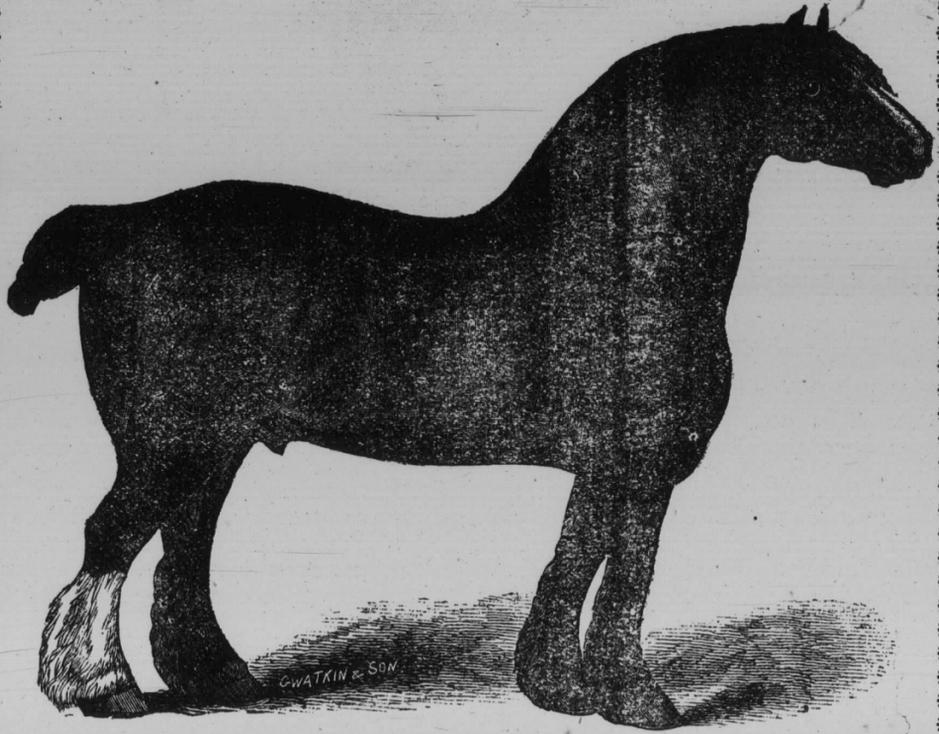
Lambs and sheep—Prices were unchanged in a quotable sense, but the tendency was towards weakness. Yearlings sold from 4½¢ to 5½¢, and very choice would bring 5½¢ per pound; there was ample here. Spring lambs sold at from \$4 to \$5 each if good, and there is only a moderate demand for the best. Sheep are worth from \$5 to \$6 each; good sheep, for export, are wanted.

Calves—Poor stuff is not wanted; choice will sell fairly at from \$4 to \$6 each.

Hogs—The market is weaker; in a few cases 5½¢ was paid to-day for choice hogs, off cars, but the general figure was 5¢. Next week the following prices will rule:—Choice, weighed off cars, \$5 per cwt; fat and light hogs, \$4.75; and store, \$4.50 per cwt. All kinds are wanted at prices graded from this scale, according to quality.

East Buffalo, May 3.—Receipts of cattle were 6 cars, and for these there was a poor market; the outlook is unfavorable for all but good, light, handy butchers' stock. Hogs—Receipts, 34 cars; market dull and weak for light grades, and the general demand was not strong; prices unchanged; mediums, heavy and choice Yorkers brought \$4.80 to \$5; roughs, \$3.25 to \$5.50; stags, \$3.25 to \$4. Sheep and lambs—Receipts were liberal again to-day, all of fifty cars, the market was a trifle easy for sheep, but about steady for lambs; top wethers brought \$4.50 to \$4.60; fair to good mixed sheep, \$4.15 to \$4.75; common to fair, \$2.90 to \$3.25; culls, \$2 to \$2.75; fancy heavy lambs, \$5.25 to \$5.40; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.25; spring lambs, \$3.50 to \$3.85.

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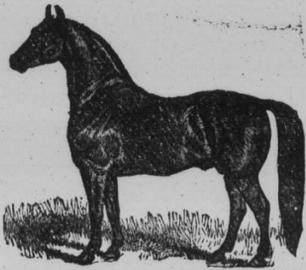
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