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## MARKETS.

### Toronto.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Export—Choice, \$4.50 to \$4.80; good, \$4 to \$4.40; others, \$3.75 to \$4; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4; cows, \$2.75 to \$3.50. Butchers'—Picked lots, \$4 to \$4.50; good to choice, \$3.75 to \$3.90; fair, \$3.20 to \$3.60; common, \$2.50 to \$3; cows, \$2 to \$2.75; bulls, \$1.75 to \$2.25; tanners, \$1.75 to \$2.50; Christmas cattle, \$4.75 to \$5.25.

Stockers and Feeders—Short-keep feeders, \$3.60 to \$4; good, \$3.40 to \$3.65; medium, \$2.50 to \$3.30; bulls, \$2 to \$2.75. Good stockers, \$2.80 to \$3.50; common, \$2 to \$2.70; bulls, \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Milch Cows—\$30 to \$60.

Calves—\$2 to \$10 each; 3½c. to 6c. per pound.

Sheep and Lambs—Export ewes, \$4 to \$4.30 per cwt.; bucks and culls, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.

Hogs—Selects, \$6.37½ per cwt.; lights and fats, \$6.12½.

#### BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 red and white, 78c. to 79c., at outside points; goose and spring, 74c. to 75c.

Millfeed—Ontario—Bran, \$16 at the mill, in bulk; shorts, \$17 to \$18. Manitoba—Bran, \$16.50 to \$17.50; shorts, \$18.50 to \$19.50, at Toronto and equal freight points.

Oats—34c. to 35c., outside. Barley—No. 2, 48½c. to 49c.; No. 3, extra, 46½c. to 47c.; No. 3, 44c. to 45c., at outside points.

Rye—70c., outside. Peas—40c., outside.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Creamery, 24c. to 25c.; solids, 23c. to 24c.

Dairy—Rolls, good to choice, 21c. to 22c.; tubs, 21c. to 22c.; medium, 20c. to 21c.; inferior, 19c. to 20c. Cheese—13c. to 13½c.

Poultry—Fat chickens, 8c. to 10c.; thin, 7c. to 8c. Fat hens, 7c. to 8c.; thin, 6c. to 8c. Ducks, 10c. to 11c. thin, 6c. to 8c. Geese, 9c. to 10c. Turkeys, 14c. to 15c.

Potatoes—Ontario—65c. to 75c. per bag, on track, and 75c. to 85c., out of store. Eastern stock, 75c. to 80c., on track, and 90c. to 95c., out of store.

Baled Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$8 to \$8.50 per ton; No. 2, \$6 to \$6.50.

#### FARMERS' MARKET.

Dressed hogs, light, \$8.25 per cwt.; heavy, \$7.75. Butter, 25c. to 27c. Eggs, 45c. to 50c. Spring chickens, dressed, 8c.; live, 6c. Old, dressed, 5c.; live, 3c. Turkeys, dressed, 12c.; live, 11c. Geese, dressed, 8c.; live, 6c. Potatoes, 80c. to 95c. per bag; apples, \$1.50 to \$3 per bbl.; turnips, 50c. per bag. Beef, hind quarters, 6½c. to 7½c.; fore quarters, 4c. to 5½c.; carcasses, 6½c. to 7c.; calves, 8½c. to 10c.; lambs, 9c. to 10c.; mutton, 7½c. to 8½c.

#### HORSES.

The local horse market maintains a quiet tone, though there is a good demand for the commercial classes, which are steady in tone and easy of sale, if they at all lay any claim to the bargain class. During the week, the sale-rings have been well attended, and supplies have been quickly absorbed. The demand, however, has been mainly local, though several small consignments of drafters have been shipped out, one carload going to Manitoba, where there is a demand for horses weighing from 1,400 to 1,600 pounds. Chunky delivery horses found a good market during the week, and the demand for this class has not yet been fully satisfied. High-class carriage horses and drivers are in demand, but unfortunately prospective purchasers are not offering the prices demanded by holders, and, consequently, business in this line is slow. Dealers, however, show no anxiety to make concessions, and say the purchasers will have to increase their bids. They point out that American buyers are offering very high prices, and they will take everything of quality that we offer here can offer them. The average prices paid during the week at the

Horse Exchange and the Repository are shown in the following table:

Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands .....	\$125 to \$175
Cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands .....	125 to 160
Matched pairs 15 to 16.1 hands .....	250 to 400
Delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. ....	130 to 170
General-purpose and expressers, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs. ....	150 to 180
Drafters, 1,350 to 1,750 lbs. ....	150 to 185
Serviceable second-hand workers .....	50 to 90
Serviceable second-hand drivers .....	50 to 90

### Montreal.

Live Stock—Live hogs are probably the feature of the local market for live stock. The supply is small. Selected lots, 6½c. to 6½c., off cars; mixed lots, 6½c. to 6½c. Demand for cattle showed some improvement, as did also the quality of the stock being offered. The result was an advance in the price of cattle, highest prices paid being from 4½c. to 4½c. for finest stock, good ranging from 3½c. to 4c.; medium, 2½c. to 3½c., and common from 2c. to 2½c. The market for sheep and lambs was firm. The quantity offered continues light, and sales of sheep took place at 3½c. to 4½c., lambs selling at 5½c. to 6c. The offerings of calves were light, and the quality of the stock was but indifferent. Poor stock ranged from 2c. to 3c., finer qualities ranging from 3c. to 4½c. There was also some demand for milch cows, and prices ranged from about \$30 to \$60 each.

Dressed Hogs—Prices are very fair, being 8½c. to 8½c. for straight lots. Abattoir fresh-killed, unfrozen stock, sells freely at 9c. to 9½c.

Poultry—Some large buyers of geese have been around the market lately offering 10c. for all the good geese available. Fine turkeys are selling freely at 15c., though a few may be had at less, when the quality is not right. Really fancy stock sells at 16c. Choice geese would probably sell at 11c. Ducks are quotable at 12c. to 13c. for fine stock, and old fowl at 8c. to 9c., according to quality. All chickens, nice bright stock sell at 10c. to 11c., and possibly a fraction more in some cases.

Vegetables—Market firm. As high as 65c. per 90 lbs. has been paid here lately, some having been purchased also as low as 57c. These are being sold in broken lots, bagged and delivered, at 65c. to 75c. Some quote the market at about 5c. below these prices. There are some shipments going on to the United States.

Butter—Prices are firm, here, at about 20½c. to 21c. for best Ontario dairy tubs; 21½c. to 22c. for fresh rolls, and 22½c. to 23c. for good to fine creamery, and 23½c. to 23½c. Shipments via the port of Montreal during the season of navigation just closed were 573,449 packages, against 490,300 the season before. The average cost per pound was 21½c., making \$12.90 per package, and a total of \$7,397,492, against 18c. per lb., \$10.80 per package, and a total of \$5,295,240 in 1904. The total production of butter, alone, in Canada is estimated at a value of \$48,000,000 for the season of 1905.

Cheese—Some holders are actually demanding 13c. for finest Ontario, but this cannot be obtained. Sales are taking place at 12½c. to 12½c. for Quebec; 12½c. to 12½c. for Townships, and 12½c. to 12½c. for Ontario. Exports during the season of navigation just closed amounted to 2,121,101 boxes, against 2,114,639 in 1904. The average cost was 10½c. per lb., or \$8.50 per box, making a total of \$18,029,358, against 8½c. per lb., \$6.80 per box, and a total of \$14,379,345 in 1903. The total production of Canada during the season is estimated to be 2,600,000 boxes, having a valuation of about \$22,000,000. Thus the production of butter and cheese alone in Canada in the past season amounts to \$70,000,000.

Grain—The whole market has been exceptionally dull. Oats, on spot, are changing hands at around 37c. for No. 1, store; 38c. for No. 3, and 39c. for No. 2. Some No. 2 corn is being dealt in at about a cent a pound.

Beans were not in active demand for local consumption. There is some export, however, principally for Russia, and prices are \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel for primes.

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Millfeed—There is a good demand for bran for feeding purposes, and prices are steady, at \$16 for Manitoba bran, in bags, per ton, and \$19 for shorts. Ontarios, in bulk, are \$1 less.

### Chicago.

Cattle—Common to prime steers, \$3 to \$6.75; cows, \$2.80 to \$4.40; heifers, \$2 to \$5; bulls, \$2 to \$4; stockers and feeders, \$2.15 to \$4.25; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.

Hogs—Choice to prime, heavy, \$4.95 to \$5; good heavy, \$4.85 to \$4.95; butchers' weights, \$4.90 to \$4.95; good heavy mixed, \$4.85 to \$4.90; packing, \$4.75 to \$4.90.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$4 to \$6; yearlings, \$6 to \$7; lambs, \$7.85 to \$8.

### Detroit Bean Prices.

H. E. Botsford & Co. report that the bean market has improved the past week, and while the demand is not large, the prices have gradually worked higher. Holders in the country are holding out for more money, and it looks as though prices would go higher. Futures look strong ahead, and they feel bullish on the bean situation; \$1.50 is being offered for December shipment, and "nothing doing."

### Buffalo.

Hogs—Heavy, \$5.15 to \$5.20; mixed Yorkers and pigs, \$5.10 to \$5.15; roughs, \$4.25 to \$4.60; stags, \$3 to \$3.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$6.25 to \$8; Canada lambs, \$7.25 to \$7.40; Western lambs, \$7.50 to \$7.75; yearlings, \$6.50 to \$7; wethers, \$5.50 to \$6; ewes, \$5.50 to \$5.75; sheep, mixed, \$3.60 to \$5.75.

### British Cattle Market.

London.—Cattle are quoted at 10c. to 12c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 9½c. to 9½c. a lb.

### Best of Its Class.

Enclosed you will find \$1.50, for which please send your paper for another year. It is a very fine magazine, and I enjoy its contents. It is gotten up in good shape, and it is a paper that is bound to improve farming if read and its advice practiced. I take several papers issued in the States, but it is the best of its class. Wishing your paper abundant success, I remain, GEO. P. MARTELL.

Md., U. S. A., Dec. 15th, 1905.

Aberdeen-Angus cattle, which have taken the lead again this year at the fat-stock shows, winning the championship over all breeds at Smithfield (England), and in the carcass competition at Guelph last week, are growing in popularity in this country as in the Old Country and the United States. Mr. Geo. Davis, of Alton, Ont., a station on the Owen Sound division of the C. P. R., advertises cattle of this breed for sale at reasonable prices. Mr. Davis reports the sale to Mr. Thos. Atkinson, of Living Springs, Ont., of the ten-month-old bull, Campbell of Glen-grove, an excellent specimen of the breed, and Mr. Atkinson is to be congratulated on his purchase. Anyone wanting good stock of this breed should write Mr. Davis for particulars.



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