

steers 800 to 900 lbs. \$3.90 to \$4.25; steers 600 to 800 lbs. each \$3.25 to \$3.90, and light stockers, 400 to 500 lbs. each \$3 to \$3.25 a cwt.

For good to choice milkers and springers there is a fairly good market, but common cows are hard to dispose of at any price. One drover, on Thursday last, offered four common cows, which cost

\$130 on the country, and the best price he could get was \$110 for the four, which meant a loss of \$20 on the cows, besides freight and yard charges and feed. Prices for cows range from \$25 to \$60 each. One extra choice cow sold on Thursday for \$70. The bulk of the best cows, offering sell at \$40 to \$55 each. The veal calf market was easier, caused

by the large run. The bulk sold at \$3 to \$5.50, with a very few choice ones going as high as \$7.

The receipts of sheep and lambs last week were light and consequently the market was weak. The best ewes sold at \$4.50 to \$5.50, rams at \$4 to \$4.50, and yearlings at \$6.50 to \$7.50 a cwt, and spring lambs at \$7 to \$7.50. At East Buffalo lambs sold at \$5 to \$7.10, yearlings at \$6.25 to \$6.50 and wethers at \$5.75 to \$5.85 a cwt. A comparison of these figures shows that Toronto sheep market is holding its own with Buffalo this spring. Sheep are higher there but yearlings are higher here. A feature of the market this spring has been the very high prices paid for grain fed yearling lambs. The market reached \$9 a cwt. a couple of weeks ago, a pretty tall price and making this quality a luxury only for the rich. Prices have fallen from this high pedestal, but \$7.25 a cwt. should give a very profitable return.

The hog market was 25c cwt lower last week, \$5.90 being the ruling figure 4 lb. at country points. At Toronto market quotations were \$6.15 for selects and \$5.90 a cwt for lights, with no real discrimination in the country when buying. If a farmer has a lot of ten or twelve hogs to sell and a couple of them are below the mark, no discrimination in price is made. The whole lot goes through at the same figure, the drover taking his chances on getting the best through at the packing house. This is not an incentive to producing good quality. Packers, however, report little fault in the quality of hogs now arriving.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET

Montreal, May 9th.—BUTTER—The market for butter took a sharp drop during the past week, when prices were marked down from 30c a lb. for single packages, to from 27c to 28c a lb. At the decline the market closed fairly firm owing to the still small quantities available. These prices will likely rule during the first half of next week, as butter sold at factory points today at 28c and 29c a lb. Dealers are working from hand to mouth, and look for still lower prices to rule before the end of this week.

CHEESE—There is a fair demand for cheese at prices ruling from 12c to 15c a lb. for choice old stock. A few small French cheeses have appeared on the market this week, and these have sold at from 11c to 12c a lb.

EGGS—The market for eggs is firm with a good demand from all sources at prices ranging from 12c to 15c in one country, or 12c to 13c a dozen in small lots for selected stock here, with other grades at 10c to 12c.

MONTREAL HOG MARKET

Montreal, Saturday, May 9th.—The market this week for live hogs has been decidedly firmer than for several days past, owing principally to the light receipts, and also on account of the fairly good advice from the other side.

There was a keen demand for the offerings this week which sold at \$7.00 a 100 lbs. for selected lots weighed off cars. The market for dressed hogs also firmed up a bit and a good trade was done at prices ranging from \$9.25 to \$9.50 a 100 lbs.

EXPORT BUTTER AND CHEESE

Montreal, Sat., May 9th.—The demand for cheese this week has been fairly brisk, although all the orders were for small quantities, and as a result the market is very firm at country points where the offerings this week have sold at prices ranging from 11c to 11c a lb. The high price was paid pretty generally for white cheese, which have been relatively scarce ever since the season opened. Colored cheese have been more or less neglected. The factorymen offering this class of goods were obliged to accept almost one half cent less than the price than was offered for white cheese. This great difference in value will not last very long, as there is no doubt that practically every factory will be making white cheese on Monday morning. It would not be surprising to find the position of affairs entirely reversed in two or three weeks. The factories throughout the country that are in the habit of making colored cheese should make colored cheese this week. From the day they open until the end of the season. Those who can best make white cheese should stick to that style of cheese throughout the season. They would never have one price ruling for white and another for colored. It is evidently simply a matter of getting a lit-



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to more than the other fellow, but after all it is a difficult matter to determine who gets the best end of it.

Present prices are rather high, and would certainly be lower but for the fact that the early make has been sold and has tended to keep the market firm. An easier market is likely to follow increased offerings at factory points. The better market is considerably lower than last week, prices in the country on Saturday ruling from 25c to 26c a lb. This is a decline of fully two cents a lb. from the prices paid at the same markets a week ago. Receipts are still very light, away behind last year, and tend to keep prices up. We look for an advance towards the end of the week, and considerably lower prices.

UNION STOCK YARD PRICES

West Toronto, May 11th.—Trade was a little better today, for good stuff. Poorer quality of cattle was easier, with no change in quotations. The demand for choice butchers' cattle keeps strong. One lot of choice butchers' sold at \$6 a cwt. There is a little better movement in feeders' choice, short keep ones bring \$5.30 a cwt. The run was 40 cars, including 116 cattle, 28 calves, 6 hogs and 91 sheep. Export steers sold at \$3.60 to \$3.93; cows at \$5 to \$5.25; and bulls at \$4 to \$5.25 to \$6.40; medium \$4.85 to \$5.20, and poor quality \$3.50 to \$4.50 a cwt. Feeders, 700 to 1000 lbs., sold at \$3.80 to \$5.25; 900 to 1200 lbs., \$4.40 to \$4.60; 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., each \$4.40 to \$4.25, and light stockers at \$2.50 to \$3.50 a cwt; calves sold at \$3.50 to \$4.50 a cwt. The Ontario market for good sheep show little change. Swine sold at \$4.50 to \$5.50 a cwt. Spring yearlings at \$5.50 to \$7.50 a cwt. Yearlings at \$3.50 to \$5.50 each. Hogs sold at \$6 a cwt.

PETERBORO HOG MARKET

Peterboro, Ont., May 9, 1908.—The local hog market is in a very unsettled condition and dealers hardly know what to do. The Ontario market is in the same state. The dealers are getting all they require and the hogs are in very good condition. The local market quotes the following price for last week's shipments: f.o.b. country points, \$5.85 a cwt; delivered at abattoir, \$6.30.

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