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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets last week were moderate. The quality of shipping cattle was fairly good, but there were few of the butchers that could be classed as choice. Trade was better than for some time, with prices for the bulk of all classes higher. On Monday, at the Junction, receipts of cattle numbered 19,000. Ocean space scarce.

Exporters.—Prices, last week, ranged from \$5 to \$5.50, the bulk going at \$5.20 to \$5.35. Bulls for export sold at \$3.75 to \$4.40. On Monday, exporters were easier at \$4.90 to \$5.35.

Butchers.—Prime picked lots sold at \$5.20 to \$5.30; loads of good at \$5 to \$5.15; medium, \$4.50 to \$4.75; common, \$4 to \$4.40; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.50; canners, \$1.75 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers.—Feeders of good quality are scarce. Steers, 1,000 to 1,150 lbs., are worth \$4.40 to \$4.70; stockers range in price from \$3.25 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—The quality of milkers and springers, generally, was not good, the bulk selling at \$40 to \$55 each, with a few as high as \$60 each.

Veal Calves.—Liberal supplies caused prices to be easy at \$3 to \$6.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Light receipts caused prices to be firmer. Export ewes, \$5.25 to \$5.75; rams, \$4 to \$4.50; yearlings, \$6.50 to \$7.75, with some select lots of ewes and wethers at \$8 per cwt.; spring lambs, \$5 to \$9 each, the bulk selling at \$6 to \$7 each.

Hogs.—Prices were reported by the packers to be 25c. per cwt. lower; selects, \$6.40, and lights at \$6.15 per cwt., with receipts light.

Horses.—The horse market last week was reported by the dealers as being the best of the season thus far. While no extraordinary prices were paid, all of good quality in the different classes found ready sale at fair quotations all round. The outlook for the future is reported as being bright. There is a better demand from the Northwest, and dealers do not have to keep horses for any length of time to find customers. Besides the steady demand for workers, there is an active enquiry for roadsters and saddle horses of extra quality, for which high figures are said to have been paid in some instances for the coming spring horse show. Burns & Sheppard report the following: Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands, \$150 to \$170; single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$150 to \$180; matched pairs, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$300 to \$500; delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., \$150 to \$165; general-purpose and express horses, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs., \$150 to \$180; draft horses, 1,350 to 1,750 lbs., \$165 to \$225.

BREADSTUFFS.

Grain.—Wheat—No. 2 white, 72c. to 72½c.; mixed, No. 2, 71c.; No. 2 red, 72c. to 72½c.; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, 96c., at North Bay; No. 1 Hard, 86c. to 87c.

Buckwheat.—56c.
Corn.—No. 3 American, 52c. bid, at Toronto; No. 2 American Yellow, 53c. to 53½c., with market strong; Ontario, 45c. to 46c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 38½c. to 39½c.
Rye.—No. 2, 62c. to 63c.

Barley.—No. 2, 53c.; No. 3X, 52c. to 52½c.; No. 3, 51c. to 51½c.

Peas.—78c. to 79½c.
Bran.—Scarce at \$23 to \$24, at city mills.

Shorts.—Scarce at \$24 to \$25.
Flour.—Manitoba patents, \$3.85, track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$2.67; Manitoba patent, special brands, \$4.50; strong bakers', \$4.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Light receipts. Market stronger than at any time this year. Creamery rolls, 29c. to 31c.; creamery boxes, 27c. to 28c.; dairy pound rolls, 26c. to 27c.; tubs, 23c. to 25c.; bakers' tub, 19c. to 20c.

Eggs.—Market stronger at 17c. to 17½c.

Cheese.—Market steady at 14c. for large twins, 14½c. Now is quoted at 11½c. to 12c.

Honey.—Market steady, but firm.

The Sovereign Bank of Canada

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of one and one half per cent. (1½%) for the current quarter, being at the rate of six per cent. (6%) per annum on the capital stock of this bank, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the head office and at the branches on and after Thursday, the 16th day of May next. The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 15th May, both days inclusive. By order of the Board.

78 Branches Throughout Canada.

D. M. STEWART, General Manager.

Strained, 12c.; combs, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per doz.

Evaporated Apples.—9c.

Potatoes.—Ontario car lots, 80c. to 85c. per bag. New Brunswick car lots, on track, here, 90c. to 95c. per bag for Delawares.

Poultry.—Yearling chickens scarce at 18c. to 20c. per lb.; turkeys, 16c. to 20c. per lb.; hens, 12c. to 15c. per lb.

Baled Hay.—Prices firm at \$13.50 per ton per car lot, on track, for No. 1 timothy; No. 2, \$11 to \$11.50.

Baled Straw.—Car lots, on track, at Toronto, \$7 per ton.

Beans.—Car lots, in bags, at Toronto. Hand-picked, \$1.25 to \$1.30; primes, \$1.15 to \$1.20. Broken lots at \$1.45 to \$1.55 for hand-picked, \$1.30 to \$1.35 for primes, in bags.

Seeds.—Toronto seedsmen report the market for red clover seed as being firm, with stocks none too large. For re-cleaned seed, the following prices are quoted to farmers: Red clover, \$14.50 to \$16.50 per cwt.; alsike, \$10.50 to \$13 per cwt.; timothy seed, \$5 to \$7 per cwt.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Prices are quoted as follows by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front St., Toronto: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 10½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 9½c.; country hides, 8c. to 8½c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 13c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 11c. to 12c.; sheep skins, each, \$1.70 to \$1.80; horse hides, No. 1, each, \$3.50 to \$3.75; horse hair, 30c. to 32c.; tallow, 5½c. to 6½c.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—The export trade in cattle showed a slight improvement last week. Prices were somewhat more tempting, shippers taking rather more space. It is expected that the export trade will show considerable improvement after the opening of navigation to the port of Montreal. Locally, receipts of all kinds of live stock have been very fair of late, but, as demand was active, prices showed practically no change. Exporters were paying 5½c. to 5 2-5c. for choice steers, and 4½c. to 4¾c. for bulls; butchers', 5½c. to 5¾c. for best steers, 4½c. to 5c. for good, 4c. to 4¾c. for medium, and 3c. to 4c. for common. Prices of sheep are strong, at 5½c. to 6c. per lb., lambs being 7c., spring lambs being \$2 to \$6 each. Fine calves are scarce, at \$6 to \$10 each. Trade in hogs is rather slow, and prices are a little on the easy side, sales of selected lots being made at 7½c. to 7¾c. The English market for hogs is reported on the easy side. Receipts of poor calves are large, and canners are said to be taking them.

Horses.—Last week was bad for trade in the horse market. The snows and succeeding cold and wet weather seemed to be an influence for dullness. Horses are hard to get, and prices show no evidence of falling off. Heavy-draft animals, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; express horses, \$175 to \$225; common plugs, \$75 to \$125, and choice driving and saddle animals, \$300 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Owing to the decline in the market for live hogs, prices of dressed showed a disposition towards easiness, and purchases were made at a slight decline. Abattoir fresh-killed stock, 10c. to 10½c.; demand fair. Bacon has been selling briskly.

Maple Products.—The general quotation on syrup, in tins, is about 6½c. per lb. This figures out to about 90c. per imperial gallon. Some quote 5½c. to 6c. in wood, and even less, but others say the price is too low. Sugar is quoted about 10c. per lb., but very little has been received here so far, apparently. The opinion here is that the run of sugar was not up to previous years until week

before last, but that the snows and subsequent thaws, followed by frosty nights and sunny days, may have turned the season into a somewhat unusually good one.

Potatoes.—Market stronger again. Turn-over fairly large, and stock is not offering quite so freely as previously, and from this forward the scarcity will be more noticeable. A car of Prolifics was sold at a basis of about \$1 per 90 lbs., Sault Ste Marie, recently, which would mean possibly 75c., Montreal. The general range is 68c. to 75c., Montreal, for white, or 90c. to 95c., bagged and delivered into store in a jobbing way, reds being 5c. or more less than these figures.

Eggs.—The trade seems to have come to the conclusion that the market will be a high one this year. At present, purchases cannot be made in the country at less than 15½c. per dozen, and some say they are paying more. Sales are being made here at 17c. to 17½c. for wholesale and jobbing lots, and at 18c. for single cases. It is stated that some of these eggs are being put away in cold storage. There will be very few eggs picked this season. Four of the large houses are not picking at all, cold-storage arrangements being now so perfect.

Butter.—After being up to 38c., the market for butter declined. Small lots of new-milk creamery are selling here at 29c. to 30c., and it is likely that large lots of new goods could be had at rather less. Held butter, as stated a week ago, is practically out of stock. The outlook for the coming season is still uncertain. There is little doubt, however, that prices will be high, though factory men need not be disappointed if they do not realize the extraordinary figures which prevailed last season.

Cheese.—Cheese boards are opening up again throughout the country, both in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. In Quebec, about 11½c., country points, was the idea of values which prevailed, those in Ontario being fractionally more. It would seem that purchases may be made in Montreal at 12c. to perhaps a little more.

Flour and Feed.—Dealers are demanding \$23 to \$24 per ton for shorts, bagged, and \$25 to \$26 for bran. Millers are quoting for future delivery, but allow that they are selling practically nothing. They claim a little flour is going out at \$4 per bbl., in bags, for Manitoba strong bakers', and \$4.60 for patents. There is very little doing, but there will be more activity after the opening of navigation.

Hay and Seeds.—The market for hay is reported easy and dull, not only abroad, but here. Prices are about \$13.50 to \$14 (some ask \$14) for No. 1 timothy, \$12 for No. 2, and \$11 for clover. The market for seed is quite firm and fairly active. Timothy is up to \$5.50 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs., Montreal; red clover, \$16 to \$17.50; white clover, \$14 to \$20; alsike being plentiful, and a shade easy, at \$13 to \$16.

Grain.—Oats firmer; good demand for export; some two or three million bushels Manitoba booked for shipment, May, June and July. Present price is equal to 42c. to 45c. per bushel. Local prices are 43c. to 43½c., store, for No. 2, 42c. to 42½c. for No. 3, and 41c. to 42½c. for No. 4.

Hides.—Market steady; demand dull, and quality of beef hides about the worst of the year. Prices steady all around, at 11½c., 10½c. and 9½c. per lb., for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Calf skins are improving, and prices are still 13c. for No. 2, and 15c. for No. 1. Spring lambs are 10c., and sheep skins \$1 each; No. 1 horse hides, \$2.50, No. 2 being \$2 each. Rough tallow, 1½c. to 1¾c. per lb., and refined, 6½c.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Common to best steers, \$4.40 to \$6.65; cows, \$3.50 to \$5.30; heifers, \$3.25 to \$5.50; bulls, \$3.40 to \$4.75; calves, \$3 to \$4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3 to \$5.25.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$6.57½ to \$6.65; light butchers', \$6.60 to \$6.65; light mixed, \$6.57½ to \$6.62½; choice light, \$6.60 to \$6.65; packing, \$6 to \$6.57½; pigs, \$4 to \$6.60; bulk of sales, \$6.55 to \$6.60.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$4.25 to \$7.75; yearlings, \$5.25 to \$7.75; lambs, \$6.75 to \$8.80.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—Liverpool and London cables are steady at 11½c. to 12½c. per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9c. to 9½c. per lb.

BUFFALO.

Veals.—\$4.25 to \$7.50.
Hogs.—Heavy, \$6.85 to \$7.10; mixed, \$7; Yorkers and pigs, \$7 to \$7.10; roughs, \$6 to \$6.10; stags, \$4.75 to \$5.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

STRINGHALT.

Driver lifts hind leg high with a jerk when asked to stand over in the stall.

J. C.

Ans.—This is stringhalt, a nervous disease that is usually progressive and worse in cold than in warm weather. Medicinal treatment has practically no effect. An operation, which consists in severing the peroneal tendons and can be performed only by a veterinarian, often effects a cure, but in some cases does not.

V.

CAPPED KNEE.

Three-year-old pregnant mare that wore a poke last summer has an enlargement in front of her knee. I have been advised to bathe well with warm water and then lance. Is there any danger of the enlargement being joint oil?

E. R.

Ans.—This is doubtless due to bruising by the poke. If the enlargement is soft, indicating that it contains a fluid, it should be carefully lanced and the serum allowed to escape and the cavity flushed out twice daily with an antiseptic, as a 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid, until healed. It would be wise to get a veterinarian to operate, as too deep cutting would puncture the capsular ligament and make an open joint. If the enlargement is hard it is doubtful if you will be able to reduce it. Get a liniment made of 4 drams each of iodine and iodide of potassium and 4 oz. each of alcohol and glycerine and rub the knee well with this once daily.

V.

LAME MARE—THOROUGHPIN.

1. Aged mare, in foal, went lame, in off fore foot last fall and has been more or less lame ever since.

2. Four-year-old has lump on both sides of the back portion of hock, on both legs. He is not lame and lumps disappear when he lifts the leg.

J. E. R.

Ans.—1. The symptoms given indicate navicular disease, which is hard to treat, and while you can relieve the symptoms to a greater or less extent, when the disease is well established a permanent cure cannot be effected. Make a blister of 2 drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides mixed with 2 ozs. vaseline. Clip the hair off for two inches high all around the hoof. Tie her so that she cannot bite the parts. Rub well with the blister, once daily, for two days. On the third day wash off and apply sweet oil. Let loose in a box stall and oil every day. As soon as the scale comes off, tie up and blister again, and then blister once monthly all the time she is nursing her colt.

2. These are thoroughpins and very hard to remove. Treatment is repeated blistering as described for question No. 1.

V.