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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets last week were 241 carloads, consisting of 3,341 cattle, 3,049 hogs, 1,230 sheep, 261 calves, and 155 horses. The quality of fat cattle was better than at any previous market this year; that is, there were more of the better classes, but there is still much room for improvement. Trade in exporters was not as brisk, and while the best classes of butchers' were readily picked up, the unfinished cattle were slow sale, at lower prices. In fact, prices were easier all round.

Monday's receipts at the Junction numbered 1,054 cattle; quality fair; trade good; prices firm. Export steers, \$5 to \$5.30; bulls, \$4 to \$4.50; prime, picked butchers', \$4.80 to \$5; loads of good, \$4.50 to \$4.75; medium, \$4.20 to \$4.40; common, \$3.75 to \$4.10; cows, \$3 to \$4; milkers and springers, \$4 to \$5.00; calves, \$4 to \$7 per cwt.; sheep, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.; lambs, \$6 to \$7 per cwt.; hogs, lower, \$5 per cwt., fed and watered, \$4.75, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Exporters.—Last week steers sold from \$4.85 to \$5.35, but only one extra choice load at the latter price, the bulk going at an average of \$5 per cwt. Bulls sold from \$3.75 to \$4.40, which is 10c. per cwt. lower.

Butchers'.—Prime picked lots sold at \$4.85 to \$5.10; loads of good, \$4.60 to \$4.85; medium, \$4.30 to \$4.55; common, \$3.90 to \$4.25; cows, \$2.50 to \$4; canners, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Stockers and Feeders.—None were offered, although there would be a fair demand for good quality.

Milkers and Springers.—There were two Montreal dealers on both markets, which caused a brisk demand for good cows. About 125 cows changed hands during the week at \$25 to \$35 for common, light cows, which are slow sale, and \$40 to \$50 for medium to good, with a few very choice at \$55 to \$60. Napoleon Derziel bought four extra choice cows, from one dealer, at \$59 each. Mr. Derziel is one of the leading cow dealers of Montreal.

Veal Calves.—Few choice calves are being offered. Extra-quality calves are worth \$7 to \$8 per cwt.; medium to good, \$5 to \$6 per cwt., and inferior to common, rough calves, \$3 to \$4.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Prices were firmer all round. Yearling ewes and wethers for butcher purposes, \$5 to \$5.25 per cwt.; export ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.75; rams, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; lambs, \$5.75 to \$6.75 for the general run, and \$7 per cwt. for selected ewes and wethers.

Hogs.—The hog market is in a very unsettled condition, and packers quoted prices unchanged at \$5.15 for selects, fed and watered at the markets, and \$4.90, f. o. b. cars at country points. We are aware of \$5 per cwt. having been paid at many places in Ontario. At Cayuga,

one drover paid \$5.25 per cwt., but was offering them to packers at \$5 per cwt., and had much difficulty to find a buyer at that figure.

Horses.—The horse market is showing signs of improvement, and the Horse Exchange, at Toronto Junction, is proving a very attractive place for dealers, as well as a popular spot for customers. The shipping facilities, both to and from the market, being of the best, are one great factor that commends the Exchange to the trade. Last week, seven carloads, besides many smaller lots, were shipped to various parts of Ontario and the Northwest, two carloads going to Edmonton. Perhaps the finest shipment, at least one of them, was 24 horses bought by the Consolidated Gold Dredging Co., of Alaska. These were shipped via Vancouver, in an express palace horse car, the freight alone to that point costing \$900. Buyers were present from many points of Ontario, as well as Montreal and the Northwest. General-purpose and light drafters were in demand, at \$110 to \$195 each; drivers were slow sale, at \$100 to \$160 each; serviceably-sound, good work horses sold from \$85 to \$95 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white winter, 97c.; No. 2 red, sellers, 96c.; No. 2, mixed, sellers, at 94½c.; No. 2 spring, sellers, 90c.; No. 2 Goose, sellers, 92c.; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, \$1.19; No. 2, Northern, sellers, \$1.15½, at lake ports.

Rye.—No. 2, 84c. to 85c.

Barley.—No. 2, sellers, 75c.; buyers, at 78c. to 74c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, sellers, 52c.; No. 2, mixed, 52c., buyers, sellers, 53c.

Peas.—No. 2, buyers, 87c.

Corn.—Firm; No. 3 yellow American, 64c. to 64½c., Toronto freights.

Flour.—Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$3.50 bid for export; Manitoba patents, special brands, \$6; second patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.30.

Buckwheat.—No. 2, 67c.

Bran.—Car lots, in sacks, \$25.

Shorts.—Car lots, sacks included, \$26.

Oil-cake Meal.—\$1.70 to \$1.75 per cwt.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market firm; prices unchanged. Creamery, pound rolls, 31c. to 32c.; creamery, solids, 29c. to 30c.; dairy, pound rolls, 25c. to 26c.; tubs, 25c. to 26c.

Eggs.—Market easier. New-laid, 28c. to 29c.; cold-storage, 21c. to 22c.

Poultry (dressed).—Deliveries light; prices firmer, as follows: Turkeys, 15c. to 18c.; geese, 9c. to 10c.; ducks, 11c. to 13c.; chickens, 13c. to 15c.; old fowl, 9c. to 10c.

Cheese.—Market firm. Large, 13½c.; twins, 14c.

Honey.—Extracted, 11c. to 12½c. per lb.; combs, per dozen, \$2.75 to \$3.

Potatoes.—Market firmer. Car lots on track, at Toronto, 95c. to \$1.05 per bag.

Beans.—Market firm. Hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.85; primes, \$1.70 to \$1.75.

Hay.—Baled is quoted at \$17 per ton for car lots, on track at Toronto.

Straw.—Baled, \$10 per ton, for car lots, on track at Toronto.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

The receipts on St. Lawrence farmers' market have been liberal. Market weak, with prices easy, at \$3 per bbl. for No. 1 Spies; No. 2 Spies, \$2.50; Talman Sweets, \$2. Wholesale dealers are holding their cold-storage apples for higher prices, and ask \$4 to \$4.50 per bbl. for No. 1 Spies. Evaporated apples, 7½c. to 8c.; dried apples, 5½c. to 5½c. per lb. Florida strawberries are selling at 60c. to 65c. per quart basket, wholesale; retail, 75c. Onions, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per bag.

SEEDS.

The William Rennie Seed Co. report a more active market for seeds, with prices firmer: Alsike, fancy, \$9.25 to \$9.50 per bushel; alsike, No. 1, \$8.25 to \$8.75; alsike, No. 2, \$6.75 to \$7.25; red clover seed, fancy, bushel, \$11 to \$12; No. 1, bushel, \$10 to \$10.50; alfalfa, per cwt., \$19 to \$23.

HIDES AND SKINS.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front Street, wholesale dealers in wool and hides, report prices as follows: Inspected hides, No. 1, cows and steers, 6c.; inspected hides, No. 2, cows and steers, 5c.; country hides, 4c. to 4½c.; calf

skins, 8c. to 9c.; kips, 6c. to 7c.; horse hides, No. 1, each, \$2.50; horse hides, No. 2, each, \$1.50; horse hair, per lb., 25c.; tallow, per lb., 4½c. to 5½c.; lamb skins, 85c. to 95c.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Receipts of live stock at the local markets have been good of late, although the offerings of cattle showed a considerable falling off as compared with the previous week. The attendance of buyers continues large. Choice cattle sold at 5½c. to 5½c. per lb.; fine at 5c. to 5½c.; good at 4½c. to 5c.; medium at 3½c. to 4½c.; common at 3c. to 3½c., and inferior down to 2½c. Supplies of sheep and lambs are very light, and the tone of the market is accordingly strong, and prices are fully ½c. per lb. higher, all round. Mixed lots of sheep and lambs are selling at 6½c. per lb. Choice lambs bring as high as 6½c. to 6½c. per lb., good being around 6c., and common, 5½c. per lb. Choice sheep sell at 4½c. to 4½c., good being around 3½c., and culls as low as 3½c. Notwithstanding the weaker cables on bacon during the past week or so, the local market for bacon showed an advance recently. This was owing to lighter offerings on the local market and continued good demand from packers and butchers. Prices advanced 15c. to 25c. per 100 lbs. Select lots were sold at 3½c. to 6c. per lb.

Horses.—Dealers in horses have nothing good to say of the market. There is little expectation of an improvement between now and the spring, and it is feared that, even then, the activity will not likely be very marked. Meantime prices continue steady, as follows: Heavy-draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275 each; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express horses, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice saddle and driving horses, \$300 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Offerings of dressed hogs were not particularly large last week, and prices held fairly firm under a good demand. Dressed hogs, fresh, abattoir-killed stock, sold at 8½c. to 8½c. per lb., country dressed being 7½c. to 8½c. per lb., the latter being fairly plentiful. The market for smoked meats and provisions continues pretty active, and prices hold about steady. Quotations of green bacon are steady, being 10½c. to 11c. per lb. for long clear, and 11c. for flanks and boneless, select bacon being 14c. to 15c. per lb. Hams are 12c. per lb. for those weighing 25 lbs. and over, 12½c. for those weighing 18 to 25 lbs., 13c. per lb. for 12- to 18-lb. hams, and 13½c. for lighter. Lard holds steady, compound being quoted at 8½c. to 9½c. per lb., and pure at 11½c. and 12 per lb. Barrel pork ranges from \$19.50 to \$23 per lb.

Potatoes.—There has been an improved demand for potatoes of late. Quite a good enquiry has sprung up from local sources, and towns in the vicinity also appear in need of stock. Receipts have not been particularly large, and the result is that the market is holding firm. Best white stock is costing 90c. to 93c. per 90 lbs., carloads, on track, and is reselling in loads, same position, at 95c. to \$1 per bag. Grocers are making purchases at \$1.10 in single bags and two or three bags, delivered.

Butter.—The market for butter has been very strong of late, and advances have taken place. Very little butter is being made, and it is likely that there will be considerable scarcity before the new-milk butter begins to arrive, a month hence. A number of merchants here are completely sold out of stock, and do not expect to have much more for some time to come. There is little or nothing doing in a large way, between merchants, but largest lots are changing hands at around 30c. to 31c. per lb., single packages and small lots being 32c. to 33c., with some talk of 35c. for this week.

Cheese.—The market is about steady, so far as price is concerned. There has recently been a splendid demand, however, from the other side of the Atlantic, and it is believed that some 25,000 boxes have been shipped. Not all this was a result of recent sales, some of it having been held here

on English account for months past. The late demand, however, has now fallen off entirely, and there is nothing going on. Not a great deal of cheese remains here unsold. Prices hold about steady, being 12½c. to 13½c. per lb. for white cheese, and 13½c. to 13½ for colored.

Eggs.—Receipts of new-laid eggs have been slightly larger of late, but they are still rather insignificant. However, prices continue at around 30c. per doz., in single cases, some demanding a little more. The advent of the Lenten season this week should have the effect of strengthening the market considerably. There is still a considerable quantity of held eggs in stock, and there will be no difficulty in disposing of these before the close of the season. Lined eggs are selling at 19c. to 21c. per dozen, and 21c. to 22c. for cold-store.

Poultry.—This market is now pretty slow, and little, save storage stock, is being handled. This sells at considerably less than would fresh-killed. The latter is in small volume and fair demand.

Grain.—The market for grain has been very dull of late, generally speaking. So far as wheat is concerned, the market has experienced a very considerable decline, and is again on the up turn, a good advance having been scored last week. As for oats, there has been little change in price, while demand continues steady. There have been a few sales to local buyers at 53c. per bushel for No. 2 Eastern Canada oats, 49c. to 49½c. for No. 3, 48c. to 48½c. for No. 4, 46c. to 47c. for rejected, and 49½c. to 50c. for Manitoba rejected, car lots, in store.

Flour and Feed.—The market for flour showed an improvement during the past few days, owing mainly to the fact that prices on wheat were stronger and higher. Prices on flour continued steady, but demand was more active. Manitoba spring wheat patent flour is \$6.10 per bbl., in bags, and seconds, \$5.10. The market for feed, particularly for bran, was quite active, though there was no change in price. Sales are still being made at \$23 per ton, in bags, shorts being \$24. The latter is also in good demand.

Hay.—Prices for baled hay continue about steady. The market, however, is a little uncertain, and dealers are a little puzzled over the course of prices for the near future. Meantime they are \$15 to \$16 per ton for No. 1 timothy, \$14 to \$15 for No. 2, \$12.50 to \$13 for clover-mixed, and \$12 to \$12.50 for clover.

Seeds.—The tone of the market is very strong, and higher prices are expected shortly. Red clover is selling at \$22.50 to \$24 per 100 lbs.; alsike, \$17 to \$20, and timothy, \$6.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs. Demand active.

Hides.—The only change in the markets last week was the deterioration in the quality of beef hides, these being now poor. Dealers are paying 5c., 6c. and 7c. per lb., respectively, for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, and 7c. and 9c. per lb., respectively, for Nos. 2 and 1 calf skins. They are selling to tanners at ½c. advance. Sheep skins are 80c. to 85c. each, and horse hides, \$1.25 for No. 2, and \$1.75 each for No. 1. Rough tallow is 1c. to 3c. per lb., and rendered, 5c. to 5½c.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$4.25 to \$6.15; cows, \$3.25 to \$5; heifers, \$2.50 to \$5.25; bulls, \$3.40 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$4.90.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$4.50 to \$4.55; butchers', \$4.45 to \$4.55; light, mixed, \$4.40 to \$4.45; choice light, \$4.45 to \$4.50; packing, \$4.40 to \$4.45; pigs, \$3.50 to \$4.35; bulk of sales, \$4.40 to \$4.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$4.25 to \$5.65; lambs, \$6 to \$7; yearlings, \$5.75 to \$6.20.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$5.60 to \$5.85. Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Yorkers, \$4.70 to \$4.80; pigs, \$4 to \$4.60; roughs, \$4 to \$4.25; dairies, \$4.60 to \$4.70.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London cables are steady at 10½c. to 13c. per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c. per lb.