

THE FARM BULLETIN.

THE MAPLE SHADE SHORTHORN SALE.

An ideal summer day found fully 1,000 farmers and breeders assembled at Maple Shade, the beautiful farm of Hon. John Dryden & Son, at Brooklin, Ontario, on June 5th. About 25 were present from the United States, principally from Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, and a considerable number of purchases were made for that country. The cattle were a choice lot in fine condition. The auctioneers, Messrs. Geo. P. Bellows, Maryville, Mo., and Geo. Jackson, Port Perry, Ont., conducted the sale in excellent style. The bidding was generally brisk, and both sellers and buyers were evidently well pleased and satisfied. The result of the sale is decidedly encouraging to breeders of "the red, white and roan," evidencing that good cattle are wanted at fairly good prices. The average for 39 head figures up to \$233.60. We give below a list of the animals sold for \$100 and upwards:

COWS AND HEIFERS.

Golden Hope, 1906; G. R. Hanna, Mobile, Ohio.	\$460
Red heifer calf, 1907; J. F. Mitchell, Burlington, Ont.	450
Rosebud 4th, 1905; Jas. O'Hara, Janesboro, Minn.	400
Belmar Bessie 3rd, 1906; G. S. Coombs, Lexington, Kentucky	400
Collynie Rose, 1902; A. F. & G. Auld, Eden Mills, Ont.	415
Clipper Rose, 1904; J. A. Countryman, Rockelle, Illinois	325
Victoria Duchess, 1901; W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland	355
Lavender Spinster, 1906; T. J. Johnston, Columbus, Ohio	350
Scottish Thistle, 1906; John Campbell, Woodville	300
Victoria Gem, 1906; W. A. Hall, Mobile, Ohio	250
Dumna-glass Nonpareil 4th, 1905; J. A. Countryman & Son	255
Golden Sunlight, 1905	290
Blossom, 1903; James O'Hara	270
Lavender Lassie, 1903; Jas. I. Davidson, Balsam	250
Village Lassie 2nd, 1907; Jas. I. Davidson	275
Village Lassie 7th, 1906; G. R. Hanna	225
Highland Rose, 1906; G. R. Hanna	225
Northern Bessie, 1905; D. R. Hanna, Ravenna, Ohio	250
Duchess of Gloster 101st, 1903; Thos. Baker, Solina	220
Blythesome, 1905; Moses Doolittle, Columbus	200
Lavender Baroness, 1906; J. A. Countryman & Son	155
White Feather 6th, 1907; T. J. Johnston	150
Caroline, 1906; W. A. Hall, Mobile, Ohio	160
Golden Ray, 1906; W. A. Hall	190
Rosebud 3rd (imp.), 1901; John McKenzie, Columbus	165
Lavender Lassie, 1907; G. R. Hanna	205
Scotch Bud, 1906; John Miller, Brougham	200
Gloster of Ivanhoe 1st, 1905; Jas. I. Davidson	135

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TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

The receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets during last week were 322 carloads, composed of 5,097 cattle, 5,690 hogs, 1,175 sheep, 1,300 calves, and 70 horses. The quality of cattle was generally good, more finished cattle being offered than on any other week this year. Trade for the best cattle was about steady, but common to medium classes sold at 20c. to 30c. per cwt. lower than in our last report.

At West Toronto, on Monday, June 8th, receipts were light, 314 cattle; market firm. Export steers, \$5.90 to \$6.40; picked butchers', \$5.75 to \$6; loads of good, \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium, \$5.15 to \$5.40; common, \$4.75 to \$5; cows, \$3.50 to \$5; milk cows, \$35 to \$65; calves, \$3.00 to \$5.50 per cwt. Sheep, \$4.70 to \$5.25; spring lambs, \$3 to \$6.50 each. Hogs, farmer, \$6.15, fed and watered, and \$5.90, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Exporters.—Export steers, last week, sold at \$5.75 to \$6.40; export bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.25, and \$5.50 per cwt. Butchers'.—Prime picked lots sold at \$5.70 to \$5.90; loads of good, \$5.40 to \$5.70; medium, \$5 to \$5.25; common, \$4.60 to \$4.90; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.75; canners, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers.—Messrs. H. & W. Murby report prices for feeders and stockers about steady at following quotations: Good steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs. each, at \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.; good steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each, \$4.25 to \$4.75; good steers, 800 to 900 lbs. each, \$3.90 to \$4.25; good steers, 600 to 900 lbs. each, \$3.25 to \$3.90; light stockers, 400 to 600 lbs. each, \$3 to \$3.25.

Milkers and Springers.—There was a good demand for good to choice milkers that sold from \$40 to \$60, and one extra milker brought \$69. Common to medium cows brought \$30.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts of sheep and lambs, especially lambs, were larger, with prices inclined to be easier. Ewes sold at \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.; rams, \$3.50 to \$4; yearling lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.50; spring lambs, \$3 to \$6.50 each.

Hogs.—Hog prices were unchanged. Selects, fed and watered, sold at \$6, and \$5.75 to drovers, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—The supply of horses at the Union Horse Exchange, West Toronto, was smaller than at any market since the opening of the Exchange. There were

not enough to supply the demand. Farmers, who refused to sell when hay was much higher in price, are less anxious now that hay is cheap and grass plentiful. About 60 horses of all classes were offered, and sold as follows: Drafters, \$175 to \$210; good to choice drivers, \$140 to \$210; general-purpose and expressors sold at \$130 to \$190; second-hand and serviceably-sound sold all the way from \$30 to \$95 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white winter, 90c.; No. 2 red, 90c.; outside; No. 2, mixed, 90c. Barley.—No. 2, 57c., outside. Corn.—No. 3 yellow, 81c. to 82c. Peas.—No. 2, 92c. to 94c., outside. Rye.—No. 2, scarce and wanted at 88c. Buckwheat.—No. 2, 55c. to 58c., outside.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 48½c.; No. 2 mixed, 46½c. Bran.—Car lots, on track, Toronto, \$22.50.

Shorts.—\$23.50 for car lots, on track at Toronto.

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

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts large, and prices lower. Creamery, pound rolls, 22c. to 23c.; separator dairy, 20c. to 21c.; store lots, 18c. to 19c.

Eggs.—Market easier, 17c. to 17½c. Cheese.—Market firm for old, 14c. for large, and 14½c. for twins; New, 12c. for large, and 12½c. for twins.

Potatoes.—Market easy at 90c. to \$1 per bag for car lots of Delawares, on track at Toronto; Ontarios, 85c. to 90c.

Honey.—Market quiet. Extracted, 11c. to 12½c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.50 to \$3.

Beans.—Market firm. Primes, \$1.85 to \$1.90; hand-picked, \$1.95 to \$2.

Poultry.—Receipts continue light, but

FAVORABLE FRUIT - CROP PROSPECTS.

A favorable winter for the fruit industry is reported in the May Fruit Crop Report of the Fruit Division, Ottawa. While some losses occurred in stored fruit in Nova Scotia warehouses, from rots, molds, and other fungous diseases, practically no serious injuries to trees are spoken of, although the damage caused by severe frosts in previous years in the Ontario fruit sections is still showing in some localities, especially among the older trees that bore heavily last season. Apple trees everywhere have wintered well, and are healthy and vigorous. Small fruits and peaches in Essex and the Niagara district came through the winter well, and very little killing back is recorded. Very favorable reports regarding spring and early summer conditions come from Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, although, of course, it is quite possible for the crop to be still gravely curtailed by adverse conditions, if such should occur.

Regarding Mr. Richard Gibson's article in "The Farmer's Advocate" of June 4th, headed "Forty Years' Experience with Alfalfa," a representative of this paper who visited Belvoir Farm, on the above date, was shown two pieces of splendid alfalfa, from which Mr. Gibson has been cutting green feed for his stock. One representative plant, from a field seeded in 1906, showed a top of 2 ft. 2 in., and a root-growth 4 ft. 10 in. deep, down to the point where it was broken off. It is safe to say that had the complete taproot been taken up, it would have been in the neighborhood of 7 ft. long, or perhaps more. This piece was cut first in the spring of 1907, and it is customary to secure three cuttings a year. Artificial inoculation is unnecessary at Belvoir, alfalfa thriving naturally wherever sown. The soil is a rich, sandy loam, with excellent natural drainage.

The Good Roads Association of Lycoming Co., Pa., in order to awaken interest in securing better roads, offers \$1,000 in gold as cash prizes to supervisors of the different townships in the county for work done in their respective townships during the season of 1908. One series of prizes (first, second and third) will be paid to the Boards of Supervisors who shall show the greatest improvement in the main travelled roads of their several townships during the present season. A subsidiary series of prizes is offered to the Boards of Supervisors entering the above competition, for the best three miles of consecutive road made by the King split-log drag.

At the Russell, Ont., cheese board last week, a resolution was passed that no cheese be boarded under one week old. Similar resolutions were passed on other boards. At Kemptville, a resolution was adopted to register the date of make of all cheese, and to ship none green.

spring chickens are becoming more plentiful. Turkeys, 18c. to 23c.; last year's chickens, 18c. to 20c.; fowl, 14c. to 15c.; spring chickens, 30c. to 35c. per lb.

Hay.—Baled hay, in car lots, on track at Toronto, \$12 per ton.

Straw.—Baled straw, in car lots, \$8 to \$8.50, on track at Toronto.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Northern Spies of No. 1 quality are worth from \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 are slow sale, at \$3 to \$3.50; and other kinds of apples sell from \$1 to \$2.50 per bbl. United States strawberries are selling at 12c. to 15c. per quart basket.

TORONTO BACON MARKET.

Breakfast bacon sells at 14c. to 15c.; backs, 16c. to 16½c.; long clear, 11c.; shoulders, 10c. to 10½c.; rolls, 10½c.; hams, 12½c. to 14c. Dressed hogs are worth \$8 to \$8.50 per cwt.

HIDES AND SKINS.

The E. T. Carter Co., 35 East Front St., wholesale dealers in wool and hides, were last week paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 6½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 5½c.; country hides, trimmed and cured, 5c. to 5½c.; calf skins, city, 10c.; calf skins, country, 9c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.50 to \$2.75; horse hair, per lb., 26c. to 27c.; tallow, per lb., 4½c. to 5½c.; sheep skins, 80c. to 90c.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$6.75 to \$7.15. Hogs.—Heavy, \$5.70 to \$5.80; mixed, \$3.75 to \$5.80; Yorkers, \$5.50 to \$5.80; pigs, \$4 to \$5.10; roughs, \$4.50 to \$4.70; stags, \$3.50 to \$4; dairies, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$6; yearlings, \$5 to \$5.25; wethers, \$4.75 to \$4.90; ewes, \$4 to \$4.25; sheep, mixed, \$4 to \$4.50.

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