

## MARKETS.

## Toronto Markets.

BIG BOOM IN THE PRICE OF HOGS—CHOICE EXPORT CATTLE  
SELL WELL—DECLINE OF EXPORTS.

	Comparative prices. Jan. 11, 1901.	2 weeks ago. Dec. 15, 1900.	Same date last year. Jan. 11, 1900.
Export cattle.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 60	\$ 4 50
Butchers'.....	4 25	4 40	4 40
Bulls.....	4 25	4 00	3 00
Stockers.....	3 25	3 00	2 75
Feeders.....	4 25	3 90	4 00
Sheep.....	3 50	3 35	3 75
Hogs.....	6 80	5 75	4 50
Lambs, each.....	4 50	3 50	4 00
Milk cows.....	45 00	52 00	45 00

The general trade at the Western Cattle Market has been remarkably good for the past two weeks, the best export cattle being scarce. Four hundred cattle were shipped through from Chicago, including some very good Shorthorns and Polled Angus weighing from 1,500 to 1,800 lbs., said to have cost \$6.50 per cwt. at Chicago. The following table shows the great decrease in our export cattle trade since the year 1897:

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Horses.
1900.....	92,180	34,838	2,832
1899.....	81,800	58,277	4,739
1898.....	99,049	34,991	5,827
1897.....	117,237	60,638	10,051

The number of cattle show an increase of 10,300 head last year over 1899, but these must be credited to Manitoba and the Northwest. Sheep show a decrease of 4,222 and horses a decrease of 507, but this does not include the shipments made to South Africa on account of the war, which amounted to 1,369 head, mostly from Ontario. A proposition is now being considered by the Army Remount Department to loan stallions in Canada for the purpose of breeding horses suitable for the Army.

**Export Cattle.**—The market was active, the supply not large, but a few choice animals were on sale that had missed the Christmas trade. Prices ranged from \$4.25 to \$5.00 for the choicest loads. Light export sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Messrs. Dunn Bros. were the chief operators. They purchased six loads, consisting of some choice 1,300-lb. exporters, bringing \$5.00 per cwt.—one steer, the best on the market, weighing 1,740 lbs., at \$4.75, and one bull weighed 1,570 lbs., at \$4.00 per cwt.

**Butchers' Cattle.**—The demand good for best class; those weighing 1,000 to 1,100, not heavy enough for export, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Good to choice cattle sold at \$3.75 to \$4.00 per cwt. Common inferior rough cows, heifers and steers sold at from \$2.40 to \$3.25. The market is likely to be steady for the next two weeks. Several lots of cattle offered to-day were too light for export. Messrs. Halligan & Rowntree bought two loads of butchers' cattle, 1,125 lbs. average, at \$4.00 per cwt. Mr. Alex. Levack bought two loads of good cattle at \$4.50 per cwt.

**Export Bulls.**—Heavy export bulls sold at from \$4.00 to \$4.50; light at from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Bulls for the byres, 1,100 lbs. average, sold at from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt. Messrs. Beall & Stone sold two bulls, 1,415 lbs. each, at \$4.00 per cwt; two fat cows at \$4.50 each, average 1,300 lbs. in weight.

**Feeders.**—Steers weighing from 800 to 900 lbs. sold at \$3.00 to \$3.20 per cwt. Heavy well-bred steers, weighing from 1,000 to 1,150 lbs. average, sold at \$3.60 to \$3.90 per cwt. Short-keep feeders, weighing 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., good quality for furnishing at the byres, met ready sale at \$4.00 per cwt.

**Stockers.**—Trade in Buffalo stockers not brisk. Yearlings weighing 500 to 800 lbs. average sold at from \$2.25 to \$3.00; black

and white mixed colors, poor quality, sold down to \$1.75 to \$2.00 per cwt.; offerings larger than present requirements.

**Sheep.**—The market has regained some of its lost ground and prices are higher. There is a fair demand for export ewes, at \$3.00 to \$3.40 per cwt., but supplies are limited. The drovers report most of the small stuff cleaned up from the country districts.

**Lambs.**—Spring lambs sold at \$4.00 to \$4.50 per head, and at \$1.50 to \$1.80 per cwt. Mr. James Harris bought 150 lambs at \$4.50 per cwt.

**Calves.**—Only a few on offer—not very choice—at from \$3.00 to \$7.00 per head.

**Milk Cows.**—Only fifteen on offer. Choice cows would sell. Top price for the day, \$45.00. They sold from \$30.00 to \$45.00 per head. Mr. W. Armstrong bought four at \$40.00 per head. Mr. James Armstrong bought six at \$44.00 per head. Mr. Jas. Ryan bought four at \$40.00 per head.

**Hogs.**—Packers are bidding high for hogs, and there seems to be a war amongst all the outside houses for supplies. Small offerings have again advanced the price to \$6.80. There is some talk that the price will go again to \$7.00, but our opinion is that they will not go beyond \$6.85 next week, unless there is a great shortage. The drovers all report a great dearth of hogs in the country. We do not get the large supplies we did last year at this time. Should the Liverpool market hold, the price will go up to \$7.00 for choice singers scaling 160 lbs. to 200 lbs. live weight, unfed or watered off cars. Market strong, prices steady and advancing.

**Grain Market.**—Receipts of grain on the street market were 3,200 bushels, as follows: 2,300 bushels of wheat; white at 70c., red at 70c.; goose at 65c., and one load of spring wheat at 70c. per bushel.

**Barley.**—Four hundred bushels sold at 42c. per bushel.

**Oats.**—Four hundred bushels of oats sold at 30c. to 31c. per bushel.

**Rye.**—One load only, at 51c. per bushel.

**Hay.**—In farmers' loads, at \$12.00 to \$13.50 per ton; baled hay in ton lots, at \$9.50 per ton.

**Straw.**—Loose straw (five loads) sold at from \$9.50 to \$10.50 per ton; baled straw in car lots, at \$4.75 per ton.

**Dressed Hogs.**—Bright stock steady at the advance, \$8.25 per cwt. in car lots; on track, \$7.00 per cwt. Sows quoted, by request, at from \$3.75 to \$6.00 (according to age and quality) per cwt.

**Hides.**—No. 1 green, 8½c. lb.; No. 1 cured, 9c. lb.; calfskins, 8c. lb.; lambskins, 90c. each; horse hides, \$2.50 each; deer-skins, 10c. lb.; wool, pulled, super, 10c. lb.; wool, fleece, unwashed, 9½c. lb.; wool pulled, extra, 2½c. lb.

## MARKET NOTE.

Mr. F. Keswick was on the market to-day, and reports great increase in the quantity and quality of the range cattle this year. He is ranching at Calgary, Alberta.

## Chatty Stock Letter from Chicago.

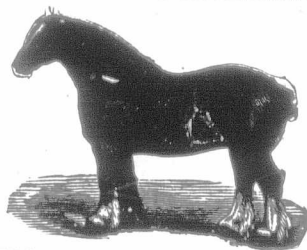
[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

A good many cattle being marketed at present are of the short-fed kind—been on feed 90 to 100 days. Some of them are selling for less than they cost when taken out, being poor cattle poorly handled. Others, again, are being bought by countrymen and sent back to be finished. Most of these short-fed cattle, however, are too inferior to bother with in a feed lot. Steers of the dairy breeds, and "crooked," unthrifty young cattle, do not pay to finish out even if they occasionally pay for being short-fed. A man from Atlanta says the long-fed cattle are all gone from his country, and the supply of fat steers for the immediate market rather scarce.

Veal calves are selling 50c. higher than a while ago, mostly at \$6.25. This seems high, especially when dressed calves are selling at 9c. on South Water street. A year ago, veal calves were selling at \$8 to \$8.50, with veal "on the street" at 13c. and skins at 12c. Now skins are only 11c., which makes a lot of difference.

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G. W. Clemons, St. George, Ont., in ordering a change in his advertisement of Holstein cattle, writes: "Sales are very good. Enquiries are coming in shoals. The result of the food test at the Dairy Show, at Guelph, has made many friends for the 'black and whites'."

PLEASE MENTION FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

A red 3-year-old Shorthorn bull is advertised for sale in this issue by Robert Moorhouse, Cairo, Ont. He is a son of Calithness, a noted show bull, and on his dam's side is from one of the best milking families of Shorthorns in the Dominion.

Mr. James Boden, manager of the Tredinock herd of Ayrshires of Mr. Reford, St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, writes:—"Will you please change our advt. for a little and state we have sold out all our bulls, but will part with a few heifers. We never had so many enquiries after good young bulls or cattle are doing splendidly and milking well. The cross with Napoleon of Auchincbrain on Glencairn heifers has every appearance of making great dairy cows. They are great-tempered heifers. Will have no young calves before March from Lord Dudley, but if he gives us the same kind as was after him in Scotland we will be pleased. For they were good ones. Will have 36 head of calves before September, so will be able to fill a few orders. Have five No. 1 Shropshire ram lambs that will sell reasonably. They are good ones."

J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont., writes: "Our flock of Leicester are doing nicely on their plain rations, after the good time they had at Chicago Show, where they not only won first and third prizes for the best ram and four ewes any age, and best ram and two ewes any age, also the champion ram and ewe prizes. At Toronto they won first prize for the best flock bred and owned by exhibitor, and first-prize pen at Ottawa. This we consider a good record for 1900. Our sales have been good, sheep going to Quebec, Manitoba, and Ontario. We breed the best, buy the best, and sell our best. The Shorthorns are doing nicely. The young imported bull, Loyalty, now heading the herd, is doing nicely and promises to speak for himself. His sire is Prince Charlie (73263), by the Marr Missie bull, Musgrove, by the Cruickshank the Duffie bull, Prince of Fashion (5487), which is half-brother to the champion Marengo and to Brave Archer. Have just sold to Mr. R. Gibson, Delaware, Lord Chancellor, sire imp. Prime Minister, g-sire imp. Warfare, by the Brawith Bull, Gravesend, dam a Crimson Flower. This is a good calf and selected by a good judge. To Mr. Geo. R. Clayton, Peapabun, Ont., the strong red bull, General Kruger, by imp. Prime Minister, dam by imp. Guardsman, the sire of a number of winners, among which was St. Valentine. We have a few more bulls for sale, ready for service, among them being a twin to the Crimson Flower bull sold to Mr. Gibson. Our three-year-old Clyde stallion, King of the Clydes, is looking fine, and promises to go on and win some more of the red ribbons. He has improved rapidly since the September show. He has size, substance and quality, without roughness, and that is what we want to improve our stock. King of the Clydes has been pronounced by men who have made a success of the horse business as being a horse which is hard to find his equal. I was very much pleased with your Xmas number. It is nicely illustrated and very interesting."

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