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Toronto Markets.

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The general trade at the Western Cattle Market has been remarkably good for the past two weeks, the best export cattle oeing 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:

| 1.54 | Cattle. | Sheep. | Horses. |
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| 1900 | 92,180 | 34,838 | 2.832 |
| 1899 1898 | 81,800 | 58,277 | 4,739 |
| 1897 | 99,049 $117,237$ | 34,991 | 5,827 |
| | 111,201 | 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 4,232, 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.

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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, weigning 1,740 lbs., at \$4.75, and one bull weighed 1,570 lbs., at \$4.00 per cwt.

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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;

Needers.—Steers weighing from 800 to 900 lbs. in weight.

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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 \$4.50 to \$4.80 per cwt. Mr. James Harris bought 150 lambs at

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

Milk Covs.—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.

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bushel. Rye.—One load only, at 51½c. 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.

per cwt. Hides—No. 1 green, 8_2 c. lb.; No. 1 cured, 9c. lb.; calfskins, 8c. lb.; lambskins, 90c. each; horse hides, \$2.50 each; deerskins, 10c. lb.; wool, pulled, super, 10c. lb.; wool, fleece, unwashed, 9_2 c. lb.; wool pulled, extra, 2lc. 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.]

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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 \$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

Ripe fat cattle are scarce, and are going to sell higher. Mark the prediction. It takes no prophet or son of a prophet to see this. People who made them too heavy a year ago are making the opposite mistake now. Twas ever thus.

The cattle good enough for exporters are getting decidedly scarce. The best cattle are selling at \$6 to \$6.15, against \$6.50 to \$6.60 a year ago.

Best heavy hogs are selling at \$5.40, against \$4.60 a year ago, and best light at \$5.32\frac{1}{2}, against \$4.45 a year ago.

Hogs that sold at the top of the market one day recently averaged 244 lbs., and on another day 361 lbs. A short month ago buyers were giving a premium for the medium weights, and now there is a decided preference for the big ones. The average weight of last week's hogs was only 227 lbs., a falling off of 20 lbs. from last autumn, when 300 to 600 lb. hogs were very plentiful.

The hog receipts lately did not respond to the advancing prices. In about a week there was an upturn of 40c. on prices, with no big run of hogs as a consequence. One day, when 47,500 arrived quite unexpectedly, the market opened 10c. lower, but finally closed strong. The supply, considering the big advance lately made and the inducements offered the country to ship hogs, was not large. Had the run contained a decent proportion of good heavy hogs it would have been different, but it was a fair run of light butcher weights.

Packers have no stocks of provisions, and are really not in condition to see hog prices go up, but the consumptive demand for fresh meat is so strong that the competition for hogs on this account forces the prices upward.

The sheep situation is not entirely satisfactory, but prices are by no means low. Some prime Mexican yearlings, averaging 77 to 78 lbs., sold at \$5.15 to \$5.25, with heavy yearlings, suitable to export, \$4.55. The light ones sell so well because they can be handled as lamb meat. Prime lambs sold up to \$5.85, against \$6.25 a year ago.

A lot of 25,000 Western sheep, 130 to 140 lbs., is being delivered in Chicag

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The Imperial Government prohibiting animals from the Argentine entering any of the markets of Great Britain, due to foot and mouth disease prevailing among them, caused a stoppage of that trade. Mr. A. Thompson, who has for the last three years been engaged in the trade, thinks it is killed for good, and with every probability of the same embargo being placed on the American cattle, whilst the authorities are only waiting a favorable time to place an embargo on all live cattle entering Great Britain. This has caused values to increase on all cattle sent from Canada. The price went up in the early part of the season to \$5.50 per cwt., but the decline set in rapidly and prices fell to about the lowest point. Shippers lost all they made on their early shipments, and the season closed the most unprofitable on record for Ontario. With regard to the export of cattle from the Northwest, which shows an increase of over 15,000 head, Messrs. Gordon & Ironsides shipped about 10,000 head of ranch cattle, but the price fell off toward the latter part of the season. Had it not been for the Northwest cattle, Canada export trade would have shown a great decrease. The number shipped from Montreal to all ports for the year 1900 was: cattle, 92,150; sheep, 34 838; horses, 2,832. This does not include the horses sent by Great Britain to South Africa, which amount to 3,000 all told.

The export of eggs had a very successful season, but while Canada has done well, there is still room to double the output when it is considered that Great Britain takes 60,315,980 dozen. Canada only contributed the small number of 243,302 boxes. The Ontario shippers, Messrs. Gunn Bros., of Front street, Montreal, shipped over 35,000 boxes to Liverpool, Glasgow and Manchester, heading the entire list for Canadian eggs.

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Mr. W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont., writes:—My last importation of Shorthorns will arrive at the farm about Jan. 20th, consisting of 8 bulls and 30 females. Note Mr. Flatt's new advertisement advertisement.

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Joseph Featherston & Son, Streetsville, Ont., breeders and importers of Yorkshire hogs, write: "As we are having good prospects for a fair crop of pigs in the spring, we wish to change our advt. Our sows are looking very well. We have eleven imported sows, all bred except two, which we are keeping back for June litters, besides thirty Canadian bred sows—all of which are wintering splendidly on roots and a little corn. We have also three imported boars that are growing good, lengthy, strong pigs. They appear to be more vigorous feeders and growers than our Canadian stock. A sea voyage appears to be beneficial to animals as well as to man."

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James Douglas, Caledonia, Ont., in ordering new advt., writes: — "Shorthorns are doing splendidly. Have made a number of sales lately of both bulls and heifers, though we have a large herd and do not miss what we have sold very much. Our imported bull is growing into a fine animal, and is leaving us some very choice calves. We have two young bulls from him that would be hard to beat in any company. They are a very fine pair. Our Leicesters are doing well, and in good demand. Have some shearlings left for sale, and some ewe lambs; no rams left—could have sold more if I had them. Am well pleased with the ADVOCATE. It brings lots of inquiries, and the right kind."

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When having an auction sale of pure-bred or other good live stock, it is important to engage an auctioneer that understands values and enjoys the confidence of the public. For many years Mr. Thos. Ingram, Guelph, Ont., has conducted, with marked success, the chief sales over a considerable area in Wellington County, and occasionally has been called to other portions of the Province. He has the happy faculty of keeping the people interested and in good humor, and holds the sympathy of his audience. As a sample of his work in this line we may refer to the dispersion sale of the herd of Shorthorn cattle and flock of Oxford sheep of Mr. W. R. Elliot, of Hespeler, Ont., Nov. 28th last, conducted by Mr. Ingram, where prices ruled high and Mr. Elliot was well pleased with the results, prices ranging from \$100 to \$370. Mr. Ingram has had a score of years of successful experience, and will give his sales his best efforts. See his advt. in of stock.

For Abortion in Cows.—The Wort Characteristics and successful experience and solve the stock.

For Abortion in Cows. The West Chem-For Abortion in Cows.—The West Chemical Co., Toronto, manufacturers of West's Chemical Disinfecting Fluid, have received from a prominent breeder of dairy cattle the following:—'I have used West's Disinfecting Fluid in my stables with the best success. All my herd had suffered to quite an extent from contagious abortion. I used your Fluid according to directions, and, I may say, during the past year or more I have not had a single case of abortion. I can highly recommend its use as a disinfectant, and the many other uses for which it is recommended.—John H. Douglas."

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The largest flock of imported Lincoln sheep in America, and contains more Royal flist-prize winners than any other on this continent. Sheep of this flock won the first prize for the best flock at Toronto, and all the flot wings for value at the later. flock won the first prize for the best flock at Toronto, 1900, and all the first prizes for rams at the International Show at Chicago, including the championship and progeny of a sire. Imported and homebred rams and ewes for sale. Fifty imported ewes in lamb to first-class English rams. Write for prices or come and see.

J. H. & E. PATRICK.

Ilderton. Ont.

Ilderton, Ont. 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."

A red 3-year-old Shorthorn bull is advertised for sale in this issue by Robert Moorhouse, Cairo, Ont. He is a son of Caithness, 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 Tredininock 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. Our cattle are doing splendidly and milking well. The cross with Napoleon of Auchenbrain on Glencairn heifers has every appearance of making great dairy cows. They are greatteated 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 to calve 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."

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J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont., writes: "Our flock of Leicesters 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 cwes 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 Clipper, Criterion, g.-sire Matadore (67461), by the Duthie bull, Prince of Fashion (84587), 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, Peepabun. 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 improved rapidly since the September show. He has improved rapidly since the September show. He has increased with your Xmas number. It is nicely illustrated and very interesting." PLEASE MENTION FARMER'S ADVOCATE. PLEASE MENTION FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT DO SO.

How frequently you hear people complain of "only a slight case of piles," often claiming that the trouble is merely temporary, induced by costiveness or sedentary habits.

It may be some satisfaction to console yourself in this way, but it is much better to check the trouble at once. You can't do it too soon.

In time these little rectal tumors will grow from the size of a grape seed until a knot of them results

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as large as pigeons' eggs.

These become inflamed and tender to the touch, and cause itching, stinging and throbbing pain.

Thus the disease continues from bad to worse until the patient can bear the annoyance no longer.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is a perfectly safe and certain cure for piles in any of these stages. It goes to the very source of the trouble and drives out all inflammation, causing the tumors to subside and the membranes to resume their normal healthy condition.

tion.
Piles lead to too many complications to trifle with every remedy that comes along. People have found it pays to use a standard remedy like the Pyramid Pile Cure, which for ten years has been tested in thousands of cases.

Physicians use the Pyramid Pile Cure in preference to surgical operations, because they know it contains no occaine, morphine or poisonous drug, and because it is no longer as a contraction.

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D. Alexander, Brigden, Ont., advertises in this issue young Shorthorn bulls for sale. Mr. Alexander has excellent strains of eattle, and breeds good ones. Write him for particulars,