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cattle on sale showed more quality than previously and met with an improved demand. One choice heavy steer brought \$10.50 per hundred, but the larger proportion of this class sold at \$8.50 to \$9 per hundred. Female classes of butcher cattle were slower at slightly reduced prices. The highest for butcher heifers was \$9.75 per hundred, the bulk of the sales being made between \$7.50 and \$8.50. Good cows sold from \$7 to \$8 per hundred, and good springers were in demand. Good quality oxen held steady all week, but the common kind sold at reduced prices. Butcher bulls were also lower in price during the week. The run of calves was light but prices were 50 cents per hundred lower than the top of the previous week, the best veal calves selling at \$12 per hundred, with the bulk of the sales being made between \$10 to \$11. There was a large movement of stocker and feeder cattle from the market to the country during the week, the number being in the neighborhood of eleven hundred. Quotations on this class showed a reduction of 25 cents per hundred, the bulk of the offerings bringing from \$6.50 to \$7.25.

Sheep and lamb receipts were light and in good demand. Good lambs sold at \$12 per hundred, and good sheep around \$8.

Although the receipts of hogs were nine hundred head fewer than those of the previous week, prices declined 65 cents per hundred, the market opening on Friday at \$15.15 for selects and closing on Thursday at \$14.50. A large number of hogs were purchased on the market during the week for shipment east. Heavy hogs sold at \$12 per hundred, lights at \$13.50, sows at \$11, and stags at \$10.

Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending July 12th, Canadian packing houses purchased 48 calves, 916 butcher cattle, 6,245 hogs, and 25 sheep. Local butchers bought 54 calves, 311 butcher cattle, 190 hogs and 51 sheep. Shipments back to the country were made up of 12 stocker calves, 772 stockers, 164 feeders and 184 hogs. Shipments to United States' points totalled 404 butcher cattle, 64 stockers and 54 feeders.

The total receipts of live stock marketed from January 1st to July 12th inclusive, were 55,325 cattle, 3,272 calves, 1,135 sheep and 155,063 hogs; compared to 30,807 cattle, 4,286 calves, 2,053 sheep and 195,129 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Buffalo Markets.

Cattle.—Trade last week, notwithstanding the good supply, was generally higher. Buffalo's receipts on Monday totalled 170 loads, close to 40 cars of which were Canadians, and market on all good fat grades was 15 to 25 cents higher than the week previous. Medium kinds were strong to a dime higher, and common kinds ruled about steady. About twenty-five loads were shipping steers, twenty loads of which came out of Canada, and the bulk of these were sold by nine o'clock. Nothing strictly dry-fed was included and while no native brought above \$13.40, had a real ripe kind been here they would have sold close to \$14.00. Best Canadians, grass steers from \$12.65 to \$13.00, medium kinds, weighing from 1,150 to 1,250 pounds, ranged from \$11.50 to \$12.50 and plainer lots went downward from \$11.25. Top for handy steers

was \$12.00, medium grades took the range of \$10.25 to \$11.25 and common kinds went from \$10.00 down. On females market was strong to a quarter higher, advance being on the better kinds, bulls were up 15 to 25 cents, stockers and feeders, while no higher, met with a more active demand and the fresh cow and springer trade ruled strong. Receipts the past week 4,800 head, week previous 4,750 head, and same week a year ago 4,525 head. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$13.25 to \$13.75; fair to good, \$12.25 to \$13.00; plain, \$11.00 to \$11.50; very coarse and common, \$10.50 to \$10.75; best grass Canadians, \$12.65 to \$13.00; fair to good, \$11.50 to \$12.50; common and plain, \$10.50 to \$11.00.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$11.50 to \$12.00; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11.25; best handy, \$11.00 to \$11.50; light and common, \$9.00 to \$9.50; yearlings, choice to prime, \$12.00 to \$13.00; fair to good, \$11.00 to \$11.75.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$10.00 to \$11.00; best butchering heifers, \$9.00 to \$10.00; fair butchering heifers, \$8.00 to \$8.75; light and common, \$7.25 to \$7.75; very fancy fat cows, \$9.50 to \$10.00; best heavy fat cows, \$8.50 to \$9.00; good butchering cows, \$7.25 to \$8.00; medium to fair, \$6.50 to \$7.00; cutters, \$6.25 to \$6.50; canners, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$9.00 to \$9.50; good butchering, \$8.00 to \$8.75. Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$8.00 to \$8.50; common to fair, \$7.00 to \$7.50; best stockers, \$7.25 to \$8.00; common to good, \$6.50 to \$7.00.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small lots, \$90.00 to \$115.00; in car loads, \$75.00 to \$85.00; medium to fair, in small lots, \$60.00 to \$70.00; in car loads, \$55.00 to \$60.00; common, \$40.00 to \$50.00.

Hogs.—Prices showed a steady decline last week. On the opening day the top was \$16.00 but bulk sold at \$15.80 to \$15.90. Tuesday showed a \$16.00 top, with majority \$15.80 to \$15.85, and a decline of five to ten cents was noted the next three days. Friday the top dropped to \$15.80, with bulk selling from \$15.55 to \$15.65. Pigs the first half of the week sold mostly at \$15.25, and the next two days they were a quarter lower, buyers landing these weights on Friday down to \$14.75. Roughs brought from \$13.75 to \$14.00, and stags \$13.75 down. For the past week receipts were 18,500 head, as against 18,750 head for the week before and 24,600 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Last week started with top lambs selling from \$15.50 to \$16.00 and the next three days no sales were made above \$15.50. Friday's market was a little stronger, top being \$15.75, and culls went from \$13.00 down. Top for yearlings was \$13.00, wether sheep are quotable around \$10.00 and \$10.25, and ewes downward from \$9.50, heavy fat ones selling down to \$8.50. Receipts last week were 1,600 head, the week previous there were 2,255 head for the same week a year ago the run totalled 3,500 head.

Calves.—Supply the past week aggregated 2,700 head, as compared with 2,997 head for the week before and 2,150 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Monday's trade was active, top veals selling mostly at \$15.75, and culls around \$14.50. The next three days, however, the market was dull and tops were hard to land above \$15.00. Friday's market was stronger, choice lots going mostly at \$15.50, and the cull range was from \$14.00 down. Weighty rough calves undersold the good handy culls by from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per cwt., and they were slow sale at that.

Toronto Produce.**Breadstuffs.**

Receipts of live stock at Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, July 23, were 208 cars, 4,240 cattle, 215 calves, 630 hogs and 933 sheep and lambs. Slow, draggy market. Butchers fifty cents lower; cows, bulls, stockers and feeders 25 to 40 cents lower. Lambs, one dollar and fifty cents lower, sheep and calves 25 cents lower. Hogs steady, packers quote fifty cents lower balance of week.

Wheat.—Ontario, according to freights; No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$2.45 to \$2.50; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$2.43 to \$2.48. Manitoba wheat (track, bay ports)—No. 1 northern, \$2.63½; No. 2 northern, \$2.60½.

American Corn.—(Track, Toronto), No. 3 yellow, \$2.08, nominal.

Flour.—Ontario, winter \$10.55 to \$10.65, in bags, track, Toronto. Manitoba flour—first patents, in jute bags, \$12.90; second patents, \$12.40; strong, bakers', \$12.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay, extra No. 2, per ton, \$12 to \$12.50; mixed, per ton, \$9 to \$11.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$8.50 to \$9. Bran.—Per ton, \$35; shorts, \$40 to \$41; middlings, per ton, \$44 to \$45; feed flour, per bag, \$3.25.

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered, Toronto:

City hides.—City butcher hides, green flats, 22c.; calf skins, green, flat, 27c.; veal kip, 22c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$6 to \$7; city lamb skins, shearlings and pelts, 60c. to 90c.; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 20c. to 21c.; deacons, or bob calf, \$1.75 to \$2.50 each; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2 to \$2.50. Horse hair, farmers' stock, \$37.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 13c. to 14c.; country solid, in barrels, No. 1, 12c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 15c. to 17c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 58c.; coarse, 56c. Washed wool, fine, 70c.; coarse, 65c.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter remained stationary in price with a weaker tendency. Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, 37c. to 38c. per lb.; creamery solids, 36c. to 37c. per lb.; dairy, 30c. to 32c. per lb.; separator dairy, 33c. per lb.

Eggs.—Eggs are quite scarce and advanced in price, selling at 39c. per dozen wholesale, and are likely to still further advance.

Beans.—The bean market is very quiet at practically unchanged prices—selling at \$9.50 to \$10.50 per bushel, wholesale.

Poultry.—Poultry kept about stationary in price, bringing as follows: Live-weight prices: spring chickens, 20c. to 22c. per lb.; spring ducks, 15c. per lb.; roosters, 14c. per lb.; light fowl, 16c. per lb.; heavy fowl, 19c. per lb.; turkeys, 18c. per lb.; squabs, dressed, \$3.50 to \$4 per dozen.

Cheese.—Old, 30c. per lb.; new, 23c. per lb.; new twins, 23½c. per lb.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples came in pretty freely during the past week and were a good sale, Red Astrachan selling at \$2.50 to \$3 per hamper, and Yellow Transparents at \$3 per hamper.

Bananas arrived in larger quantities and declined in price—now selling at \$3 to \$3.25 per bunch.

Blueberries.—The first blueberries for season came in last week, selling at \$2 to \$2.25 per 11-qt. basket.

Cherries.—Sweet cherries were scarce especially the choice ones. Blacks selling at 90c. to \$1.50 per 6-qt. basket; \$1.25 to \$2.50 per 11-qt. basket; whites, 50c. to 75c. per 6-qt. basket, 75c. to \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket; sour, 40c. to 60c. per 6 qts., and 85c. to \$1.25 per 11 qts.

Currents.—Both black and red currents arrived for the first time this season. The blacks were of fine quality and sold at \$1.15 per 6-qt. basket, while the reds were rather small and sold at 40c. to 60c. per 6-qt. basket.

Gooseberries arrived fairly freely and varied greatly in size and price, selling at 30c. to 75c. per 6-qt. basket, and 60c. to \$1.25 and \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket.

Lemons kept firm; Californias selling at \$5.75 to \$6 per case, and Verdillis at \$6 per case.

Oranges were a little easier, ranging from \$4 to \$4.75 per case.

Raspberries began to come in, and were of choice quality, easily selling at 25c. per box.

Strawberry shipments were not nearly heavy enough to satisfy the demand, the price advancing steadily until they reached 17c. per box; the bulk, however, sold at 15c. per box, with some going at 13c.

Tomatoes.—Outside-grown Canadian tomatoes came in in increasing quantities and sold at 85c. to \$1.25 per 6-qt. basket and \$2 to \$2.50 per 11-qt. basket; No. 1 hot house selling at 22c. to 25c. per lb., and No. 2's at 20c. per lb.; while imported outside-grown sold at \$1.75 to \$2.25 per 4-basket carrier.

Watermelons came in very freely and declined in price, selling at 30c. to 75c. each.

Beet shipments were exceptionally heavy—the bulk selling at 15c. to 20c. per dozen bunches; a few extra choice bringing 30c. per dozen bunches.

Beans.—Both wax and green beans came in for the first time this season, and shipments increased rapidly, selling at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket.

Cabbage declined, the crates selling at \$2.75 to \$3.25 and bushel hampers at \$1 to \$1.25.

Carrots have been very small and sold at 10c. to 20c. per dozen bunches.

Cauliflower shipments increased, and they were of very good quality, selling at \$2 to \$2.25 per case, and \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen.

Celery.—New celery arrived from Kalamazoo and sold at 40c. to 50c. per dozen bunches.

Cucumbers kept firm in price, and there was a keen demand and not too heavy a supply. The Leamington hot house selling at \$1.50 to \$2 per 11-qt. basket. The first outside-grown (Canadian) bringing \$1.35 to \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket.

Canadian Mushrooms of fine quality also were received and sold quickly at 75c. per lb.

Peas.—Green peas after coming in quite heavily and selling at 40c. per 11-qt. basket eased off somewhat, the price advancing to 60c. to 75c. per 11-qt. basket.

Peppers.—Canadian green peppers continued to come in in small lots, selling at 85c. to \$1 per 6-qt. basket and \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 11-qts.

New potatoes came in freely, declining in price, No. 1's selling at \$6 to \$6.50 per bbl., and No. 2's at \$5 per bbl.

Vegetable marrow made its initial appearance, selling at 65c. to 75c. per 11-qt. basket.

Montreal Produce.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs changed hands steadily and prices ranged around 23½c. per lb. for choice, abattoir, fresh-killed.

Potatoes.—Practically everywhere new potatoes are being served instead of old stock, in spite of the fact that the new brings a higher price. In fact, the old stock is now practically exhausted and consumers have no use for it anyway. The new stock is all imported and is selling at varying prices, according to receipts. The price was said to be around \$6.50 per bbl. of about 165 lbs. of potatoes. Honey and Maple Syrup.—The supply of old honey is running low and no trade is going on in it. Nominal prices were around 15c. per lb. for white clover comb, 13c. for white extracted or brown comb, and around 11c. for buckwheat honey. The demand for maple syrup was not at all active, but prices were steady, being \$1.65 per gallon tin for choicest syrup and from that to \$1.55 for good quality and \$1.30 for lower grades. Sugar is 15c. per lb.

Eggs.—The market for eggs showed additional strength last week, more especially in the case of select stock, but also in the ordinary. This strength was doubtless due to the lighter arrivals, and to the increasing scarcity of select stock during the present hot, muggy weather. Select, new-laid were quoted at 42c. per doz.; selects, 40c.; No. 1 candled, 37c.; No. 2, 35c.

Butter.—Although there is little export and the present make of butter is not particularly desirable for storage purposes, everything offered is being quickly taken up at firm prices. Finest quality was quoted at 36c. to 36½c. per lb., while fine creamery was quoted at 1c. less. Dairies ranged from 29c. to 31c. per lb., for good to finest grades, while lower grades sold down to 27c.

Cheese.—Cheese sold at a decline at country points last week, being around 20½c. locally, the prices ranged around 21½c. per lb., for No. 1 cheese and 21¼c. for No. 2, while No. 3 was 20¾c., here, with lower grades selling at 20¼c.

Grain.—The market for wheat was quite strong. Some feed barley sold at \$1.25 per bushel. No. 2 Canadian Western oats were 81½c. per bushel, while No. 3 and extra No. 1 feed sold at 80½c. No. 2 American yellow corn was nominally \$2.06 per bushel, ex-store. Beans were very scarce and prices were as high as \$9.50 per bushel for Canadian 5-lb. pickers; Rangoons being \$9, yellow eyes \$8 and Japans \$7.50.

Flour.—The market was very firm in sympathy with the advance in wheat and prices were up about 50c. per bbl.

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