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MARKETS.

Toronto.

At West Toronto, on Monday, March 25th, receipts of live stock numbered 124 cars; quality of cattle good to choice; trade fair; prices, considering quality, steady. Exporters, \$6.75 to \$7.20; one load of Easter cattle, 1,300 lbs., sold at \$7.40; butchers' best, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., steers, \$6.75 to \$7; prime steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$6.50 to \$6.75; good, \$6 to \$6.25; medium, \$5.60 to \$5.90; common, \$5 to \$5.50; inferior, \$4.50 to \$4.90; cows, \$3 to \$5.50; bulls, \$4.50 to \$5; milkers, \$4 to \$6.50; calves, \$5 to \$5.80. Sheep, \$4.50 to \$5.50; yearlings, \$7 to \$7.75. Hogs, \$7.85 fed and watered, and \$7.50 f. o. b. cars.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards last week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	194	174	368
Cattle	2,423	2,149	4,572
Hogs	5,143	2,864	8,007
Sheep	452	205	657
Calves	404	55	459
Horses	—	292	292

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1911 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	187	137	324
Cattle	2,276	2,116	4,392
Hogs	4,927	1,182	6,109
Sheep	1,128	347	1,475
Calves	344	69	413
Horses	11	168	179

The combined receipts at the two markets for the past week show an increase of 44 carloads, 180 cattle, 1,898 hogs, 46 calves, and 113 horses; but a decrease of 818 sheep, compared with the corresponding week of 1911.

It will be seen that the receipts of live stock still continue to be moderate. Trade was none too active, and prices for cattle at the close of the week were not any higher than at the commencement. There was no demand for export cattle, and the bulk of the heavy steers were bought by the Montreal buyers, with a few going to the local abattoirs.

Exporters.—Or, rather, cattle of export weights, sold at \$6.80 to \$7.05 for steers, and \$5.25 to \$5.50 for bulls.

Butchers'.—Best heavy steers for butchers' purposes sold as high as exporters, \$6.80 to \$7.05, and one prime three-year-old steer, 1,950 lbs., bought for Easter trade, at \$8.25, and another 11-months-old Shorthorn steer, 950 lbs., also for Easter purposes, brought the same money, and was afterwards re-sold at \$10 per cwt. Prime picked lots, butchers' weights, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., at \$6.25 to \$6.65; good, \$6 to \$6.25; medium, \$5.40 to \$5.90; common, \$5 to \$5.30; inferior, \$4.35 to \$4.90; cows, \$3 to \$5, with extra quality cows, \$5.30 to \$5.75; bulls, \$4 to \$5.25.

Feeders.—A very few steers, 800 to 900 lbs., sold from \$5 to \$5.25.

Milkers and Springers.—Trade in milkers and springers was dull all week. Too many common, inferior, and medium

quality cows were on sale. The market was dull and draggy, at \$30 to \$50 each, few reaching the latter figure.

Veal Calves.—Receipts were liberal. Good calves, firm. Prices for good to choice ranged from \$6 to \$8.50; medium, \$4 to \$5; while "bobs," that should not be allowed to come on the market, sold at \$2.75 to \$3 each.

Sheep and Lambs.—Ewes were firm, at \$4.50 to \$5.50; rams, \$3.50 to \$4; lambs sold at \$6.50 to \$8, with a few select lots at \$8.20, \$8.30, and \$8.40.

Hogs.—Receipts being light, prices kept advancing all week, the market closing firm, as follows: Selects, fed and watered at the market, \$7.75, and \$7.50 f. o. b. cars at country points.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 red, white, or mixed, 95c. to 96c., outside points; Manitoba No. 1 northern, \$1.13; No. 2 northern, \$1.10; No. 3 northern, \$1.06; track, lake ports. Oats—Canadian Western extra No. 1 feed, 50c.; No. 1 feed, 49c., lake ports; Ontario No. 2, 45c. to 46c.; No. 3, 44c., outside points; No. 2, 47c. to 48c., track, Toronto. Rye—No. 2, \$1 per bushel, outside. Buckwheat—68c. to 70c. per bushel, outside. Peas—No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.25, outside. Barley—For malting, 93c. to 95c. (47-lb. test); for feed, 63c. to 73c. Corn—American No. 3 yellow, all rail from Chicago, 75c., track, Toronto. Flour—Ninety-per-cent. Ontario winter-wheat flour, \$3.95, seaboard. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto: First patents, \$5.60; second patents, \$5.70; strong bakers', \$4.90, in jute; cotton, 10c. more.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$16 to \$16.50 for No. 1, and \$14 to \$15 per ton for No. 2. Straw.—Car lots, baled, track, Toronto, \$8.50 to \$9.50. Bran.—Manitoba, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$27; Ontario bran, \$25, in bags; shorts, \$27, car lots, track, Toronto.

HIDES AND SKINS.

Prices for hides and skins at Toronto for the past week: No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 11c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 10c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 9c.; country hides, cured, 11c.; green, 10c. to 10½c.; calf skins, 13c. to 16c.; sheep skins, \$1 to \$1.35 each; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.25; horse hair, per lb., 33c. to 35c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 6½c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market for butter slightly easier, the supply of farmers' dairy being larger. We also know that New Zealand butter is being sold on the Toronto market, one dealer receiving two carloads, which cost 34½c. laid down at Toronto. We bought some to try it, and found it nearly, if not quite, equal to the Locust Hill brand of creamery butter, which is regarded as the best on the market. The New Zealand butter retailed at 40c. to 42c. at the city stores. Prices are quoted as follows: Creamery pound rolls, 37c. to 39c.; creamery solids, 35c.; separator dairy, 34c. to 35c.; store lots, 32c. to 34c.

Eggs.—Case lots of new laid quoted at 23c. to 24c.

Honey.—Extracted, 13c.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.50 to \$3.

Cheese.—Twins, 17c.; large, 16½c.

Potatoes.—Car lots of potatoes, track, Toronto, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Beans.—Market very firm. Broken lots, primes, \$2.40 to \$2.50; hand-picked, \$2.60 to \$2.70.

Poultry.—Receipts light. Fresh killed, prices rule as follows: Turkeys, 23c. to 25c.; geese, none on sale; ducks, none on sale; chickens, 18c. to 20c. per lb.; hens, 14c. to 15c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Following are the prices at which re-cleaned seeds are being sold to the trade: Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$15 to \$15.50; alsike No. 2, \$13 to \$14; red clover No. 1, per bushel, \$15 to \$15.50; red clover No. 2, per bushel, \$13.50 to \$14.50; alfalfa No. 1, per bushel, \$11 to \$12; alfalfa No. 2, per bushel, \$9.50 to \$10.50; timothy No. 1, per cwt., \$18 to \$19; timothy No. 2, per cwt., \$16 to \$17.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples.—Sales, per barrel, \$2 to \$4.50; Baldwins, \$2 to \$3.50; Greenings, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Russets, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Onions, per bag, \$2.25 to \$2.50; parsnips, per bag, \$1.35 to \$1.50; turnips, per bag, 40c. to 50c.; carrots, per bag, \$1.15 to \$1.25; cabbage, per barrel, \$2.50 to \$2.75; beets, 75c. to \$1.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—In the local live stock trade, the tone of the cattle market was firmer, and prices were probably ½c. higher. Sales of choice steers took place as high as 7½c. per lb., buyers having demanded about 7½c. This was in lots, and it is likely that fully ½c. more was paid for single animals. Fine stock sold at 6½c. to 7c.; good at 6c. to 6½c.; medium at 5½c. to 6c., and common ranged all the way down to 4½c., while canners sold as low as 2½c. per lb. Choice milkers brought \$65 each, and common ranged down to \$45, while springers sold at \$30 to \$40 each. Lambs sold at 7c. to 7½c. per lb., and ewes at 5c. to 5½c., while bucks and culls brought 4½c. to 4¾c. per lb. Hogs were in very good demand, and prices advanced still further, being 8c. to 8½c. per lb., for select hogs, weighed off cars. Supplies were none to large, and demand keen.

Horses.—The roads in Montreal are now in process of breaking up, the week before last having removed the snow from portions of the down-town streets. This makes it almost impossible for the sleighs to be used much longer, and in many instances the wheels have already been resorted to. This is the case with many coal carters, etc. Meantime, the snow lies deep in the less-used streets up town, where there has been none carted away. The result is that it is very hard work delivering, and this affects business considerably. One might think that it would cause a more active demand for horses, but the opposite effect is experienced. The market is steady, as follows: Heavy draft, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$350; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$300; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$200; broken-down animals, \$50 to \$100, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs.—The sympathy with the market for live hogs, that for dressed advanced, and abattoir-dressed sold at 11c. to 11½c. per lb., and country-dressed sold at 10c. to 10½c. per lb. Poultry.—Very little change, and not much activity. Turkeys continue to sell at 19c. to 20c. per lb.; geese, 18c. to 14c.; fowls, 10c. to 12½c.; chickens, 16c. to 20c.; ducks, 17c. to 17½c. This is for choice stock.

Potatoes.—Market rather easier, although potatoes are certainly scarce, and good quality is hard to get. Green Mountains are quoted from \$1.50 to \$1.60, on track, carloads, per 90 lbs., but a report has been received that potatoes have been offered here at considerably under these prices without finding a taker. Small lots, however, certainly bring a very high price.

Honey and Syrup.—It will not be long now till new syrup will be offering. Meantime, syrup in wood is 7c. to 7½c. per lb., and in tins 70c. to 75c.; sugar is 8c. to 9c. per lb. White clover comb honey is 10½c. to 11½c. per lb., dark grades being 7c. to 8c.; white extracted, 8c. to 10c.; dark, 7½c. to 8c.

Eggs.—Dealers are trying to get prices down here, and are succeeding but indifferently. However, production is increasing all the time, and this is having its effect. Round lots of fresh eggs are available at 25c. to 26c. per dozen, while single cases may be had at about 27c. Prices vary from day to day, according to the quantity arriving. Dealers are trying to buy at 20c. in the country, but are not succeeding, so far, it is believed.

Butter.—Some new-milk butter is arriving, but it will be quite a while before there will be sufficient to affect the situation greatly. Meantime, prices are 33c. to 34c. per lb. for choicest, and 1c. less for seconds.

Grain.—The market for oats showed very little change. No. 2 Canadian Western oats were quoted at 53c. to 53½c. per bushel; No. 1 feed, extra, at 52c. to 52½c.; No. 3 Canadian Western, at 51c. to 51½c.; No. 2 local, at 50½c. to 51c.; No. 3 local at 1c. less, and No. 4 at yet 1c. less.

Flour.—Prices firm, at \$6 per barrel, in wood, for first patents; \$5.50 for sec-

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onds, and \$5.30 for strong bakers', prices in bags being 80c. less. Ontario winter wheat, straight rollers, \$4.60 to \$4.75 per barrel, patents being \$5.10 to \$5.35. Millfeed.—Market very firm, and prices are \$25 to \$26 per ton for bran, and \$27 to \$28 for shorts. Middlings are \$29 per ton; pure grain mouille, \$32 to \$34; mixed mouille, \$29 to \$30.

Hay.—Demand for hay good, and prices continue firm, being \$16 to \$16.50 per ton for No. 1 hay; \$15 to \$15.50 for No. 2 extra; \$14 to \$14.50 for No. 2; \$13 to \$13.50 for No. 3, and \$10.50 to \$11 for clover mixed.

Seeds.—There was very little buying, both on account of high prices and the presence of winter. The recent spring weather, however, has had a good effect. Prices, \$22 to \$26 per 100 lbs. for al-sike and red clover, and \$16.50 to \$20 for timothy.

Hides.—Demand fair, and calf skins have advanced to 13c. and 15c., respectively, per lb., for Nos. 2 and 1; and 11c., 12c. and 13c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 beef hides; 10c. each for spring lambs, and \$1.10 for others. Horse hides, \$1.75 each for No. 2, and \$2.50 for No. 1. Tallow, 1½c. to 2c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 6½c. for rendered.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$5.25 to \$8.65; Texas steers, \$4.50 to \$5.95; Western steers, \$5.10 to \$6.85; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$6.50; cows and heifers, \$2.50 to \$6.70; calves, \$5.50 to \$8.

Hogs.—Light, \$7.20 to \$7.60; mixed, \$7.25 to \$7.60; heavy, \$7.25 to \$7.60; rough, \$7.20 to \$7.35; pigs, \$5.10 to \$7.

Sheep and Lambs.—Native, \$4 to \$6; Western, \$4.50 to \$6.25; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$6.90; lambs, native, \$5.80 to \$7.95; Western, \$6.25 to \$8.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$7.50 to \$8; butcher grades, \$3.50 to \$7.

Calves.—Cull to choice, \$5.75 to \$9.75.

Sheep and Lambs.—Choice lambs, \$8 to \$9.25; cull to fair, \$6.50 to \$7.90; yearlings, \$7 to \$7.25; sheep, \$3 to \$6.25.

Hogs.—Yorkers, \$7.75 to \$7.85; pigs, \$7; mixed, \$7.75 to \$7.85; heavy, \$6.65 to \$7.75; roughs, \$6.50 to \$7; stags, \$5.50 to \$6.

British Cattle Market.

John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cable States and Canadian steers making from 14½c. to 15c. per pound.

TRADE TOPIC.

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