

## Commercial.

## PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS, TORONTO.

April 30, 1886.		
Wheat, fall, per bushel.....	\$0 82	0 84
Wheat, spring, do.....	0 75	0 82
Wheat, goose, do.....	0 74	0 75
Barley, do.....	0 60	0 90
Oats, do.....	0 40	0 41
Peas, do.....	0 60	0 60
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.....	6 00	6 50
Beef, forequarters.....	3 50	5 00
Beef, hindquarters.....	6 00	8 00
Mutton, carcass.....	7 00	8 25
Hay, timothy.....	13 00	16 00
Hay, clover.....	11 00	12 00

## PRICES AT ST. LAWRENCE MARKET, TORONTO.

* Apl. 30, 1886.		
Chickens, per pair.....	\$0 65	0 90
Ducks, do.....	0 65	0 90
Butter, pound rolls.....	25	27
Butter, large rolls.....	18	24
Butter, inferior.....	12	14
Lard.....	10	00
Bacon.....	9	11
Turkeys.....	75	1 50
Geese.....	70	85
Cheese.....	10	12
Eggs, fresh, per dozen.....	13	14
Potatoes, per bag (new).....	1 00	75
Apples per bbl.....	80	2 00
Cabbage, per doz.....	1 00	2 00
Turnips per bag.....	35	40
Carrots, per bag.....	40	45
Beets, per peck.....	15	0 00
Parsnips, per peck.....	15	20
Onions, per bag.....	1 75	2 00

## LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Buffalo, April 27th, 1886.

## CATTLE.

Receipts, 6,885, against 5,235 the previous week. The cattle market opened up on Monday with 110 carloads on sale. The demand was only moderate, and prices declined 25 cents below the rates of the Monday previous. Good 1,400 to 1,500 lb steers brought \$5.40 to \$5.60, and one load of fancy quality, \$5.80; good 1,300 to 1,400 lb do, \$5 to \$5.35; good 1,200 to 1,300 lb do, \$4.90 to \$5.20; good 1,100 to 1,200 lb do, \$4.20 to \$4.60, and mixed butchers' weighing from 900 to 1,000 lbs, \$4 to \$4.25. Good stockers and feeders were in improved demand. The supply was fair and about all were sold within the range of \$3.65 to \$4.15. The market ruled steady on Tuesday, but declined 10 cents per hundred on Wednesday, closing weak at the following

## QUOTATIONS:

Extra Beeves—Graded steers weighing 1,450 lbs and upwards.....	\$5 25	@5 60
Choice Beeves—Fine, fat, well-formed steers, weighing 1,300 to 1,400 lbs.....	5 00	@5 35
Good Beeves—Well-fattened steers weighing 1,200 to 1,350 lbs.....	4 75	@5 25
Medium Grades—Steers in fine flesh, weighing 1,050 to 1,250 lbs.....	4 25	@4 90
Light Butchers—Steers averaging 850 to 1,100 lbs, of fair to good quality.....	4 00	@4 50
Butchers' Stock—Inferior to common steers and heifers, for city slaughter, weighing 900 to 1,100 lbs. 3 50.....	3 50	@4 00
Michigan stock cattle, common to choice.....	3 25	@3 75
Michigan feeders, fair to choice.....	4 00	@4 15

## SHEEP.

Receipts, 21,400, against 31,500 the previous week. The offerings of sheep on Monday consisted of 50 carloads, the quality not being very good. Reports from the east were unfavorable, and caused a weak and dull market. The market continued dull throughout Tuesday and Wednesday, and at the close quite a number were unsold. Common sheep sold at \$3 to \$4; fair to good sheep, \$4.50 to \$5.50; good to choice, \$5.50 to \$6; and extra, \$6 to \$6.40. Lambs, weak; fair to good, \$5 to \$6; good to choice, \$6 to \$7; and extra, \$7 to \$7.50. Common thin sheep and lambs dull and weak at any price.

## HOGS.

Receipts, 43,125, against 40,690 the previous week. The hog market opened up steady on Monday at the closing prices of Saturday, with 45 carloads on sale, but weakened toward the close. Prices declined 5 cents on Tuesday and another 5 cents on Wednesday, closing with good to choice Yorkers selling at \$4.35 to \$4.40; fair do, \$4.25 to \$4.30; selected medium weights, \$4.35 to \$4.40; coarse mixed heavy ends, \$3.80 to \$4.

In central Nebraska alone the loss by hog cholera this year will reach fully \$2,000,000. All the science that live stock breeding has called to its aid has failed utterly to check the terrible scourge. The effect upon farmers is very discouraging.

## Wool Markets.

NEW YORK.—The wool markets, says *Bradstreet's*, continue inactive, and prices are in buyers' favor. In some quarters the present range of values is reported to be 1c per pound lower than a week ago, but it would probably be nearer the mark to say that there is no quotable change, though large buyers in search of a line of wool can get it at handsome concessions. There is no general expectation of a better state of things pending the arrival of the new clip. Holders for the most part profess to believe that no decline of any consequence can probably occur, but it is noteworthy that a good many shrewd manufacturers think that wool will be cheaper in the course of the summer than it is to-day. Buyers, at all events, are operating with the utmost caution, taking little or nothing in excess of present wants. The possibility of tariff legislation has not become pronounced enough to affect values to any extent, but the uneasiness of the operative classes and the current importations of foreign stock exert, undoubtedly, a depressing influence. This is true after making every allowance for the interested expressions of wool dealers, whose chief aim at present is to get this year's clip at the lowest possible prices. Current quotations are as follows:—Ohio and Pennsylvania X, 30 @ 31c; Ohio and Pennsylvania XX, 32 @ 33c; Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 33 @ 34c; Michigan X, 29 @ 30c; fine Ohio delaine, 33 @ 34c; No. 1 combing, 35 @ 37c; Texas spring, 12 mos., 19 @ 23c; Super A., 29 @ 34c.

BOSTON.—The market, according to the *Commercial Bulletin*, continues in the same unsatisfactory position. Prices have apparently fallen to the lowest possible point. At least no further reduction is to be noted. There has been some little inquiry during the week, and the market has been visited by a number of buyers who usually purchase Australian, but although there has been considerable inquiry for foreign fine wools, purchases have been limited. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleece is very quiet at previous quotations. Good X fleece will command 31c, but poorer lots are shaded from that figure. Reports from Ohio represent the state as very quiet, but farmers seem determined to obtain more for their wool than last year. There is a general acceptance of the prediction that 30c will be the opening figure for the best lots of wool, and that purchasing will progress slowly in consequence. Michigan fleece is quiet. The demand for staple, combing and delaine wool is very light, but quotations are nominally unchanged. There is a ridiculous story going the rounds to the effect that good Ohio delaine can be bought for 30c. It is absurd that any credence should be put in such an idle tale. The market price on Ohio delaine is 33c @ 34c, and cassimere men would certainly be willing to pay as much for it as X or XX, both of which are higher than the price quoted. There are a few new features in Texas wool. Little or no wool has been carried over. There is a large delegation of Boston buyers in Texas, and the first consignment from San Antonio has already been shipped. We hear of a sale of a short stapled clip of 30,000 pounds to St. Louis parties at 18c. Eastern buyers are rather conservative. The clip in California is not expected to fall below that of last year.

The land suitable for cereals but used for grazing when wool growing was a more profitable industry, has already been appropriated for that purpose, and the mild weather has led to little or no loss of sheep on that score. Territory wool, in Chicago, has ruled active during the week owing to liberal purchases by St. Louis parties at prices which for the present market are certainly high. Wool shrinking 72 percent brought 15c, and 18c was paid for heavier wool than has been purchased here for 17½c. The first invoice of new Wyoming wool has been shipped and samples are on exhibition. It forms, however, no criterion by which to judge the new clip, as it was shorn from "mutton sheep." The following are quotations for leading grades of wool in Boston:—Ohio XX and above, 34c; Ohio XX, 33 @ 34c; Ohio X, 31 @ 32c; Ohio No. 1, 35c; Michigan X, 29 @ 30c; Michigan No. 1, 34c; fine Ohio delaine, 34c; Michigan delaine, 33c; Unmerchanted Michigan, 23c; Unmerchanted Ohio, 24c; No. 1 combing, washed, 35 @ 36c; Kentucky ½-blood, combing, 24 @ 28c; Kentucky ½-blood, combing, 23 @ 27c; Georgia, unwashed, 23 @ 26c; California northern spring free, 23 @ 25c; Southern do. do., 15 @ 18c; do. burry and defective, 12c; free fall, 15 @ 21c; fall low, 12 @ 15c; Wyoming fine, 19c; do. medium, 22c; Eastern Oregon, 19 @ 23c; Kansas choice fine, 19c; do. medium, 21c; do. fair fine, 18c; do. do. medium, 20c; Montana choice fine, 21 @ 23c; do. fine medium, 24 @ 25c; do. off grades, 17 @ 19c; California pulled, 32 @ 35c; Maine supers, 36 @ 38c; Eastern A supers, 35 @ 36c; Western A supers, 28 @ 33c; extra pulled, 27 @ 29c; combing do. medium, 34 @ 35c; Montevideo, 25 @ 26c; Australian cross-bred, 35 @ 37c; Australian combing, 36 @ 39c; Australian clothing, 30 @ 36c.

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