

as compared with a year ago. While the total exports from New York and Montreal for the same time show an increase of only 44,966 pkgs.

The market here for creamery butter continues steady at 20 to 21c. for prints, and 19 to 20c. for tubs. Receipts of dairy are a little more liberal and there is a fair demand, with the market for the best firm. Choice dairy tubs bring from 13 to 15c.; large rolls from 14 to 16c., and pound prints from 16 to 17c. wholesale. On the local farmers' market large rolls are worth from 15 to 17c., and lb. prints from 18 to 20c.

#### Cattle.

The cattle situation remains active. There is a good active demand at American markets for prime cattle, which are scarce. All other breeds have, however, sold readily during the week. There is a more active demand at Chicago and Western markets for stockers and feeders. Receipts on Toronto market on Friday were light and the quality of the fat cattle only fair. Trade was good and prices higher, especially for butchers' cattle. It is not expected that this advance will hold should there be a heavy run next market day, which is to-morrow.

**Export Cattle.**—Choice heavy exporters sold at \$4.85 to \$5 per cwt., and light ones at \$4.70 to \$4.85. Choice picked lots of heavy exporters in small lots brought 10 to 15c. more. Choice heavy export bulls of good quality bring \$3.85 to \$4.25, and medium bulls \$3.60 to \$3.75 per cwt.

**Butchers' Cattle.**—Choice picked lots of these equal in quality, but not as heavy as the best exporters, bring from \$4.40 to \$4.65 per cwt. Good butchers' cattle fetch \$4.35 to \$4.50, and medium \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.

**Stockers and Feeders.**—The deliveries of Buffalo stockers are light with prices firm at \$3.50 to \$3.80 for general run, and as high as \$4 for choice bred steers. Stock heifers bring about \$3 per cwt. Heavy feeders weighing from 1000 to 1150 lbs. each are scarce and are worth from \$4.15 to \$4.30 per cwt. Feeding bulls suitable for the stables are worth from \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

**Cakes.**—These are worth from \$2 to \$10 each, the bulk going at from \$5 to \$8 each.

**Milk Cows and Springers.**—Really good ones are scarce and are worth \$50 each. The general run fetch from \$25 to \$40 each.

#### Sheep and Lambs.

Early in the week the Buffalo, Chicago and Western markets were very active, but towards the end of the week prices dropped a little, owing to the large runs induced by the advanced market early in the week, but the general situation is still good. About 200 sheep and lambs were offered on this market on Friday. Ewes sold at \$3 to \$3.50 and bucks at \$2.50 to \$2.55 per cwt. Yearling lambs were scarce with prices firm at \$4.85 to \$5 for general run and \$5.10 to \$5.15 for picked lots of ewes and wethers. A few spring lambs are beginning to come in, and sell for \$4 to \$6 each.

#### Hogs.

Prices for hogs remain about the same, though it is expected that light and thick fat hogs will be 12½c. lower this week, as there are too many of the former coming forward. Choice selected bacon hogs, weighing from 160 to 200 lbs. unfed and unwatered, fetch \$4.50, light \$4.12½, and thick fats \$3.75 to \$3.87½ per cwt. Good light bacon hogs at Montreal fetch \$4.50 to \$4.60 and heavier qualities \$4.25 to \$4.30 per cwt. The *Trade Bulletin*, London, cable of March 23rd, re Canadian bacon, says: "The market is dull owing to the falling off in the demand, but, as stocks are light, holders are not pushing sales."

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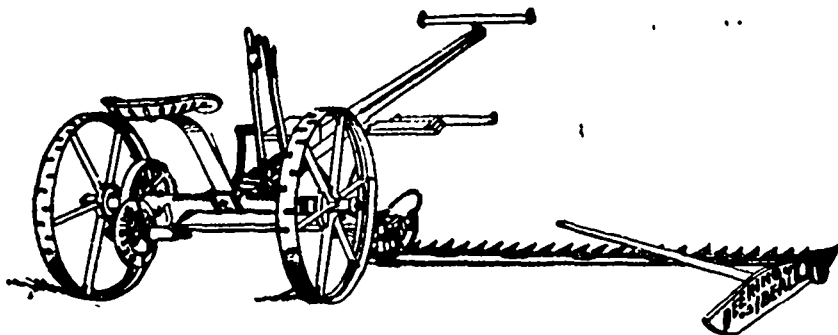


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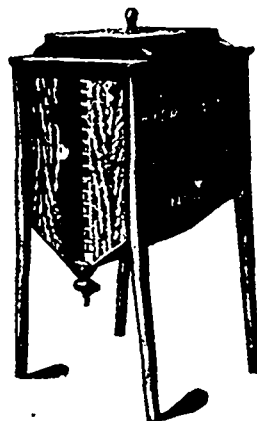
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