

MARKETS.

Moderate weather has enabled the transportation companies to raise the freight blockades over a large territory, consequently shipments have been larger, and the markets have taken on some of their old-time bustle. Hogs especially came forward quite heavily, while the price, \$5.12½, though inclined to waver, held up and stocks were cleared up. Some reports say that \$5.87 is being paid. Something put the skids under the wheat market, so that 95c. is now the best bid. Cattle are not very active. Butchers' are scarce, and some that would otherwise go for export are taken by the local trade. It is quite a common occurrence now for Chicago exporters to gravitate to the Toronto market. Few stockers or feeders are offered. The following are the Toronto market quotations:

Cattle.—Exporters—Best lots of exporters, \$4.65 to \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.40 to \$4.50 per cwt.
Export Bulls—Choice quality bulls are worth \$3.60 to \$3.85 per cwt.; medium to good, \$3.25 to \$3.50.
Export cows, \$3.40 to \$3.75 per cwt.
Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers', 1,000 to 1,150 lbs. each, equal in quality to best exporters, \$4.40 to \$4.50; good, \$4 to \$4.30; fair to good, \$3.60 to \$3.85; common, \$3.25 to \$3.50; rough to inferior, \$3; canners, \$2.50 to \$2.75.
Feeders—Steers of good quality, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs. each, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt.
Stockers—One-year to two-year-old steers, 400 to 700 lbs. each, are worth \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; off-colors and of poor breeding quality, of same weights, are worth \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.
Milch Cows—Milch cows and springers, \$30 to \$50 each.
Sheep, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt. for ewes, and bucks at \$3 to \$3.50.
Yearling Lambs—Grain-fed, choice ewes and wethers for export, \$5.25 to \$5.75; barnyard lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.
Spring Lambs—Good spring lambs are worth \$7 to \$9 each.
Hogs—Best select bacon hogs, not less than 160 lbs. nor more than 200 lbs. each, fed and watered, are worth \$5.12½ to \$5.37 per cwt.; lights and fats, at \$4.87½; sows, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; and stags, at \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.

PRODUCE.

Wholesale Prices, Toronto.
Wheat—Ontario—95c. for No. 1 red, white and mixed for milling; spring, 90c. for No. 1, east; goose is quiet at 83c. to 84c. for No. 2, east.
Wheat—Manitoba—No. 1 hard is quoted at \$1.06, No. 1 northern at \$1.04, No. 2 at \$1.01, and No. 3 at 98c., on track, lake ports. Milling-in-transit price for each grade is six cents more.
Corn—Canadian, 38½c. for yellow, and 38c. for mixed, cars west. American—No. 2 yellow, 53½c.; No. 3 yellow, at 52½c.; and No. 3 mixed, at 52c., in car lots, on the track, Toronto.
Oats—Prices are steady. No. 1 white are quoted at 33½c. low freights, 33c. middle freights, and 32c. high freights. No. 2 white, ½c. less.
Barley—No. 2 is 45c., middle freights; No. 3 extra, 43c., middle freights; and No. 3, 41c., east or middle.
Rye—No. 2 is quoted at 56c., low, middle or high freights.
Peas—No. 2, 64c. to 65c., any freights.
Buckwheat—No. 2 is firm at 50c. low freights, 49c. middle, and 48c. high freights.
Flour—Ninety-per-cent. patents, \$3.65, f. o. b. main lines west. Manitoba flour is firm and unchanged; first patents, \$5.30; second patents, \$5; and strong bakers', at \$4.90, bags included, on track, Toronto.
Mill Feed—Ontario shorts, \$17 to \$17.50, and bran, \$16, in bulk, cars west. Manitoba shorts are quoted at \$21, and bran at \$20, in car lots, bags included, on the track, Toronto.
Potatoes—Cars on track here are quoted at 90c. to

95c. Potatoes out of store are quoted by local dealers at \$1.15 to \$1.20.

Dressed Hogs—\$6.75 to \$7 per cwt. for selects, and \$6.25 to \$6.50 for light heavies.

Seeds—The demand continues fairly active; \$5.25 to \$5.75 for red clover; \$6 to \$6.35 for extra choice; \$8 to \$4.25 for ordinary alsike, and \$5 to \$5.25 for choice lots; \$1.15 to \$1.50 for machine-threshed timothy, and \$1.75 to \$2 for flail-threshed.

Beans—Stocks here are not heavy, but there are plenty in the country awaiting a favorable opportunity to be brought forward; \$1.65 to \$1.75 is quoted for hand-picked, \$1.50 to \$1.60 for prime, and \$1.25 to \$1.45 for under grades.

Baled Hay—About enough hay is forward to supply the demand, at \$9 per ton for car lots, on track here.

Baled Straw—Car lots, on track here, \$5 to \$5.50 per ton.

Butter—There is a good demand for choice dairy rolls, and as the offerings are large the market is active. Prices are unchanged, but there is an easy feeling in the lower grades.

Creamery prints 20c. to 22c.
Creamery, solids 19½c. to 20c.
Dairy, pound rolls 15c. to 17c.
Dairy, large rolls 15c. to 16c.
Dairy, common to medium 12c. to 14c.
Cheese—Prices are steadier. The improvement in the Old Country situation during the week is responsible for a slight advance here.
Large, per pound 10½c.
Twins 11½c.

Montreal Wholesale Prices.

Fort William advices quote limited offerings of No. 2 northern wheat at 92c., and of No. 3 at 87c. The market for oats holds firm; actual sales of car lots of No. 2 are being made at 40c. store; No. 3, Montreal inspection, selling at equal to a little over 39c. store; No. 2 oats, Ontario points, millers' prices, 36c. for export; 33½c. to 34c., low freights, west; No. 2 peas, asking 65c.; No. 2 barley, 46c.; No. 3 extra barley, 45c.; No. 3, 44c. Flour—Millers report a firm market, the demand being active; Manitoba patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.10; winter wheat patents, \$5 to \$5.25; straight rollers, \$4.75 to \$5; straight rollers, in bags, \$2.25 to \$2.35. Feed—Bran and shorts are firm, and demand good; Manitoba bran, in bags, \$19 to \$20; shorts, \$21 per ton; Ontario bran, in bulk, \$19 to \$20; shorts, \$20.50 to \$21.50; mouille, \$26 to \$28 per ton. Fresh-killed abattoir hogs, \$7.50 to \$7.75; country-dressed hogs, \$7; live hogs, \$5.38 to \$5.50. Eggs—New-laid, 25c. to 27c. Butter—Winter creamery, 19½c. to 20c.; new-made, 20½c. to 21c.; fall makes, 18½c. to 21½c.; Western dairy, 15c. to 15½c.; rolls, 16c. to 17c.; creamery, 18c. to 18½c. Cheese—Ontario, 10c. to 10½c.; townships, 9½c. to 10c.

Retail prices, Toronto street market:

Wheat, white \$0.98
Wheat, red 97½
Wheat, goose 87½ to 88
Wheat, spring 94½
Oats 39½
Barley 47½ to 48½
Rye 60
Buckwheat 46
Peas 65
Hay, No. 1 timothy 10.00 to 12.50
Hay, mixed or clover 8.00 to 9.00
Straw, sheaf 10.00 to 10.50
Straw, loose 7.00
Dressed hogs, light, cwt. 7.00
Dressed hogs, heavy 6.50
Butter 20 to 23
Eggs, new-laid 30
Fowls, per pound 6 to 8
Spring chickens, per pair 75 to 1.50
Spring chickens, per pound 13 to 16
Geese, per pound 10 to 14
Turkeys, per pound 15 to 18
Apples, per barrel 1.50 to 2.50
Potatoes, per bag 1.10 to 1.25

Horse Market.

About two hundred horses were sold at the Repository, Toronto, during the week. The sales were well attended by buyers from all parts of the Province, as well as the Northwest. On Tuesday ninety head were sold. The highest price paid was \$260.00, for a four-year-old Clyde gelding, about 1,700 lbs. Mr. John Lemmon, of Winnipeg, was one of the principal buyers, and succeeded in getting a very good carload of blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 pounds. On Thursday, the special sale of heavy horses consigned by the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company and Hendry Company, numbering sixty head, were sold. They ranged in price from \$25.00 to \$157.50. They were in poor condition, hard usage and a five days' trip on cars. Bidding was lively, and every horse sold. On Friday, about fifty head were disposed of, including some good drivers and general-purpose horses. On March 30th, a consignment of pure-bred Clydesdale fillies will be sold.

The following is Walter Harland Smith's weekly report of prevailing prices:

Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands.....\$135.00 to \$190.00
Single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands 150.00 to 275.00
Matched pairs carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands 375.00 to 600.00
Delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. 125.00 to 165.00
General-purpose and express horses, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs. 130.00 to 195.00
Draft horses, 1,350 to 1,750 lbs.... 150.00 to 260.00
Serviceable second-hand workers ... 25.00 to 157.50
Serviceable second-hand drivers..... 40.00 to 125.00

Montreal Markets.

Montreal.—Cattle—Choice butchers', 4½c. to 4¾c.; good, 3¾c. to 4c.; medium, 3c. to 3¾c.; common, 2c. to 2¾c. Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, from 3c. to 3½c.; lambs, selling at 4c. to 4½c. The demand for spring lambs is good at \$6 to \$8 each. Hogs—Demand is active, and prices range around 5½c.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5 to \$5.65; poor to medium, \$4.50 to \$5; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$5.35; canners, \$1.60 to \$2.40. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.25 to \$5.60; good to choice heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.70; light, \$4.80 to \$5.50. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Western sheep, \$3.25 to \$5.50; native lambs, \$4.25 to \$5.50.

British Markets.

London.—Canadian cattle are quoted at 11c. to 12c. per lb.; refrigerator beef is 8½c. to 9c. per lb.; sheep steady at 12½c. to 13½c. per lb.

Buffalo Markets.

Buffalo.—Cattle—Prime steers, \$5 to \$5.20; shipping, \$4.40 to \$4.75; butchers', \$4 to \$5; stockers and feeders, \$3.40 to \$4. Hogs—Heavy, \$5.90 to \$6; mixed, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Yorkers, \$5.70 to \$5.85. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$5 to \$6.15; yearlings, \$5.15 to \$5.25; wethers, \$4.90 to \$5; ewes, \$4.60 to \$4.75; sheep, mixed, \$3 to \$4.85.

Coming Events.

Treherne Show, August 9th.
Dominion Fair, Winnipeg, July 25th to Aug. 6th.
W. A. A. A., Brandon, August 9th to 12th.

Albert E. Lawrence, Brant Co., Ont.: Enclosed find my renewal for "Farmer's Advocate." It is a very valuable paper for farmers and stockmen, and I don't see how any progressive farmer can afford to be without it.

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