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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Considering the season of the year, receipts of live stock were large last week, amounting, all told, to 326 cars, consisting of 5,123 cattle, 6,185 hogs, 624 sheep and lambs, 814 calves and 1 horse. The quality of fat cattle was the best of the season thus far, but when compared with other years, it was not up to the usual standard; that is, the percentage of choice, well-finished cattle was far below that of other years. Trade was brisk, with prices higher than at any time this year. Receipts of cattle at the Junction market, on Monday, 10th, were 1,500 head. Trade was brisk, and prices 25c. to 50c. higher than last week. Exporters brought \$5.65 to \$6.25, and one load of prime, \$6.50; best loads butchers', \$5.65 to \$5.85.

Exporters.—Prices ranged from \$5.40 to \$6.50, the bulk selling from \$5.60 to \$6.25. Bulls sold at \$4.25 to \$4.75.

Butchers'.—Prime picked lots sold from \$5.50 to \$5.85; loads of good at \$5.25 to \$5.45; medium at \$4.90 to \$5.20; common and mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.80; cows, \$3.85 to \$4.85; common cows and canners, \$3 to \$3.50.

Feeders and Stockers.—There has been little doing in these classes, owing to the scarcity of fat cattle to fill all demands, everything with any pretence to being fat, or at all fleshy, was bought for butcher purposes. A few common stockers sold at unchanged quotations.

Milk Cows.—The number of milkers and springers offered was not as large, nor was the general quality as good. Prices ranged from \$30 to \$60, the bulk selling at \$40 to \$50 each.

Veal Calves.—The run of veal calves was large, the demand good, the quality generally being far from good. Prices were firmer in sympathy with the higher quotations for fat cattle. The bulk sold at \$4.50 to \$5.75, with a few of the best new-milk-fed at \$6 to \$7 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Deliveries light in comparison with other years at this season. Market strong, with prices firm all round. Export sheep, \$5.50 to \$6.50 for ewes; rams, \$4.50 to \$5; yearlings, \$7 to \$7.50 per cwt., these prices being for unclipped. Spring lambs sold at \$4 to \$6.50 each, with a few prime-quality heavy-weights at \$7 and even \$8 each.

Hogs.—Last week selects were quoted at \$7.10, and lights at \$6.85. Monday's prices were \$6.75 for selects, and \$6.50 for lights and fats.

Horses.—There was a fairly steady trade at the Repository during last week. Burns & Sheppard report that it is hard to buy horses from farmers at a price so that a reasonable profit can be made for handling. There is a steady demand for heavy-drafts, expressers and carriage horses at following prices: Heavy-drafts horses, 1,200 to 1,400 lbs., \$160 to \$225; expressers, \$175 to \$225; carriage horses, per pair, \$350 to \$550; roadsters, \$150 to \$225 each; serviceable workers and drivers, \$60 to \$125; cheap workers, \$40 to \$60 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, 88c. asked, outside points; No. 2 mixed, 87c.; No. 2 red, 88c. Manitoba—No. 1 Northern, 55c., at lake ports; No. 2 Goose, 84c.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow American, 62½c. to 63c., lake and rail, 63c. to 63½c. all rail, Toronto basis.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 45½c. to 46c. Barley.—No. 3 extra, 56c. asked, outside.

Peas.—No. 2, 81c. Rye.—72c. asked, 70c. bid. Buckwheat.—56c.

Bran.—Market firm at \$23, at Toronto; \$21 to \$22 outside.

Shorts.—\$22 to \$23, outside points. Flour.—Manitoba patent, \$4.05; Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$3.30 bid; Manitoba special brands, \$5 to \$5.20; strong bakers', \$4.75.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market easier. Creamery pound rolls, 22c. to 24c.; creamery boxes, 21c. to 23c.; dairy pound rolls, 20c. to 21c.; tub, 19c. to 20c.; bakers' tub, 17c. to 18c.

Eggs.—Prices firm at 18½c. Cheese.—New; prices firm. Twins, 13½c.; large, 13½c.

Honey.—Strained, 12c.; combs, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per dozen.

Evaporated Apples.—8c. to 8½c. Potatoes.—Market strong. New Brunswick Delawares, firm at \$1.30 per bag for car lots, on track, at Toronto.

Poultry.—Limited supplies sold as follows: Turkeys, 13c. to 15c. for gobblers; hens, 16c. to 18c.; spring chickens, 40c. to 50c. per lb., dressed; alive, 30c. to 35c.; yearlings, 16c. to 18c.; hens, 11c. to 13c.

Hay.—Baled, \$13 to \$14 per ton for car lots, on track, here, of timothy; \$12 to \$13 for mixed.

Straw.—Baled, \$7 per ton, by the car. Beans.—Market steady. Prices unchanged.

HIDES.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front Street, have been paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 steers and cows, 9½c.; No. 2 steers and cows, 8½c.; country hides, 7½c. to 8c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 13c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 11c. to 12c.; sheep skins, each, \$1.75 to \$1.85; horse hides, \$3.25 to \$3.50; horse hair, No. 1, per lb., 30c.; tallow, per lb., 5½c. to 6c.; wool, unwashed, 13c. to 14c.

CHEESE BOARD PRICES.

Peterboro, 11½c. Woodstock, 11½c. bid. Madoc, 11½c. Kingston, 11 9-16c. Tweed, 11½c. bid on board, no sales, afterwards 11½c. to 11 9-16c., sold on curb. Kemptville, 11 9-16c. bid. Huntingdon, Que., white cheese, 11 7-16c. to 11½c.; colored cheese, 11 7-16c.; salted butter, 20½c. Perth, Brockville prices. Brantford, 11½c., 11 9-16c., 11½c. Ottawa, 11½c. Napanee, 11 5-16c. Toronto, the market is quiet, with prices unchanged; large quoted at 13c. per lb., and twins at 13½c.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$5 to \$6.65; cows, \$3.25 to \$5; heifers, \$3 to \$5.50; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.60; calves, \$3 to \$7; stockers and feeders, \$3 to \$5.15.

Hogs.—Medium to choice, heavy, \$6.15 to \$6.25; butchers' weights, \$6.20 to \$6.25; light to good, mixed, \$6.17½ to \$6.25; packing, \$5.50 to \$6.17½; pigs, \$5.50 to \$6.30.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5.50 to \$8.60; sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.85; yearlings, \$7 to \$7.60.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Light demand and steady; prices unchanged.

Veals.—\$5 to \$8.50.

Hogs.—Slow and 10c. to 15c. lower; heavy, \$6.40 to \$6.60; mixed Yorkers and pigs, \$6.60; roughs, \$5.50 to \$5.70.

Sheep and Lambs.—Steady; lambs, \$5.50 to \$8.90.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—Cattle, 11c. to 11½c. per lb.; refrigerator beef 9c. to 10c. per lb. Sheep are 14½c. to 15c. per lb.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Demand for Canadian cattle was fairly active in the English markets this week, and prices were higher than a week ago. The export market shows increased activity, but the demand for ocean space is not very marked. Prices in the local market are rather above an export basis. The market seems to show additional strength each market day, and this week prices show an advance over those of a week ago. The situation simply is that quantity of stock offering is below what is needed for domestic consumption, so that there is very little for export at the moment. Choice cattle are now bringing as high as 6½c. here, and the indications are that these figures will hold firm and, possibly, even advance. Fine quality sells at 6c. to 6½c.; good, 5½c. to 6c.; medium, 4½c. to 5½c., and common, 3½c. to 4½c.; milkmen's strippers, 4½c. to 4½c. There are rather more sheep offering than formerly, and prices are accordingly lower, at 4½c. to 5c., some having been taken for export at these figures. Spring lambs are \$4 to \$6 each, and calves are selling at \$2 to \$8 each, according to quality. Hogs are steady, at about 7½c. for selects, off cars.

Horses.—There is a good demand for everything offering. The whole trouble is that the supply of horses is insufficient. Receipts continue very light, and the animals are no sooner in the stables here than they are taken away again by purchasers. However, it seems difficult to advance prices, so that these continue as before, as follows: Heavy-draft, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs. each, \$275 to \$350; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$250 to \$300; express horses, \$175 to \$250; common plugs, \$75 to \$150 each, and choice driving and saddle animals, from \$300 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Owing to the continued firmness of the market for live hogs, dressed hogs are fully up to last week's figures. These were 10½c. per lb. for fresh, abattoir-dressed stock, there being a good demand for everything offered. There is little new in the different lines of salt and smoked meats, barrelled pork continuing steady at \$20.50 to \$24.50 per bbl., and hams and bacon being still in good request. Hams are quoted at 12½c. to 14c. for 25-lb. weights, per lb.; 14c. to 14½c. for 18 to 25-lb. weights; 14½c. to 15½c. for 12 to 18-lb. weights, and 15½c. for lighter. Green bacon is selling fairly well, at 10½c. to 12c. per lb., and smoked at 14c. to 16c. Lard sold at 9½c. to 10½c. per lb. for compound, and 12½c. to 13c. for pure.

Potatoes.—Stock appears to be getting scarcer and more difficult to get from week to week, and prices become proportionately dearer. At present, deliveries are very light, and enquiries coming in from all over the country show how scarce stock is becoming. Some Boston stock has been coming into Ontario of late at about equal to Canadian prices. Local quotations are about steady at \$1.10 to \$1.12 per 90 lbs., for white, carloads on track, \$1.15 in broken lots, on track, and \$1.20, bagged and delivered into store, in a jobbing way. Red potatoes are about 2c. cheaper than those quoted, finest quality being always referred to. New stock is coming in from the U. S., also, and is very dear.

Eggs.—Some dealers appear to think that prices will decline, now that the weather has shown the first real signs of summer. The demand has kept up splendidly all spring, and the quality of the eggs was never better, the weather having been too cool to have any injurious effect. At the present time, prices of straight-gathered stock are the same as a week ago, 17½c. to 18c., in a wholesale way, selects being 20c. to 21c., No. 2 stock not being offered, apparently.

Butter.—Practically no full-grass butter had reached the city early this week, but the purchases made in the country were grass goods, and about Wednesday the stock began coming in. Dealers quoted choicest Townships at 20½c. to 21c. The fact is that the make of butter is so small this season, so far, that there has been barely sufficient to satisfy the local requirements. There is no export demand,

and export prices are about 19½c. It is said that some of the factories now working on butter will switch off to cheese, so that there does not appear to be any immediate chance of prices declining to any considerable extent. Only 22 packages have been exported, to date, this season, against 21,194 a year ago.

Cheese.—About 34,000 boxes were exported last week, against 50,000 a year ago, 140,000 being shipped to date, against 191,000 a year ago. At the moment, there is very little demand from the other side, the result being that the local market is rather easier, at 12½c. to 12½c. for Easterns, and 12½c. to 12½c. for Westerns. There would seem to be a fair prospect for a large make this season, and as it would seem that prices will be maintained at a high level, factorymen should experience a most remunerative season.

Flour and Feed.—Notwithstanding the tendency towards a lower level in the wheat markets, flour continues at the top figures quoted during the past few weeks. Demand, which was brisk about the time of the advance, has again fallen off, and is only moderate. Manitoba strong bakers' is quoted at \$4.50 per bbl., in bags, and patents at \$5.10. As for millfeed, now that the pastures are in good shape, there is very little feeding being done, so that the market is quiet. Prices continue about steady, at \$21 per ton for bran, in bags, and \$22 to \$23 for shorts. It is still difficult to give immediate delivery.

Grain.—Although prices of oats are a fraction more than a week ago, the market is not so firm, and some think that there may possibly be a slight decline. No. 2 Manitoba white oats are quoted at 49c. to 50c. per bushel, No. 2 Ontarios being the same, No. 3 being 48c. to 49c., and No. 4 being 47c. to 48c. The consumption will not likely be quite so large for some time to come, now that the pastures are good.

Hay and Seeds.—The market for hay is reported easy in tone, but prices still hold firm enough, and holders would not make any sacrifices. Dealers are quoting No. 1 timothy at \$16.50 to \$17 per ton; No. 2 at \$15 to \$16, and clover and clover mixture at \$14 to \$15. There is very little shipping going on. Demand for seeds is almost over, and dealers think that after this week there will be no more sold. As a matter of fact the season is about three weeks late, and all the seed should be in the ground. Prices for timothy are \$5.75 to \$7.75 per 100 lbs., Montreal; \$17 to \$18.50 for red clover; \$14 to \$20 for white clover, and \$18 to \$16 for alsike.

Hides.—Demand for hides is slow, and quality is improving. Prices are steady, save for lamb skins, which are now 30c. each. Sheep are \$1.10; calves, 18c. per lb. for No. 2, and 15c. for No. 1. Dealers are paying 8½c., 9½c. and 10½c. per lb. for beef hides, Montreal, and 1-3c. more for city take-off.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Miscellaneous.

WIREWORMS IN OAT FIELD.

Find enclosed a couple small worms. I have a fifteen-acre field of oats badly infested with them, large patches being entirely destroyed.

P. M.

Ans.—Wireworms. See answer to Subscriber elsewhere in this issue. Barley is less subject to attack by wireworms than oats. It might be advisable to sow barley on the spots that are injured worst.

WIREWORMS.

What is the best way to kill wireworms in a corn field? They are boring right through the kernel. Some places there are one dozen worms in a hill.

SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—Unfortunately we cannot recommend any remedy worth the trouble of trying. Extensive experiments have only served to show the uselessness of many so-called remedies, such as coating seed grain with poison, application of salt or other chemicals, and even of clean fallow to starve the wireworms out. Short rotation, heavy seeding to clover, and fall plowing are the best means of combating the pest, but will, of course, be of no avail in the present instance. Wireworms are, as a rule, less troublesome in clover sod than on old grass land.