

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, July 26.—While we had the comparatively light run this morning of 38 loads, 20 came in yesterday, but none of them sold, and this made the offerings close on 60 loads. The receipts included 1490 lambs, and sheep, nearly 700 hogs, 60 calves, and a few milkers. The market was little changed, except for hogs, which were firmer. The trade at Montreal was very bad yesterday, in fact, really in worse shape than is the trade here. To-day there was a good deal of buying, but prices were low, and intending buyers held off to lower prices still further. Late in the day a more active business was done and little stuff of any consequence remained unsold.

Export cattle—Trade was slow, and prices were around 4c for ordinary good shipping cattle. Several times 4½c was paid, and for some choice stuff purchased by Mr. James Eakins 4½c was realized. The range however, can be put at from 3½ to 4½c for good shippers and they had to be good to fetch the latter figure. Among the sales were six loads averaging from 1,270 to 1,360 lbs, which sold at from 4 to 4½c; 3 loads averaging close on 1400 lbs, sold at 4c and 4½c over a load averaging 1,275 lbs, sold at 3½c; a load of 23 sold at 3½c, averaging 1,250 to 1,300 lbs, sold at 3½c. Very little of the cattle could be called strictly first class.

Butchers' cattle—It would be incorrect to say that the top price was 4c, though that figure was occasionally paid for picked lots of choice. For really good stuff 3½ to 3¾c was the range; very fair cattle sold readily at 3c per lb, and some of it much lower; secondary stuff brought 2½ to 2¾c, and inferior sold very slowly at around 2c per lb. Among the sales were found one lot of 10 very choice cattle averaging 1,095 lbs, sold at \$3.75 per cwt; a load, averaging 1,100 lbs, sold at 3½c; 23 averaging 1,075 lbs, sold at 3½c; 23 averaging 1,075 lbs, sold at \$31 each; 10 averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at \$35 each; 25 averaging 970 lbs, sold at 2½c per lb; 14 averaging 1,100 lbs, sold at \$34.50 each. These were well fed cattle. Twenty-three, averaging 1,050 lbs, sold at 3c; and several lots from 900 to 975 lbs, sold at from 2½ to 2¾c per lb.

A few stockers were purchased at 2½c per lb, but there is no special demand as yet, but about the middle of next month Mr. Halligan will require about 300 for export.

Milkers—There was no quotable change, but a rather better feeling existed, and we had a slight demand.

Sheep and lambs—Export sheep were selling at 3½c as the top figure, but the tendency is towards lower prices. Lambs were much off, and sold from \$1.75 to \$2.50 each. There were too many in.

Hogs—We had an appreciable advance, and for very choice, off cars, \$5.25 was paid; thick fat were firm at \$4.60 and \$4.70 per cwt; but stores were in over supply and inclined to drag at \$4.25; stores may be considered as not wanted.

East Buffalo, July 26.—Fresh receipts, 4 loads; there was a very tight local demand, and the markets were dull. Of veal calves there were 225 head on sale, and prices ruled fairly steady; good to prime veals sold at \$5 to \$5.50; light to good \$3.75 to \$4.75; common \$3 to \$3.50.

Hogs—On sale 31 cars; the market ruled with a fairly good demand, and prices were about the same as yesterday to a shade higher for light grades; mediums, heavy and choice yorkers brought \$5.25 to \$5.40; pigs, \$5.30 to \$5.35; roughs \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts were 25 cars. The market was fairly active and owing to a wrangle among export buyers, prices were higher for some kinds; top wethers sold at \$4 to \$4.50; fair to good mixed sheep, \$2.25 to \$2.60 common to fair, \$1.50 to \$2; fair to choice yearling, \$2.75 to \$3.25; best spring lambs, \$4.50 to \$3.25; fair to good, \$3.25 to \$4.40.

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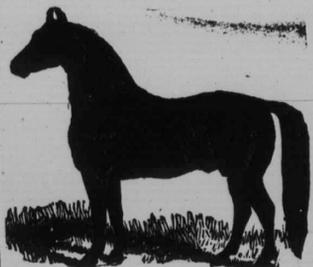
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