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LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—The total receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets last week were 3,750 cattle, 2,743 hogs, and 323 sheep, showing a decrease of 1,784 cattle, 1,057 hogs, and 138 sheep for the corresponding week last year. The supply, however, was equal to the demand, with the exception of hogs, of which there is a scarcity on each market day.

Exporters—There has been a good demand for prime well-finished shipping cattle at firm prices, but medium, half-finished, of which there are a large number on each market, are slow of sale. Prime exporters sold at \$5.10 to \$5.25 per cwt., and one lot of 34 extra well-finished cattle sold at \$5.30, which is the highest price reported thus far this season. Medium exporters sold at \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt., the bulk selling from \$5 to \$5.12½ per cwt. Export bulls sold at \$3.50 to \$4.25.

Butchers—Butchers' cattle of good to prime quality are scarce, and eagerly sought after. And while there are more of the common to medium kinds, they also find a ready market, as there seems to be a scarcity of butchers' cattle of all classes in the country. Farmers are sending forward a class of rough half-fat steers, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs. each, that would pay them well to feed for a month or six weeks longer. Prime picked lots of butchers' sold at \$4.75 to \$5.15 per cwt.; loads of good at \$4.50 to \$4.75, and even \$4.85 was paid; common at \$4 to \$4.40; cows, \$3 to \$4.25, and bulls, 1,200 to 1,400 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.50, and even \$3.75. These latter are being bought for Ottawa and Montreal trade, especially the latter.

Feeders and Stockers—There is a good demand for feeders, especially well-bred, short-keep steers. Several loads of medium exporters were bought at about \$4.70 to \$4.85, and a few picked lots at \$4.90 to \$5; but the present outlook of the trade does not seem to warrant such prices for cattle for grass purposes. Steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., sold at \$4.40 to \$4.70; those weighing 900 to 1,000 lbs., \$4.10 to \$4.30; 800 to 900 lbs., \$3.80 to \$4; stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.60; common, \$3 to \$3.25.

Milk Cows—There is a scarcity of good milk cows and springers; in fact, receipts of all classes have been light this last week. Prices have ranged from \$30 to \$54 each, and one extra good cow brought \$60.

Veal Calves—The run of "boby" calves has been heavy for the past two weeks, which has had the effect of pulling down prices of medium to good calves. Prices range \$3 to \$6 per cwt., but choice new-milk-fed calves, 4 to 5 weeks old, will bring \$7 or more per cwt., as they are scarce and in demand.

Sheep and Lambs—Deliveries have been light, with prices a little firmer. Export ewes sold at \$4.75 to \$5.25; bucks, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; yearling lambs, \$6.75 to \$7.25 per cwt.; spring lambs,

\$3 to \$6 each for the bulk. But choice 50- to 60-lb. spring lambs would readily bring \$8 to \$9 each. The quality of the bulk of spring lambs coming on the market is far from being good, and farmers are foolish to sell them until they are good and fat.

Hogs—Toronto buyers are still quoting \$7.15 per cwt., but drovers say they are paying from \$7 to \$7.15 to the farmers, at country points, which means that hogs are worth at least \$7.37½ to \$7.40 per cwt., fed and watered before being weighed.

HORSES.

There was a fair trade in horses last week, but not quite what was expected for "show week," that is, there were not so many sales made at fancy prices. The principal demand is for heavy-work and delivery horses. Burns & Sheppard report the following prevailing prices: Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands, \$125 to \$160; single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$140 to \$175; matched pairs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$350 to \$600; delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., \$150 to \$180; general-purpose and express horses, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs., \$140 to \$190; draft horses, 1,350 lbs. to 1,750 lbs., \$160 to \$225; serviceable second-hand workers, \$65 to \$90; serviceable second-hand drivers, \$65 to \$90.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Prices are again easier, owing to increasing supplies. There is still a good demand for best grades of creamery prints at 23c. to 24c.; creamery boxes, 21c. to 22c.; large rolls, 16c. to 17c.; dairy pound rolls, 19c. to 20c.; makers', 15c. to 16c.

Eggs—The packers having commenced operations, prices for new-laid eggs are firmer at 17c. per doz.

Cheese—Prices firm. Old is quoted at 14c. for large, and 14½c. for twins.

Poultry—Choice, dry-lucked chickens range from 15c. to 16c. per lb.; fat hens, 10c. to 12c. per lb.; turkeys, 16c. to 20c. per lb.; spring chickens, 30c. to 40c. per lb., or \$1.20 to \$1.30 per pair.

Potatoes—Prices steady. Eastern are quoted at 80c. to 90c. per bag for car lots, on track, at Toronto; and Ontario, 70c. to 75c. per bag.

Hay—Baled hay is scarce and firm at \$9.50 to \$10 for No. 1 timothy, on track at Toronto; No. 2 selling at \$7.50 per ton.

Straw—Baled straw, unchanged, at \$5.50 to \$6 per ton for car lots, on track.

Beans—Hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.85, and prime, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bushel.

Honey—Market quiet. Strained, 8c. to 9c. per lb.; combs, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.

Seeds—The following are the retail prices: Alsike, No. 1, \$7 to \$9 per bushel; alsike, No. 2, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per bushel; red clover, choice, No. 1, \$7.50 to \$9.30 per bushel; timothy seed, flail-threshed, \$2 to \$2.40 per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

Grain—Ontario—Wheat, No. 2 white, 81c. asked, outside; No. 2 mixed, at 80½c., outside. Manitoba—Wheat—No. 1 northern, 83c., at Pt. Edward; No. 2 northern, 82c., bid, at Pt. Edward; barley—No. 2, bid, 51c. east, and 50c., west.

Oats—No. 2 white offered at 38½c., in store at Toronto, with 38c. bid.

Peas—No. 2, 77½c. bid, outside.

Buckwheat—18c. to 49c.

Corn—No. 3 American, yellow, offered at 55c., at Toronto.

Barley—Offered at \$17, in bulk, outside; \$20 at Toronto.

Shorts—Scarce at \$21 per ton, at Toronto.

Flour—Ontario steady; 90 per cent, patents sell at \$3.10; Manitoba first patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40; Manitoba second patents, \$3.90.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

E. T. Carter & Co., wholesale dealers in wool, etc., have been paying: Inspected hides, No. 1 steers, 11c.; inspected hides, No. 2 steers, 10c.; inspected hides, No. 1 cows, 10½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows, 9½c.; country hides, flat, 9c. to 10c.; calf skins, No. 1, selected, 14c.; sheep skins, \$1.50 to \$1.75; horse hides, \$3.25 to \$3.60; tallow, rendered, 4½c. to 5c.; wool, unwashed, fleece, 16c. to 17c.; wool, washed, 25c.

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Montreal.

Live Stock—Season of navigation open at Montreal, and shipments being made from that port. For the five months of the winter season shipments from St. John, N. B., were 27,778 cattle and 4,448 head of sheep. Those from Portland were 26,190 head of cattle, and 9,361 head of sheep. Prospects for the season's trade not any too encouraging, but local agents say a large part of the Glasgow space for May has been taken at 35s. Cattle are being marketed slowly, but there are prospects of some arrivals of ranchers from the West, although the quality of these is poor. On the local cattle market, receipts are fair, and choicest stock sold at 5½c. to 5½c. per lb., choice being 5c. to 5½c.; good to fine, 4½c. to 5c.; medium, 3½c. to 4c., and common, 2½c. to 3½c. Supplies of sheep and lambs continue on the light side, and prices steady at 5c. to 6c. per lb. for sheep, lambs ranging from about \$4 to \$6 for good stock each. Poor calves sold at \$2 to \$4 each, and good at \$5 to \$8 each. Supplies of hogs rather on the light side. Demand from butchers was not very active, and advances on bacon from the other side were rather easy. Sales were made at about 7½c. to 7½c. for selected, prices being about steady.

Horses—Market holding very firm. Quotations are \$250 to \$300 each for heavy-draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs.; \$150 to \$200 each for light-draft or coal-cart horses, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs.; \$175 to \$225 for express horses, weighing 1,100 to 1,300 lbs. each; \$350 to \$500 for choice saddle or carriage horses, and \$75 to \$125 for old, broken-down animals.

Dressed Hogs—Choice dressed hogs, fresh-killed, steady, and in good demand at 10c. to 10½c. per lb.

Butter—Prices have daily declined for some time to 17½c. to 17½c. for mediums, and 18c. to 18½c. for choicest, wholesale. Fair demand at these prices.

Cheese—Market holding fairly firm of late, but has rather a wide range, the ruling price being around 11c.

Eggs—The dealers have been packing eggs away, and this has had a strengthening effect upon prices. Straight-gathered, 15½c. to 16c., wholesale; No. 2 selling at 4c. under this figure.

Grain—Manitoba No. 1 northern wheat in good demand at 88c. Ontario white winter in fair request at 86c. Oat market firm, and prices fractionally higher at 39½c. to 41½c. store.

Hides—The market for hides shows much strength, and prices have advanced. Receipts of nearly all kinds, save calf skins, are light, but calf skins also are higher, an advance usually taking place about this time of year, owing to the increased demand for manufacturing purposes. Demand for beef hides is also good, and the quality, though still poor, is improving. Prices are 1c. per lb. up, at 9½c., 10½c., and 11½c. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively, tanners' prices being 4c. more. Sheep skins are \$1.15 to \$1.20 each; lamb skins and clips, 10c. each, and calf skins, 14c. and 12c. per lb., respectively, for Nos. 1 and 2.

Seeds—Market firm, and demand very active. Shipments to points in Eastern Ontario, and to the Atlantic are going on actively. Prices, i. e., b., Montreal, per cwt., \$14 to \$16.50 for alsike, \$14.50

to \$17 for red clover, and \$4 to \$6 for timothy.

Hay—Market weak, in sympathy with that in United States and England, and prices have declined 50c. a ton to \$9 for No. 1 timothy, \$8 for No. 2, and \$6.50 to \$7 for clover and mixed.

Potatoes—Market, if anything, firmer, purchases being made at 65c. to 70c. per 90-lb. bag, carloads, on track.

Chicago.

Cattle—Common to prime steers, \$4 to \$6.30; cows, \$3.25 to \$4.60; heifers, \$2.75 to \$5.35; bulls, \$2.60 to \$4.25; calves, \$2.75 to \$5.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$4.80. Hogs—Choice to prime, heavy, \$6.45 to \$6.55; medium to good, heavy, \$6.35 to \$6.45; butchers' weights, \$6.37½ to \$6.45; good to choice, heavy, mixed, \$6.35 to \$6.45; packing, \$5.60 to \$6.40. Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$4.75 to \$5.85; yearlings, \$5.40 to \$5.85; lambs, \$5.50 to \$7.60.

Buffalo.

Veals—\$4.50 to \$6.50. Hogs—Heavy, mixed, Yorkers and pigs, \$6.75 to \$6.80; roughs, \$6 to \$6.15; stags, \$4.25 to \$4.75. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.60; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$6; wethers, \$5.50 to \$5.75; ewes, \$4.75 to \$5; sheep, mixed, \$3 to \$5.25.

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RULES FOR DYSPEPTICS.

1. Eat slowly and masticate thoroughly.
2. Drink fluid after meals rather than with food.
3. Eat at regular hours.
4. If greatly fatigued, lie down and rest quietly before and after eating.
5. Avoid taking business worries to the table.
6. Take systematic exercise in the open air.
7. On rising, cold sponging and vigorous friction of the body is advisable.
8. Avoid too much variety at any one meal.

Governor Herriek, the Ohio Executive, was telling of a negro camp-meeting in Southern Tennessee the other day.

"A negro exhorter had just made a great speech," he said, "and when he got through he went down among the congregation and asked each one to come out and 'give de army of de Lord.'"

"One of the congregation, when this question was put to him, replied:

"I 'se done jined."

"Whar'd you jine?" asked the exhorter.

"In 'de Baptist Church," was the answer.

"Why, chile," said the exhorter, "yoh 'ont in de army; yoh's in de navy."

Exchange.