

market on Tuesday at \$4.55 per cwt. A few picked lots of butchers' sold at \$4.75 to \$4.80. Butchers' cattle of quality are in demand. Few stockers and feeders are offering, and few, seemingly, are wanted. Milch cows and springers sell at from \$30 to \$65 each, and calves at \$2 to \$12 each, and \$4.50 to \$6.50 per cwt. according to quality. Quotations for heavy lots of exporters are \$4.55 to \$4.75; butchers', \$4.40 to \$4.50; and feeders, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt.

The run of sheep and lambs is light and prices firm. Sheep rule at \$3.75 to \$4.25 for ewes and \$3 to \$3.50 for bucks. Choice grain-fed lambs, ewes and wethers for export sell at \$5.25 to \$5.75, and barnyard lambs at \$4.50 to \$5.00 per cwt. Good spring lambs are worth \$7 to \$9 each.

Hog deliveries are more liberal and prices are firmer and higher at \$5.15 for selects, and \$4.87½ for lights and fats. At outside country points \$4.85 and \$4.90 are being paid, and at one point near Toronto as high as \$5 per cwt.

MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax March 4, 1904.
Trade has been very dull for the last month throughout the Maritime Provinces. We have had a full share of the snow and severe weather in common with other parts of Canada, and business has been suffering to some extent. Farmers have not been moving much produce owing to the condition of the roads. Everything which they have to buy is very firm, and in the last ten days a great many lines have advanced in price. Flour, of course, is higher, and as little or no wheat is grown in this province, this is a matter of a great deal of importance to our people. Rolled oats have advanced another 40 cents in the last few days, as a result of the combine of the Ontario millers. Cornmeal has advanced ten cents per barrel, following an advance of 15 cents a couple of weeks ago. All lines of biscuits of Maritime Province manufacture have been advanced one-half cent per lb. Provisions are all dearer. Lard is up one cent a pound, pork \$1.50 a barrel, and beef \$1 a barrel. Sugar has advanced 5 cents per 100 lbs; canned meats are up 5 cents per dozen; canned corn, 15 cents; tomatoes, 10 cents, and peas and beans 5 cents. Manufacturers of all lines of woodware have marked up prices ten per cent.

In some parts of the province hay is getting very scarce. The cold weather necessitates heavy feeding, and the supplies have been used up rapidly. Farmers who have hay to sell do not bring it out in the present state of the roads, and we hear of hay being sold in the Cornwallis Valley last week for \$16 a ton, with a prospect of even higher prices before spring. In this city, dealers were fortunate in getting a good quantity down from Quebec before the railways became demoralized, and prices have remained unchanged. Oats have advanced to 45 cents a bushel, and bran and middlings have gone up an additional 50 cents per ton. Eggs are coming in more plentifully from nearby points and the price is easier, with the prospect of a considerable decline before Easter.

Exports of fish and potatoes to the West Indies have been very heavy of late, as good prices are being obtained in these markets. There is not a cargo of Bank fish left in the hands of Nova Scotia fishermen at present. The fifteen cargoes that were held over at Lunenburg during the winter were all snapped up last week by Halifax merchants at \$3.25 ex vessel. The bays are filled with drift ice and few fish are now being caught. Lobster fishing has also been suspended.

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