

MARKETS.

Toronto. LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock were moderately large at both the City and Junction markets. The quality of both exporters and butchers' was far from being good, the bulk being not more than half fat. Trade was brisk, with prices higher.

Exporters.—Prices ranged from \$4.96 to \$5.35; but only one load sold at the latter figure, the bulk going at \$5.10 to \$5.20; export bulls, \$3.75 to \$4.40.

Butchers'.—The heaviest of the butchers' class were bought for export purposes at prices around \$5 per cwt. Prime picked lots, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs. each, \$1.60 to \$4.90; loads of fair to good, \$4.30 to \$4.50; medium, \$3.90 to \$4.20; common, mixed with cows, \$3.60 to \$3.80; cows ranged from \$3 to \$4; canners, \$1.25 to \$2.25 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers.—None were offered, but a few well-bred steers, 1,000 to 1,150 lbs., would find ready sale.

Milch Cows.—Dealers from Montreal caused the market to be strong, with prices firmer, ranging from \$35 to \$55 for medium to good, and \$60 to \$65 for a few of prime quality was paid.

Veal Calves.—Receipts limited, trade brisk, at \$3.50 to \$7 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts moderate, quality generally not good. Export ewes sold at \$4.75 to \$5.15 per cwt.; culls and rams, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. Lambs sold from \$5.50 to \$7 per cwt.

Hogs.—Receipts moderate; prices easier. Selects sold at \$6.60 per cwt.; lights and fats, \$6.35; sows, \$4 to \$5 per cwt.; stags at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt. There are far too many heavy hogs that are not suitable for the English trade that are being offered. Farmers should sell their hogs when they weigh 180 lbs. and not more than 200 lbs. each.

Horses.—Market conditions show little change from last week. Big horses are in good demand, and selling well. No trouble is experienced in getting an outlet for good horses at satisfactory prices, that make a little money for the shipper, if bought within reason in the country. There is a good demand for the Northwest trade for horses about 1,400 lbs., but they must be in good condition to stand shipping. The Canadian Horse Exchange, as well as the Repository, are both doing a good trade. Buyers from Ottawa, in the East, to Virten, Manitoba, in the West, attended the sales, and nearly all the offerings were readily picked up. Burns & Sheppard report prices as follows: Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands, \$125 to \$145; single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$125 to \$150; matched pairs, carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands, \$250 to \$400; delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., \$125 to \$170; general-purpose and express horses, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs., \$125 to \$175; draft horses, 1,350 to 1,750 lbs., \$150 to \$195; second-hand workers, \$50 to \$80; second-hand drivers, \$50 to \$90.

BREADSTUFFS.

Grain.—Wheat, No. 2 white winter, 70c.; No. 2, mixed, 69c.; No. 2 red, buyers at 69c. Manitoba, No. 1 Hard, 82c.; No. 1 Northern, 81c.; No. 2 Northern, 79c.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow, 51c., at Toronto; Canadian corn, 48c. to 49c.; American No. 3, mixed, 50c., Toronto.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 36c. bid; No. 2 mixed, buyers, 37c.

Rye.—69c.

Barley.—No. 2, 50c. bid; No. 3X, 48c. bid; No. 3, 46c. bid.

Peas.—79c.

Buckwheat.—55c. offered.

Bran.—\$22; shorts, \$22 to \$23.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, \$3.75; Ontario, ninety per cent. patents, \$2.62 bid for export; Manitoba patent special brands, \$4.50; strong bakers', \$4.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts moderate, with market steady to firm. Creamery rolls, 27c. to 28c.; creamery boxes, 25c. to 26c.; dairy pound rolls, 24c. to 25c.; tubs, 22c. to 23c.; bakers' tub, 17c. to 18c.

Eggs.—Market easier on account of large deliveries at 30c. to 35c. per doz.

Cheese.—Market firm; large, 14c.; twos, 14c.

Lard.—Market firm; strained, 12c.; No. 1, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per doz.

Apples.—Imported apples, 8c. to 9c.

Before Opening An Account

examine the growth of The Sovereign Bank. In 4 1/2 years, ending 31st October, 1906.

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78 Branches Throughout Canada.

Potatoes.—Prices unchanged at 75c. per bag, by the car lot, on track, at Toronto, for New Brunswick Delawares.

Poultry.—Receipts moderate; prices steady. Turkeys, 13c. to 15c.; geese, 10c. to 11c.; ducks, 10c. to 11c.; chickens, 10c. to 11c.; old fowl, 8c. to 9c. There is a good demand for live ducks and live chickens to supply the Hebrews and Chinese, who want their poultry alive.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, on track, at Toronto, \$11.50 to \$12.50 per ton.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, on track, at Toronto, \$6.50 to \$7 per ton.

Beans.—Market steady to firm at \$1.25 to \$1.35 for primes; hand-picked, \$1.40 to \$1.50.

SEEDS.

Wm. Rennie & Sons report the seed market unchanged, with little doing. Prices unchanged as follows: Alsike clover, fancy, \$7 per bushel; alsike, No. 1, \$6 to \$6.25; No. 2, \$5.75 to \$5.85; No. 3, \$4.65 to \$5.10; red clover, fancy, \$8 to \$8.25; No. 1, \$7 to \$7.25; No. 2, \$6.35 to \$6.50; timothy, No. 1, \$1.50 to \$1.80; No. 2, \$1.20 to \$1.40. These are prices being offered by dealers.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Prices are quoted as follows by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front St., Toronto: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 11c.; inspected hides, No. 2, cows and steers, 10c.; country hides, cured, 9c. to 10c.; country hides, green, 8c. to 9c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 12c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 11c.; lamb skins, each, \$1.20 to \$1.30; horse hides, \$3.50 to \$3.75; horse hair, No. 1, per lb., 30c. to 32c.; tallow, per lb., 5c. to 5 1/2c.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—Offerings of cattle on the Montreal markets were about usual for the time of year. The supply was fairly liberal, and the butchers were out in fair numbers, notwithstanding cold weather. Prices: 5c. to 5 1/2c. per lb. for choice stock, 4 1/2c. to 4 3/4c. for good, 3 3/4c. to 4c. for medium, and 2 1/2c. to 3c. for common. Offerings of other live stock were on the light side. Milch cows did not take well, as, owing to the slippery roads, they could not be driven far. Sheep brought 4c. to 4 1/2c. per lb.; lambs, 5 1/2c. to 6c., and calves from \$4 to \$8 each for fair to good stock. Hogs, contrary to the belief a few days earlier, were firm in tone, and prices were 7 1/2c. to 7 3/4c. per lb. for choice stock, weighed off cars, this being the highest price paid for many months past.

Horses.—Buyers who have recently been through Western Ontario predict an advance in the spring. They say that very shortly it will be impossible to secure horses weighing 1,650 to 1,700 lbs. each at less than \$600 to \$700 a pair. Deliveries here are very light, and the tone of the market very firm. There is a good demand for all the available stock, and shipments to lumber and railway construction camps have been quite free of late. Prices in some cases show a slight advance as follows: Heavy-draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs. each, sell at \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; express, 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., \$175 to \$225; common express horses, \$125 to \$150; old broken-down animals, \$50 to \$100,

and choice driving and saddle animals, \$350 to \$500.

Dressed Hogs.—Both live and dressed hogs were scarce, and the market for the latter was firm in sympathy with the former. Prices: 8c. to 9c. per lb. for country-dressed, and 9c. to 10c., and perhaps more for fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed stock.

Poultry.—Supplies of poultry, which were held back for some time following the holiday season, owing to the fear of an oversupply, are commencing to come forward again. The demand for good poultry of all descriptions is very fair, and prices are somewhat improved. Best turkeys are 13c. to 14c. per lb., geese being about 9c. to 10c., while chickens are scarce, and really choice stock sells readily at 12c. to 12 1/2c. per lb. Fowl might be quoted at about 8c. to 10c., according to quality.

Potatoes.—Choicest white potatoes are worth about 70c. to 74c. per 90 lbs., on track, in carloads, other qualities being about 63c. to 68c. These are selling in a jobbing way, delivered into store, at 80c. to 85c. for finest, and 75c. to 80c. per 90 lbs., bagged and delivered into store.

Eggs.—21c. per dozen for Montreal limed, or for storage eggs of good quality, but not containing any selects. Selects bring from 24c. to 28c.

Butter.—The market is not so hopeful as it should be, when it is considered that receipts are not more than a thousand packages a week and are decreasing, and that the weather is cold and unfavorable, while some of the best Township-butter sections report they will not be in the market again till early in April. The inference is that stocks here must be fairly large, or that further deliveries are anticipated from some quarter. It is claimed by some that fully 20,000 packages Canadian butter have been returned from England. The creamery is valued at 24c. to 25c. Buyers of creamery are trying to get prices down on this market, and are offering 24c. for best creamery. Dealers, however, are getting 25 1/2c. and sometimes, perhaps, more. Dairies are 23c. to 23 1/2c. in tubs, and 23c. in rolls. It seems that well kept fall makes are preferred to the fresh goods.

Cheese.—This is the bright spot of the produce market. A number of sales have been made at 13c., the quality being finest Septembers, white. As colored is preferred just now, it would possibly bring more. Many holders of choicest goods are demanding 13 1/2c. for them, though this price is above the market so far. The general feeling here is that still higher prices will shortly be paid, but it has been noted that judicious merchants very frequently try to clear out about this time each year.

Grain.—Dealers report a somewhat better tone of the market. Oats are firm in the West, and demand is good here at 42c. per bush., store, for No. 2, 41c. for No. 3, and 40c. for No. 4. Wheat is in better demand, at higher prices, being 87 1/2c. for No. 1 Northern Manitoba, and 78 1/2c. for No. 2 white Ontario Winter. Peas are steady at about 9c. for No. 2.

Hay.—The market continues very interesting. The tone is easy abroad, Liverpool cabling a decline of 5s. per ton, at 85s. to 87s. 6d. per ton of 2,240 lbs., for equal to No. 2 timothy. New York has dropped \$1.56 per ton, and Boston is in bad shape, some 400 cars await-

ing unloading, and the railways considering the advisability of placing an embargo upon further delivery. Montreal quotes No. 1 timothy at \$14 to \$14.50; No. 2 at \$13 to \$13.50, and clover and clover-mixture at \$12 to \$12.50.

Hides, Tallow and Wool.—The only change in the hide market is a slight advance in horse hides, due probably to the high price of other hides, and the economy of substitution. Horse hides are now \$1.75 for No. 2 each, and \$2.25 for No. 1. Beef hides are 9c., 10c. and 11c. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively. Sheep skins were 95c. each, call skins being 12c. for No. 1 per lb., and 10c. for No. 2. Tallow, steady, at 1 1/2c. to 3c. per lb. for rough, and 5c. to 5 1/2c. for rendered. Wool remains unchanged and dull at: Pulled lambs, brushed, 30c. to 32c. per lb., and unbrushed, 30c.; Can. fleece, tub-washed, 25c. to 28c., and, in the grease, 18c. to 20c.; Can. pulled, brushed, 30c., and unbrushed, 27c. to 29c.; N.-W. Merinos, 18c. to 20c. per lb. The sales of wool now going on in London indicate a firm condition of the market. There is almost no demand here, and the outlook is for continued dullness.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Common to best steers, \$4 to \$5; cows, \$3 to \$4.75; heifers, \$2.50 to \$5.50; bulls, \$2.75 to \$4.50; calves, \$2.50 to \$8; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.80.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$6.74 to \$6.80; light butchers', \$6.70 to \$6.77 1/2; light mixed, \$6.70 to \$6.75; choice light, \$6.70 to \$6.77 1/2; packing, \$6.70 to \$6.75; pigs, \$6.25 to \$6.65; bulk of sales, \$6.70 to \$6.80.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$3 to \$3.65; yearlings, \$4.60 to \$6.65; lambs, \$5.75 to \$7.75.

Buffalo.

Veals.—\$4.50 to \$10.25. Hogs.—Heavy, \$7 to \$7.05; mixed, \$7.05 to \$7.10; Yorkers, \$7.10 to \$7.15; pigs, \$7.25 to \$7.30; roughs, \$6 to \$6.35; stags, \$4.50 to \$5.25. Sheep and Lambs.—Yearlings, \$6.50 to \$6.65.

British Cattle Market.

London.—Liverpool and London cables are slow at 10 1/2c. to 12 1/2c. per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9 1/2c. to 10c. per lb.

GOSSIP.

Friends of Mr. William Henry Gibson, Manager of Sir Geo. Drummond's Huntly-wood Stock Farm at Beaconsfield, Quebec, will regret to learn of the death of his wife, which occurred on January 15th, at the age of 64 years. Her maiden name was Isabella Cattle, and her father was one of the early breeders of Short-horn cattle in England.

A man had been employed to make an inventory of the furniture in the house. He was so long about his task in the parlor, however, that the mistress of the mansion went to see what he was doing. On the floor lay an empty bottle. On the sofa lay the man sleeping sweetly like a tired child. But the inventory had not been wholly forgotten. At the top of the page stood a solitary entry: "One Revolving Carpet."

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

- Feb. 6th.—J. J. Kitley, Dunkerron, Ont., Shorthorns. Feb. 7th.—J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont., Clydesdales, Shires, Shorthorns and Leicesters. Feb. 13th.—Peter Bassingthwaite, Richmond Hill, Ont., Shorthorns and Shropshires. Feb. 13th.—S. J. Prouse, Ingersoll, Ont., imported Clydesdales and Hackneys. Feb. 19th.—Dalgety Bros., Glencoe, Ont., imported Clydesdales at London. Feb. 20th.—Bell Bros., Bradford, Ont., Shorthorns, Berkshires, and draft horses. Feb. 27th.—Geo. Rice, Tillsonburg, Ont., Holsteins. March 6th.—Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont., Shorthorns.