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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of cattle at the Junction and City markets last week were liberal, while other classes of live stock were moderate to light. There were, all told, 264 carloads, composed of 4,671 cattle, 2,635 hogs, 3,223 sheep and lambs, 432 calves, and 1 horse. The quality of cattle generally was not good, the bulk of them being unfinished. Trade fair for best grades, but slow for common grades. Prices were 15c. to 25c. per cwt. lower for exporters, while the butchers' remained steady, especially for the best.

On Monday, August 26th, receipts of cattle at the Junction amounted to 98 carloads, comprising 2,103 head. Trade was brisk for good quality. Exporters, \$5 to \$5.35; bulls, \$5 to \$5.25; some light common exporters, \$4.75 to \$5; picked butchers', \$4.75 to \$5.10; loads of good, \$4.60 to \$4.90; medium, \$4.25 to \$4.50; common, \$3.25 to \$3.85. Sheep and lambs as quoted below. Hogs, selects, \$6.50; lights and fats, \$6.25.

Exporters.—Best loads sold last week from \$5 to \$5.25, with two or three lots at 10c. to 15c. per cwt. more. Bulls sold at \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Butchers'.—Best loads of butchers' sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75, with two or three picked lots at \$4.80 to \$4.90; medium butchers', \$4 to \$4.30; common, \$3.50 to \$3.80; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.75; canners, \$1 to \$2.25 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders.—Feed reported as being scarce, with pastures drying up, caused this branch of the trade to be very dull. Few were offered, and not many in demand, with prices practically unchanged. Feeders, 800 to 900 lbs. each, are quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.75; stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., at \$2.30 to \$3 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Only the very best quality cows are being sought after. Prices ranged from \$25 to \$55 each, the bulk of best quality selling from \$40 to \$50 each.

Veal Calves.—The market for good-quality calves is still stronger. Prices ranged from \$3 to \$6.25 per cwt., with the bulk selling from \$5 to \$6 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—The run was moderate; prices firm. Export cves, \$4.50 to \$4.75; rams, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.50, with selected lots at \$6.60 per cwt.

Hogs.—Prices on Aug. 19th were quoted by H. P. Kennedy, at Junction, at \$6.65 and \$6.40; while at the City, Mr. Harris paid \$6.75 for selects, and \$6.50 for lights. Prices this week 25c. lower.

Horses.—Burns & Sheppard report a fair trade in some classes, while in other classes it is very slow. During last week about 175 horses changed hands at the Repository. Demand for drafters is not brisk. Several roadsters and carriage horses sold fairly well. Drafters, 1,400 to 1,700 lbs., sold at \$175 to \$250; those weighing, 1,300 to 1,500 lbs., sold at \$165 to \$225; expressers, 1,250 to 1,350 lbs., at \$160 to \$210; carriage horses sold from \$175 to \$300; roadsters, \$150 to \$250, serviceable sound horses were cheap at \$50 to \$100.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, 84c.; new wheat, outside points, 81c. to 82c.; 79c., f. o. b., for export. Manitoba wheat, No. 1 Northern, 95c.

Rye.—65c.

Peas.—No. 2, 75c.

Corn.—No. 2 yellow, 64c. to 65c., Toronto; No. 3 yellow, 63½c. to 64c.; No. 3, mixed, 62c.

Barley.—Nominal, No. 2, 52c. to 53c.; No. 3X, 51c. to 52c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, scarce, 44½c. to 45c., at outside points.

Flour.—Manitoba patents, \$1.60 to \$5, on track, at Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$3.20 bid for export. Manitoba patent, special brands, \$5; seconds, \$4.60; strong bakers', \$4.30; new-wheat flour, \$3.10.

Bran.—\$17 to \$18, in bulk, outside.

Shorts.—\$20 to \$21 per ton, in bulk, outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts about equal to demand. Prices are quoted firmer. Creamery, pound rolls, 23c. to 25c.; dairy, pound rolls, 21c. to 22c.; creamery, boxes, 22c.; tubs, 19c. to 20c.; bakers' tub, 17c. to 18c.

Cheese.—Market firm; large, 12c.; twins, 12½c.

Eggs.—Market firm at 19c.

Honey.—Scarce; strained, in 60-lb. tins, 12c. per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13c.

Beans.—Broken lots are worth \$1.50 to \$1.65 for hand-picked, in bags; car lots, hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.35; primes, \$1.20 to \$1.25, in bags.

Potatoes.—Farmers' loads sell at 60c. to 90c. per bushel, according to quality. Many samples are small and scabby.

Poultry.—M. P. Mallon, wholesale dealer, reports large receipts from various parts of Ontario, in crates, with prices easy at following quotations for live birds: Turkeys, 13c. per lb.; ducks, 10c.; chickens, 12c.; fowl, 10c. On the Farmers' market, chickens sell, by the basket, dressed, at 14c. to 17c. per lb., and ducks, 12c. to 14c.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots, on track, at Toronto, No. 1 timothy, new, \$12.50 to \$13.

Straw.—Baled, \$7.50 per ton, in car lots, at Toronto.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts continue light, with prices high in comparison with other years. Canadian apples, 30c. to 40c. per basket; raspberries, 16c. per quart; red currants, \$1.10 to \$1.25 per basket; black currants, \$1.75 to \$2 per basket; huckleberries, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per basket; Canadian peaches, 75c. to \$1.25 per basket; Canadian plums, \$1 to \$1.50 per basket; Canadian pears, 60c. to 90c. per basket; Lawton berries, per quart, by the case, 12c. to 15c.; tomatoes, 25c. to 35c. per basket; pepper, green, basket, 25c. to 30c.; vegetable marrows, per doz., 60c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Some farmers, in different sections of Ontario, have commenced to thresh alsike clover, which is said to be yielding fairly well per acre. A few lots have been sold to Toronto seedsmen. The Wm. Rennie Co. quote No. 1 alsike at \$7 to \$7.10; No. 2 alsike, \$6.40 to \$6.60 per bushel.

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, 9c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 8c.; country hides, 7c. to 7½c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 12c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 11c.; horse hides, No. 1, each, \$3 to \$3.25; horse hair, 30c.; tallow, 5½c. to 6c.; wool, unwashed, 12c. to 13c.; washed, 23c. to 24c.; rejections, 17c.; lamb skins, 40c. to 50c.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$6.25 to \$6.75. Veals.—\$5 to \$9.25.

Hogs.—Heavy, \$6.25 to \$6.60; mixed, \$6.50 to \$6.80; roughs, \$5 to \$6.50; dairies, \$6 to \$6.75.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5.50 to \$7.25; a few at \$7.50.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—Canadian cattle are quoted at 11½c. to 12½c. per lb.; refrigerator beef is 9c. to 10c. per lb.

Liverpool.—States steers, 12½c. to 13c.; Canadians, 11½c. to 12½c.; ranchers, 11½c.; native cows, 11½c.; bulls, 10c.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—The local cattle market continues about steady, at 5c. to 5½c. per lb. for choicest, fine being 4½c. to 5c.; good, 4½c.; medium, 4c. to 4½c., and common, 3c. to 4c. per lb., some being as low as 2½c. There is a good demand for sheep, for export, and sales are made at 3½c. to 4c. per lb., lambs selling at 6c. per lb., or about \$4 to \$6 each. The market for calves is firmer, owing to reduced supplies, and prices are \$3 to \$5 for poor, and \$6 to \$12 each for choice. Receipts of live hogs are growing lighter, but are still heavier than a year ago, and prices rule practically unchanged, at 7c. to 7½c. per lb. for choicest.

Horses.—A slight improvement in the demand for horses is observable, a number of enquiries having been received, recently, for good, strong horses for the lumber camps. This class of horses is fairly plentiful at the moment, so that there will be no difficulty in supplying all the demand which may develop. The only horses, apparently, which are not to be had in sufficient quantities at present are the choicest. Quotations are steady at: Heavy-draft, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$275 to \$350 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; express horses, \$175 to \$250; common plugs, \$75 to \$100 each, and choice saddle and carriage horses, \$300 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Dressed hogs are in good supply, and steady, at 9½c. to 10c. per lb. Hams and bacon are selling freely at steady prices, being 10½c. to 12c. per lb. for green bacon, and 13c. to 15c. for smoked, hams being 14c. per lb. for those weighing 25 lbs. each and over, 14½c. to 15c. per lb. for those weighing 18 to 25 lbs., 15c. to 15½c. for 12- to 18-lb. hams, 16c. for 8- to 12-lb., and 17c. for smaller. Barrelled pork is steady at \$20.50 to \$24.50 per bbl. Lard shows no change at 10c. to 11c. per lb. for compound, and 12½c. to 15c. for pure.

Potatoes.—The market for new potatoes is firm, and purchases of full loads are being made by dealers at around 65c. per bag of 80 lbs., while grocers and others purchasing small lots pay perhaps 70c. to 75c., and make delivery themselves. Sales of 100-bag lots are being made, for out-of-town delivery, at 85c. per bag. The crop is very fine.

Eggs.—Deliveries of eggs have been on the light side of late, though there seems to be enough for the demand. Prices in the country have advanced, and dealers are now paying 16½c. east, and 17c. west, it is claimed. This stock is being turned over here at about 15c. to 15½c. for No. 2 eggs, 18½c. to 19c. for No. 1—the selects being out—and about 23c. for the selects. The outlook for the immediate future is steady.

Honey.—There seems to be very little going on in the market for honey. No new sales of importance have been heard of, but one merchant is holding a consignment at 12c., the quality being finest white clover, strained. He has managed to sell some small quantities at that figure, but no one will pay it for the larger lots, their idea being more like 10c. to 11c., and some declare they can buy in large lots at a shade less.

Butter.—The market for butter has eased off slightly since a week ago. Receipts from the country continue light, and supplies here are believed to be much smaller than they were a year ago. Shipments from port, for the week ending 18th, were only 3,751 packages, making 44,000 to date, against 216,000 a year ago. Sales of Township creameries have been made at 22½c., and even 22½c., but dealers think that 22c. is about the best now obtainable, the range being from 21½c. to 22c. Quebec makes are 21½c. to 21½c. per lb., Ontarios being 21½c. to 21½c., and dairies being almost unobtainable and about 19½c.

Cheese.—Quebec cheese is now quoted at about 11c. to 11½c.; Townships, 11½c. to 11½c., and Ontarios, 11½c. to 11½c.

Flour and Feed.—The market for flour and feed shows practically no change, as compared with a week ago. Flour is not in active demand, and the tone of the market is rather easy, owing to the new wheat being now near. Manitoba strong bakers' flour is steady at \$4.50 per bbl., in bags, and patents are \$5.10. One large miller has advanced the price of bran, and is now asking \$21 per ton, in bags, for it, and \$24 per ton for shorts, these figures being, however, \$1 per ton

more than the other miller is prepared to accept. Demand is good.

Grain.—There is practically nothing doing in the market, so far as local business is concerned. Oats are moving pretty freely, but only limited lots are being dealt in. Prices are 48c. to 48½c. per bushel, car lots, in store, export lots being 47½c. to 47½c. Corn holds about steady at 62c. to 62½c. per bush. for No. 2, and a cent more for yellow.

Hay.—Only small lots of new hay are yet being received, but, ere long, the receipts should increase considerably. Demand is fair, and prices are firm. Dealers are paying, f. o. b., Montreal, in car lots, as follows: No. 1 timothy, \$16.50 to \$17 per ton; No. 2 timothy, \$15.50 to \$16 per ton, and clover mixture, \$14.50 to \$15.

Hides.—There have been advances in the market for hides during the week. Dealers are up a cent in their offers, at 7c., 8c. and 9c. per lb., respectively, for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, and they are selling to tanners at ½c. advance. Calf skins are steady at 8c. for No. 2, and 10c. for No. 1 per lb., while lamb skins are 5c. higher, owing to increased quantity of wool, at 40c. and 45c., each. Horse hides are steady at \$1.75 each for No. 2, and \$2.25 for No. 1. Rough tallow is 1c. to 3½c., and rendered, 6c. to 6½c. per lb.

Wool.—Prices are apparently not very definite, though they are quite firm. Canada pulled lambs, brushed, are quoted at 29c. to 30c. per lb., unbrushed being about 28c. Canada fleece, tub washed, 24c. to 26c. per lb., and 16c. to 18c., in the grease. N.-W. Merino wool is holding firm at 19c. to 20c. per lb.

CHEESE BOARD PRICES.

Woodstock, Ont., 11½c. bid, no sales. Stirling, Ont., 11 1-16c. Madoc, Ont., 11½c. to 11 3-16c. Kingston, Ont., 11½c. Victoriaville, Que., 10½c. Napanee, Ont., 11½c. Kemptville, Ont., 11½c. bid. Listowel, Ont., 11½c. Huntingdon, Que., white and colored cheese, 11 3-16c.; salted butter, 21½c. Ottawa, Ont., 11½c. to 11 3-16c. per pound. London, Ont., 11½c. Brockville, 11½c. bid. Alexandria, 11 5-16c., white and colored. Belleville, white at 11 7-16c. Picton, cool-cured sold at 11½c., and ordinary-cured at 11½c. Cornwall, white sold at 11 5-16c. and 11½c. St. Hyacinthe, Que., at 11 3-16c. Winchester, 11½c., colored and white. Vankleek Hill, colored and white, 11½c. Russell, white sold at 11 5-16c. Cowansville, Que., cheese, 446 boxes at 11½c., 229 boxes, 11 1-16c., and 127 boxes, 11 3-16c.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Common to prime steers, \$4.50 to \$7.35; cows, \$3 to \$5; heifers, \$2.75 to \$5.25; bulls, \$2.70 to \$4.90; calves, \$3 to \$7.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$5.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$5.30 to \$5.90; light butchers', \$5.95 to \$6.10; light, mixed, \$5.85 to \$6.05; choice, light, \$6.10 to \$6.20; packing, \$5.15 to \$5.75; pigs, \$5.50 to \$6.15.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$3.80 to \$6.35; yearlings, \$5.75 to \$6.85; lambs, \$6 to \$7.50.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Miscellaneous.

IS WATER-GLASS POISONOUS?

In a recent issue you recommended water-glass as a preservative for eggs. Enquiry for this article in this place elicited only the following from a druggist: "Water-glass used to be used years ago, but was no longer popular, as so many people had been poisoned by its use that it was regarded as dangerous." How much of this is true? I had recommended it to an acquaintance. She returned, after an unavailing search for the water-glass, with the remark quoted as her only reward.

Toledo, Ohio. G. N.

Ans.—Water-glass (sodium silicate) is described as liquid glass, and not a "poison" in the ordinary sense, though an indigestible substance. It resembles honey in color and thickness. In using, to give the eggs a coating impervious to air, the American kind is diluted one part to seven of water, and the English, one to twelve.