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head in excess of the previous week. Trading held steady for choice butcher cattle but those of medium quality moved slowly. On Monday the market was fairly active at an advance of 10 cents per hundred in the price of butcher cattle. The market during the remainder of the week was steady, closing on Thursday at unchanged prices. The bulk of the receipts consisted of grass-fed animals some of which showed very little fat. One hundred and nineteen head of grass-fed butcher cattle, showing grain feeding, and averaging eleven hundred and fifty pounds in weight sold at \$10.00 per hundred; twenty stall-fed cattle averaging eleven hundred and thirty pounds in weight brought \$11.60 per hundred; two head averaging twelve hundred and seventy pounds sold at \$12.50 per hundred thirty butcher heifers sold at \$11.50, but these were of choice quality. Very few stall-fed cattle are expected during the next few months, and the presence on the market of many grass cattle may have a tendency to reduce prices. Demand was good for choice butcher cattle throughout the week, but medium cattle found a slow market. The bulk of the butcher steers sold from \$8.00 to \$9.50 per hundred.

The hog market was unsettled during the week in sympathy with conditions in the East. On Friday, select hogs sold at \$14.50 per hundred, fed and watered, and advanced 10 cents per hundred on Monday; followed by a decline to \$14.50 per hundred on Tuesday. On the following day the market recovered and prices were advanced 25 cents, followed by a further increase of 35 to 50 cents on Thursday, on which day they closed at \$15.00 per hundred. Few light hogs are being received and those on the market sell at strong prices. Other grades are steady.

Of the disposition from the St. Boniface Yards for the week ending June 14th, Canadian packing houses purchased 20 calves, 531 butcher cattle, 6,877 hogs and 4 sheep. Local butchers bought 124 calves, 356 butcher cattle, 170 hogs, and 48 sheep. Shipments back to country points were, 20 stocker calves, 802 stockers, 70 feeders, and 82 hogs. A shipment of 156 hogs was made to Hamilton, Ontario. Shipments to United States' points totalled 674 butcher cattle, 116 stockers, 80 feeders, and 317 hogs.

The total receipts at the St. Boniface Yards from January 1st to June 14th inclusive, were: 46,023 cattle, 2,626 calves, 686 sheep, and 131,294 hogs; compared with 23,736 cattle, 3,375 calves, 1,146 sheep, and 164,142 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prices were pounded good and strong at Buffalo last week, the result of a very heavy delivery of grass cattle and the fact that there was a large number of shipping cattle, Canada supplying around fifteen loads and the States a plentiful run. Best steers sold at \$13 to \$13.50, with yearlings selling up to \$13.00 and while some steers sold from 15 cents to 25 cents lower, on some sales of the medium, weight, in-between kinds trade looked fully a quarter to half dollar under the preceding week. Grassers sold all the way from a half dollar to a full dollar lower. Only milk cows and springers sold at steady prices, bulls taking a heavy tumble and

stockers and feeders being a very hard commodity to move. Indications are for a continued low market on grassers, but sellers are expecting improvement on the strictly dryfeds and opinion generally is that they will be selling higher the last of this month and July, where there is every reason to conclude they will be scarce. Offerings for the week totaled 5,825 head, as against 3,900 for the previous week and 4,600 head for the corresponding week last year. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$13.00 to \$13.50; fair to good, \$11.75 to \$12.50; plain, \$11.00 to \$11.50; very coarse and common, \$10.50 to \$10.75; best heavy Canadians, \$12.00 to \$12.75; fair to good, \$11.25 to \$11.75; common and plain, \$10.00 to \$10.50.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$11.50 to \$12.00; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11.25; best handy, \$11.00 to \$12.00; fair to good, \$9.75 to \$10.50; light and common, \$9.25 to \$9.50; yearlings, prime, \$12.00 to \$13.00; fair to good, \$11.00 to \$11.75.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$10.00 to \$11.00; best butchering heifers, \$9.00 to \$10.00; fair butchering heifers, \$8.00 to \$8.75; light and common, \$7.25 to \$7.75; very fancy fat cows, \$10.00 to \$10.50; best heavy fat cows, \$9.00 to \$9.50; good butchering cows, \$8.00 to \$8.50; medium to fair, \$6.75 to \$7.50; Cutters, \$6.25 to \$6.50; canners, \$5.50 to \$6.00.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$9.50 to \$10.00; good butchering, \$8.50 to \$9.25.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$8.50 to \$9.25; common to fair, \$7.75 to \$8.25; best stockers, \$8.00 to \$8.75; common to good, \$6.00 to \$7.75.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small lots, \$90.00 to \$115.00; in car loads, \$75.00 to \$85.00.

Hogs.—While the first half of last week showed an advance in prices, and while Thursday's trade was held steady with Wednesday, Friday values showed a big decline. On the opening day top was \$16.50, however few sales were made above \$16.35, and while the latter figure along with \$16.30 took several decks, bulk sold at \$16.25. Tuesday prices were up ten to fifteen cents, Wednesday values showed a further gain of ten to twenty cents and Thursday, when prices were steady with Wednesday, the range was from \$16.50 to \$16.65. Friday, under a 35-car supply, no sales could be made above \$16.35 and buyers got the bulk at \$16.25. Thursday's receipts included a deck of Canadian hogs that sold at \$16.25 and Friday two decks from across the river moved at \$16.00 and \$16.10. The week started with pigs selling at \$15.00, Tuesday bulk sold at \$15.25, the next two days the majority landed at \$15.50 and Friday they were a quarter lower, selling mostly at \$15.25. Roughs \$14.25 to \$14.50 and stags \$13.00 down. Last week receipts were 20,000 head, as against 21,351 head for the week before, and 31,700 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Not over two thousand head were marketed. Last week, as against 4,289 head for the week before and 3,050 head for the same week a year ago. Prices were higher as the week advanced. Friday, which was the high day spring lambs sold up to \$19.00, and while no winter lambs sold above \$15.75, had the right kind been here they would have brought \$16.00, if not more. Wether sheep showed a \$11.50 top and ewe offerings went from \$10.50 down.

Calves.—Last week started with top veals selling at \$15.50. Tuesday the trade was steady, Wednesday and Thursday bulk sold at \$15.75, and Friday the general price for choice lots was \$16.00. Handy cull grades sold within \$1.00 per cwt., of the tops and weighty fat calves that were rough were not worth as much as the desirable culls. For the week receipts were 3,300 head, the week previous there were 3,310 head and for the same week a year ago there were 3,450 head.

Chicago.

Beeves, \$8.50 to \$13.80; stockers and feeders, \$6.90 to \$10; cows and heifers, \$5.75 to \$11.70; calves, \$11.50 to \$15.75.

Hogs.—Market slow and 10c. to 15c. lower. Light, \$14.50 to \$15.50; mixed, \$14.65 to \$15.90; heavy, \$14.70 to \$16.05; rough, \$14.70 to \$15; pigs, \$11 to \$14.35; bulk of sales, \$15 to \$15.70.

Sheep.—Market steady. Lambs, native, \$11 to \$16.75.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, June 25 were 141 cars, 2,697 cattle, 251 calves, 928 hogs, 400 sheep and lambs. Active market; butcher cattle and good cows steady to 25 cents higher; common cows and bulls slow, prices steady to 15 cents lower; milkers and springers and stockers and feeders slow, prices steady. Sheep steady; spring lambs 75 cents lower. Calves strong. Hogs \$15.50 fed and watered.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, according to freights, No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$2.55 to \$2.60; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$2.53 to \$2.58. Manitoba wheat (track, bay ports)—No. 1 northern, \$2.63; No. 2 northern, \$2.60. Oats.—Manitoba, (track, bay ports), No. 2 C. W., 77½c. Ontario oats, according to freights outside, no official quotations.

Peas.—(According to freights outside), No. 2, nominal.

Barley.—(According to freights outside), malting, nominal.

Rye.—(According to freights outside), No. 2, nominal.

American Corn.—(Track, Toronto), No. 3 yellow, \$1.80½, nominal.

Flour.—Ontario, winter, \$11.25 to \$11.35, in bags, track, Toronto. Manitoba flour—first patents, in jute bags, \$13.80; second patents, \$13.30; strong bakers', \$12.90.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay, extra No. 2, per ton, \$13 to \$13.50; mixed, per ton, \$9 to \$11.50.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$9.

Bran.—Per ton, \$32; shorts, \$39; middlings, per ton, \$43; feed flour, per bag, \$2.80 to \$2.90.

Hides and Skins.

City hides, flat, 22c.; country hides, cured, 22c.; country hides, part cured, 18c.; country hides, green, 17½c.; calf skins, 30c. to 35c.; kip skins, 25c. to 30c.; sheep skins, city, \$2.50 to \$4.50; sheep skins, country, \$2 to \$4; lamb skins, spring, per lb., 60c. to 90c. Horse hair, per lb., 36c. to 37c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$7.50 to \$8.50; No. 2, \$6.50 to \$7.50. Wool, washed, 63c. to 68c.; wool, unwashed, 51c. to 53c. Tallow, No. 1 cake, per lb., 15c. to 17c.; tallow, solids, 13c. to 16c.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter remained practically stationary on the wholesales during the past week, selling as follows: Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, 40c. to 41c. per lb.; creamery solids, 37c. to 38c. per lb.; dairy, 33c. to 34c. per lb.; separator dairy, 35c. to 37c. per lb.

Eggs.—Eggs declined materially in price on the wholesales, and there are large numbers of very poor quality being shipped. They are now selling at 36c. per dozen.

Beans.—The dried bean market is extremely high, prime whites now selling at \$9.50 per bushel, while hand-picked bring \$10.50 per bushel. Lima beans having advanced to 18c. to 19c. per lb.

Poultry.—All classes declined as the demand has decidedly fallen off. Live-weight prices: spring chickens, 25c. per lb.; spring ducks, 25c. per lb.; roosters, 14c. per lb.; fowl under 4 lbs., 18c.; fowl 4 to 5 lbs., 23c. per lb.; fowl 5 lbs. and over, 25c. per lb.; turkeys, 18c. per lb.; squabs, dressed, \$3.50 to \$4 per dozen.

Cheese.—Old, 30c. per lb.; new, 23c. to 24c. per lb.; new twins, 24c. per lb.

Honey.—Honey is practically off the market.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

A few more imported box apples arrived on the market during the past week, consisting mostly of Winesaps, which sold at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box.

California fruits arrived in car lots and were slightly easier in price. Apricots selling at \$2.75 to \$3 per case; cherries at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per case; peaches and plums at \$2.75 per case, while cantaloupes sold at \$10 per case.

The banana market kept extremely firm owing to transportation difficulties, and sold at \$3.25 to \$4.50 per bunch.

Lemons remained practically stationary with light receipts but not a very active demand. Cauliflowers and Verdillies both selling at \$5 per case.

Oranges.—Navels are becoming scarce at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per case. Late Valencias increasing in quality and selling at \$4 to \$4.50 per case.

Pineapples kept firm at \$4 per case

for 24's and 18's, and \$3.50 per case for 36's.

Strawberries.—The strawberry market advanced owing to the southern crops being just about cleaned up and the lateness of our own; the American berries sold at 18c. to 25c. per box.

There have been three shipments of home-grown berries, some of them being exceptionally choice; they sold at 19c. to 25c. per box.

Tomatoes.—Tomatoes were also firm; the imported, four-basket carriers selling at \$1.60 to \$1.75 each. Home-grown, hot-house selling at 25c. per lb. for No. 1's, and 20c. per lb. for No. 2's.

Watermelons arrived freely and sold at 60c. to 75c. each.

Asparagus firmed at the beginning of the week and became easier towards the end, closing at \$1 to \$1.75 per 11-qt. basket.

Cabbage came in in large quantities, selling at \$3 per crate.

Canadian cauliflower declined, selling at 50c. per 11-qt. basket.

Cucumbers kept quite firm with an active demand; the No. 1 home-grown, hot-house selling at \$2 per 11-qt. basket, and No. 2's at \$1.25 to \$1.50; while imported, outside-grown brought \$4 per hamper.

Lettuce, with the exception of the real Boston Head variety (Canadian grown), was a glut on the market; the Leaf being difficult to sell at 15c. to 20c. per dozen; the Boston Head bringing 75c. to \$1 per dozen.

Onions declined, Texas Bermudas selling at \$2 to \$2.50 per crate; green onions bringing 20c. per dozen bunches.

Parsley has been a fairly good sale at 75c. to \$1 per 11-qt. basket.

Potatoes kept about stationary—New Brunswick Delawares selling at \$4.75 per bag; Ontarios, \$4.50 per bag, and Westerns at \$4.25 per bag.

New potatoes kept high in price at \$12.5 New potatoes kept high in price at \$12.50 per bbl.

Montreal Produce.

Horses.—Dealers report that they are experiencing very little demand from regular trade sources. Farmers apparently require no further supplies and carters are now fairly well supplied. Apparently however, quite a number of horses continue to change hands for military purposes, and the concentration fields in the vicinity of the city give evidence that the supply of this class of animal is by no means exhausted in Canada. Prices are steady as follows: Heavy draft, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light draft, weighing from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each; small horses, \$100 to \$125 each; culls, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice carriage and saddle horses, \$200 to \$225 each.

Dressed Hogs.—The price of dressed hogs showed very little change last week, but the extreme range of the previous week was no longer obtainable and it looked as though a further decline might develop in the near future. Meantime, fresh-killed, abattoir hogs were quoted at 23c. per lb.

Potatoes.—Owing to the scarcity of Canadian potatoes and to their undesirable quality, there have been considerable importations of new stock from the U. S. These sold at \$11 to \$13 per barrel, and were in fairly active demand for the reason that they were not greatly more than old crop Canadian. The latter was quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.40 per bag of 80 lbs.

Maple Syrup and Honey.—Demand for maple syrup was active all way round, but prices showed no change. 13-lb. gallon tins of extra syrup were quoted as high as \$2 each, although fine quality may be had at about 25c. under this figure. Lower grades ranged all the way down to \$1.50. Maple sugar was 15c. per lb. Honey showed very little change and new crop is being looked forward to. Prices of old were 16c. per lb. for white clover comb; 14c. for white extracted; 13½c. for brown clover comb; 13c. for brown extracted and 11c. for buckwheat honey, per lb.

Eggs.—The warm weather is having an effect upon the price of eggs. It is said that purchases took place at country points at about 30c. per dozen, although some dealers reported higher prices than these. Moist, warm weather is apparently affecting the quality, and consumption is possibly less eager at re-

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