

Ten years ago saddle horses were very numerous, and team horses scarce, now it is very difficult to get a really neat and active saddle horse. Large numbers of poor horses are driven north and east to the farming settlements, and are there traded off for cattle and oats required on the ranches, and it is astonishing to find how many people with too few cattle already, will trade for horses they do not really require.

Horses have even been driven 250 miles north of the Saskatchewan, and traded with the Indians for fur.

Considering the extremely low price of horses we have been very fortunate in our disposal of cast horses. You were pleased to allow me to trade cast horses for wood, hay, etc., and, between cash and trade, we have disposed of all our cast horses, fit for immediate sale, at fair prices.

All horses not required for work during the winter are now on herd, digging for themselves in the snow, while this saves forage, it greatly benefits the horses, getting all the result of heavy feeding and continual shoeing out of them. They will come in in March light in flesh, but all will be greatly improved in their legs and feet.

Lately inquiries have been made with a view of buying up all the old and fat mares, and useless horses on the ranges for shipment to the cannery in Buffalo, U. S. The price quoted is about \$10.00 on the ranches, and, even this, would be a boon as outside the money consideration, the ranches would be relieved of a lot of useless animals, which now crowd up the better class of horses in the corrals, to their great injury.

The Belgians have bought several consignments of horses for shipment to Belgium, and Silver & Grand of Toronto, have selected several carloads. These are said to have given great satisfaction, but the prices were very low indeed, and below the price paid by the police. Even these prices might pay if all or nearly all the 4-year olds could be sold, but when only one in four is selected, it is not encouraging.

RETURN of horses purchased from 1st December, 1894, to 30th November, 1895.

From whom purchased.	Place.	No.	Price.	Total.
North-west Cattle Co.	Calgary	1	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00
J. Hamilton	do	1	75 00	75 00
do	do	1	80 00	80 00
do	do	1	60 00	60 00
Cheese-man Bros.	Maple Creek	1	80 00	80 00
J. Murray	do	1	60 00	60 00
M. Oxarart	do	1	125 00	125 00
do	do	6	65 00	390 00
do	do	1	60 00	60 00
Edward Fearon	do	1	60 00	60 00
J. Franklin	Macleod	6	80 00	480 00
do	do	1	75 00	75 00
do	do	1	60 00	60 00
W. R. Stewart	do	1	75 00	75 00
R. Patterson	do	1	60 00	60 00
W. J. Hyde	do	1	70 00	70 00
J. Dunbar	do	1	60 00	60 00
J. McDonough	High River	1	60 00	60 00
North-west Cattle Co.	do	5	60 00	300 00
Quorn Ranch Co.	Sheep Creek	10	80 00	800 00
do	do	5	60 00	300 00
North-west Cattle Co.	Pekisko	2	90 00	180 00
do	do	1	80 00	80 00
J. Forrester	Regina	1	125 00	125 00
P. C. Cameron	Kennell	1	100 00	100 00
do	do	2	60 00	120 00
J. Brown	Edmonton	1	100 00	100 00
Quorn Ranch Co.	Dewdney	19	60 00	1,140 00
do	do	1	125 00	125 00
C. Sharples	New Oxley	3	80 00	240 00
	Total	79		5,630 00
	Bred in force	1		
	Total	80		