

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Position of the cattle trade on steers running from eleven to fourteen hundred pounds, was bad at Buffalo last week, prices showing a further decline of 25c. to 50c., as compared to the previous week's opening or about steady with the middle of last week. Prices on steers generally have shown declines at all markets, supplies being liberal and reports being to the effect that there will be plenty of good steers all through the month of May. Best native steers here the past week showed a range of from \$16.50 to \$17.25, with best Canadians running from \$15 to \$15.50. There were no real prime, hard-finished steers in either divisions. Proportion of steers was very heavy all week. Light and handy butchering steers and heifers brought about steady prices, with fat cows selling strong. Bulls of all kinds brought good prices, stocker and feeder market was strong to higher, with milk cows and springers bringing full steady prices. The Canadian supply for the week totaled around fifty loads, mostly steers. Offerings for the week totaled 4,900 head, as against 6,500 for the previous week and as against 4,875 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers — Natives — Choice to prime weighty, \$16.50 to \$17.25; fair to good, \$15.50 to \$16; plain and medium, \$12.50 to \$14; coarse and common, \$10.50 to \$11.

Shipping Steers — Canadians — Best heavy, \$15 to \$15.50; fair to good, \$13 to \$14.75; medium weight, \$12 to \$15; common and plain, \$10.50 to \$11.

Butchering Steers — Yearlings, choice to prime, \$15 to \$15.50; choice heavy, \$14.50 to \$15.50; best heavy heifers, \$13.50 to \$14; fair to good, \$12 to \$13.50; light and common, \$11 to \$11.75.

Cows and Heifers — Best heavy heifers, \$13.50 to \$14.50; good butchering heifers, \$11.50 to \$13; fair butchering heifers, \$10.50 to \$11; light common, \$8 to \$9; very fancy fat cows, \$12 to \$12.50; best heavy fat cows, \$11 to \$11.50; good butchering cows, \$9 to \$10; medium to fair, \$7.75 to \$8.50; cutters, \$6.75 to \$7; canners, \$5.50 to \$6.50.

Bulls — Best heavy, \$11.50 to \$13; good butchering, \$10.50 to \$11; sausage, \$9 to \$10; light bulls, \$7.50 to \$8.

Stockers and Feeders — Best feeders, \$11.50 to \$12.50; common to fair, \$10 to \$11; best stockers, \$11 to \$12; fair to good, \$9.25 to \$9.75; common, \$8.75 to \$9.

Hogs.—Prices showed some sharp advances the first half of last week but after Wednesday receipts were liberal and prices were on the decline. Monday good hogs sold generally at \$21.50, with pigs going at \$20.50 and by Wednesday best grades were up to \$22, one deck made \$22.10 and pigs moved at \$21.25 and \$21.50. This was the highest market on record. Thursday values showed a drop of 35 to 50 cents and Friday's market was 75 cents lower than the high time of the week. Top for Friday was \$21.35, bulk sold at \$21.25 and pigs were down to \$20.50. Roughs during the high time of the week brought up to \$19.50 and Friday the bulk had to take \$18.50. Stags ranged from \$15 down. The past week's receipts totaled 20,300 head, being against 26,386 head for the week before and 16,900 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and lambs.—Lamb trade occupied a favorable position the fore part of last week. Monday the best clips sold from \$16.75 to \$17, with culls going from \$14.50 down, Tuesday top was \$17.25 Wednesday's trade was steady, Thursday the best brought \$17.25 and \$17.35 and Friday the trade was very slow, with prices 25c. to 50c. lower, best selling from \$16.75 to \$17, with culls, \$14 down. Sheep were quite active all week. Wednesday and Thursday clipped wethers sold up to \$14, with ewes bringing up to \$13 and the balance of the week prices were fifty cents lower. The past week's receipts totaled 21,000 head, as compared with 24,238 head for the week before and 13,300 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Receipts last week were liberal grand total being 8,000 head. Offerings were against 7,620 head for the week before and 6,350 head for the same week a year ago. The first four days of the past week the best lots ranged from \$16 to \$16.50, with culls going from \$14 down and Friday the trade was slow, with prices fully fifty cents lower. A liberal number of Canadian calves were

here the past week, the majority of which were of a common to fair kind and they sold largely at a range of from \$12.25 to \$15.50.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, May 12, consisted of 188 cars; 3,916 cattle, 976 calves, 1,290 hogs, 77 sheep and lambs. Slow market. Butchers' steers and heifers steady; top, \$15.25 for twelve steers averaging 1,145 pounds each. Cows strong; tops, \$12 to \$13. Bulls steady. Calves strong; tops, \$17. Sheep and lambs strong. Hogs, \$20.75 f. o. b. and \$21.75 fed and watered.

Breadstuffs and Feeds

Wheat.—Ontario (f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights)—No. 1 winter, per car lot, \$2.14 to \$2.20; No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$2.11 to \$2.19; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$2.07 to \$2.15; No. 1 spring, per car lot, \$2.09 to \$2.17; No. 2 spring, per car lot, \$2.06 to \$2.14; No. 3 spring, per car lot, \$2.02 to \$2.10. Manitoba (in store, Fort William), No. 1 northern, \$2.24½; No. 2 northern, \$2.21½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.11.

Oats.—Ontario (according to freights outside)—No. 3 white, 75c. to 77c. Manitoba (in store, Fort William)—No. 2 C. W., 73½c.; No. 3 C. W., 70½c.; No. 1 feed, 70¼c.; No. 2 feed, 65c.

Corn.—American, (track, Toronto, prompt shipment), No. 3 yellow, \$1.87; No. 4 yellow, \$1.84.

Peas (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$2.05, nominal.

Barley (according to freights outside)—Malting, \$1.06 to \$1.11.

Buckwheat (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$1.20.

(Rye according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$1.68, nominal.

Flour—Manitoba (Toronto)—Government standard, \$11; Ontario (prompt shipment, in jute bags). Government standard, \$10.50, in bags, Montreal and Toronto.

Millfeed.—Car lots delivered, Montreal freights, bags included)—Bran, per ton, \$42; shorts, per ton, \$44; good feed flour, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

Hay.—(Track, Toronto)—No. 1, per ton, \$30 to \$33; mixed, per ton, \$20 to \$24.

Straw.—(Track, Toronto)—Car lots per ton, \$10 to \$11.

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered in Toronto: City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flats, 18c.; calf skins, green, flats, 30c.; veal kip, 20c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$6 to \$7; sheep, \$3 to \$4.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 18c. to 20c.; green, 16c. to 17c.; deacon and bob calf, \$2 to \$2.75; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$4; horse hair, farmers' stock, \$28.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 8c. to 9c.; country solids, in barrels, 6c. to 8c.; cakes, No. 1, 7c. to 9c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool as to quality, fine, 40c. to 55c. Washed wool, fine, 70c. to 75c.

Farm Produce.

Butter.—Prices again markedly declined during the past week on the wholesale, selling as follows: Creamery, fresh-made lb. squares at 53c. to 55c. per lb.; creamery solids at 61c. per lb.; choice dairy, 45c. to 48c. per lb.; other grades, down to 40c. per lb.

Oleomargarine.—32c. to 34c. per lb. Eggs.—New-laid eggs firmed slightly on the wholesale, selling at 50c. per doz. for case lots, with selects in cartons bringing 55c. per doz.

Poultry also kept firm at stationary prices. The following prices being quoted for live weight to the producers: Spring chickens, 60c. per lb.; chickens, 30c. per lb.; hens, under 4½ lbs., 30c. per lb.; hens, 4½ lbs. to 6 lbs., 33c. per lb.; hens, over 6 lbs., 34c. per lb.; roosters, 25c. per lb.; Turkeys, 30c. per lb.

Honey.—There is no demand for honey, which is being offered at 23c. to 25c. per lb. for 5, 10 and 60-lb. pails, respectively.

Cheese.—Old cheese is quite scarce, selling at 32c. per lb. wholesale; new bringing 29½c. per lb.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples are becoming quite scarce; the few offered continuing to bring high prices.

Oranges are coming in freely, ranging from \$4.50 to \$7.25 per case, according to variety, quality and size.

Lemons sold at unchanged prices, bringing \$4.50 to \$5 per case.

Pineapples showed a firming tendency, selling at \$6.50 per case, and are expected to go higher, as prices have advanced in New York.

Rhubarb.—Outside-grown rhubarb arrived more freely, but was quite short, selling at 75c. to 90c. per dozen bunches.

Strawberries were not very salable owing to the cold weather, selling at 35c. to 40c. per box.

Tomatoes.—Some of the best Florida tomatoes for this season arrived during the week, selling at \$8.50 to \$9 per six-basket crate.

Beans.—The market has been quite sluggish, though prices kept stationary; prime whites selling at \$2.75 to \$3.25 per bushel; hand-picked at \$3.50 to \$4 per bushel.

Beets and parsnips kept stationary at 75c. to 90c. per bag.

Cabbage.—New cabbage arrived freely and sold well at high prices, bringing \$9 to \$9.50 per case.

Carrots kept firm at \$1.75 per bag.

Cucumbers declined materially; Leamington hot-house selling at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 11-qt. basket for No. 1, and \$2 to \$2.25 per basket for No. 2's; Florida outside-grown at \$4.50 to \$5 per hamper.

Lettuce kept stationary at 25c. to 50c. per dozen; Canadian Head at 75c. to \$1 per dozen.

Onions kept firm at \$7 per 100 lbs.; Texas Bermudas at \$5.50 per 50-lb. crate.

Potatoes did not vary in price; Ontarios selling at \$2 to \$2.10 per bag; Ontario seed at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bag; New Brunswick Irish Cobbler seed at \$3 per bag.

Montreal.

Horses.—Carters are exceedingly busy and are working day and night. They have been purchasing some good horses of late, and some good plugs of mares are being shipped to the country for farmer's purposes. Dealers quoted the same range, being \$250 to \$300 each for heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs.; \$200 to \$250 each for light draft, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., and \$125 to \$175 each for light horses; \$50 to \$75 for culls, and \$175 to \$250 for fine saddle and carriage horses.

Dressed Hogs.—The threat of labor trouble and strikes at the packing houses is believed to be having the effect of holding back shipments of hogs to this market. Dressed hogs continued steady, and sales of small lots were taking place at 30½ to 31 cents per lb. for abattoir fresh-killed stocks.

Poultry.—Stocks were quite light and the surplus was exhausted over and above local requirements. In consequence prices were firm with choice turkeys at 48 to 50 cents; chickens, 40 to 47 cents; fowl, 33 to 38 cents; ducks, 40 to 44 cents, and geese 31 to 32 cents.

Potatoes.—Car lots of Quebec White potatoes were quoted at \$2 to \$2.10 per bag of 90 lbs., ex-track, and in smaller lots at \$2.25, ex-store. Onions were quoted at \$1.50 per bag of 70 lbs., ex-store.

Maple Products.—The market for maple syrup and sugar was not active, but there was a fair demand with syrup at around \$2.25 per tin of 13 lbs., and \$1.80 to \$1.85 per tin of 8½ lbs. Sugar is 25 cents a lb.

Eggs.—It is expected that Great Britain will take a large quantity of eggs, the export being only limited by the supply of space. Prices held firm, and the statement was made that country stores in Ontario are receiving 44 to 45 cents, and even 46 cents per dozen. Prices here were 49 to 50 cents per dozen for straight gathered; selects at 52, and No. 2 stock 46 to 47 cents.

Butter.—The tendency of the price of butter has been downward, and quotations were considerably below those of a week ago. Finest creamery was quoted at 51 to 51½ cents; fine creamery at 50 to 50½ cents; fine dairy at 46 to 47 cents.

Cheese.—Transactions of small lots were taking place for local account at 26½ to 26½ cents per lb.

Grain.—No. 2 Canadian Western oats were quoted at 86½ cents. No. 3 and extra No. 1 feed at 83½ cents; No. 1 feed at 81½ cents, and No. 3 feed at 79 cents per bushel, ex-store. No. 2 Ontario barley was \$1.29; extra No. 3, \$1.28; No. 3, \$1.27; No. 3 Canadian Western, \$1.30 per bushel, ex-store.

Flour.—Government standard Manitoba flour was \$11 per barrel in jute,

ex-track, Montreal freights, for shipment to country points, or to city bakers, ex-track, with 10 cents off for spot cash. Ontario winter wheat flour was \$10.90 to \$11 in cotton bags. White corn flour and rye flour sold at \$8.50, in bags, delivered.

Millfeed.—Car lots of bran were quoted at \$43 to \$44 per ton in bags, and shorts at \$45 to \$46, ex-track. Mixed grain mouille was \$50 to \$52; dairy feed, \$46; oat middlings, \$44, delivered.

Baled Hay.—No. 2 timothy was quoted as high as \$35 per ton. No. 2 hay, \$34; and No. 3 hay, \$33 per ton, deliveries being light.

Hay Seed.—Timothy was available at 14 to 17 cents per lb., but clover was out of the market.

Hides.—Veal skins were 58 cents per lb., and grasser, 23 cents per lb. Beef hides were 21 cents per lb. for steers, 10 cents for culls and 18 cents for bulls. Lamb skins were 75 cents each, and horse hides \$5 to \$7 each.

Gossip.

Alloway Lodge Stock Farm.

Alloway Lodge Stock Farm has long been noted for its high quality Doddies, Southdowns and Collies. The herd and flock at the present time are possibly the strongest they have ever been in their history and breeders have an opportunity of securing Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Southdown sheep that are good breeding proportions and of showing calibre. When seen recently by a "Farmer's Advocate" representative the stock was in the pink of condition. The herd sire, Queen's Edward has developed into a show-ring proposition. In fact he would give the best in the country a hard run for the money. He has excellent form and shows a good deal of breed character. His progeny testify to his value as a stock getter. In bulls there are 5 to choose from. Two big, thick, deep, sappy, fellows are two years old, and are of the quality that will stamp their individuality on their progeny. Both are show bulls, one winning in a strong class in London. Then there is "Tropide", the junior champion Angus bull at London. He has done remarkably well since show time and if shown this fall will make it interesting for competitors. He is a deep, thick, high quality individual. In the pen with him are two yearlings ready for service that are strong topped, thick, nice-quality youngsters. Anyone wanting an Angus bull to place at the head of their herd would find it to their advantage to inspect Col. McEwen's herd and look the young bulls over. The herd contains 30 breeding females, some of which have calves at foot and others will be freshening soon. There are also a number of extra good heifers. The Queen Mother and Zara families are represented in the herd.

In a flock of 100 breeding Southdown ewes there has been an increase of 150 per cent. this spring. The ewes are in splendid condition and the lambs are doing well. From among the yearling ram and ewes on hand sired by an Imported Royal winner are a large number which are show material. They possess breed type, character and quality, and are strong growthy individuals, that are well covered. There are also 6 imported ewes good enough to go into any show ring. Breeders wishing to secure a flock header or a show pen should see this noted flock and make selections early. Col. McEwen is taking orders for imported stuff as he plans on bringing a number from the Old Land. Importations will be made by personal selection. Write Col. McEwen, Byron, Ont., regarding his Angus and Southdown offerings.

The Dollar Chain

Contributions from April 25 to May 10: Wilberforce Red Cross Society, \$32.60; J. Mitchell, Nashville, Ont., \$5.00; "Toronto", \$2.

Previously acknowledged \$5,991.50

Total to May 10..... \$6,031.10

A contribution of \$2 has been received from "Nissouri Friend" towards the Y. M. C. A. Campaign. This has been forwarded to the Committee in charge of this fund.



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