

for the same period there is a deficiency of over 300,000 boxes. Reasoning from this one would expect prices to be a good deal higher this year than they are. One peculiarity of the trade just now is that there is an absence of the seasonal demand which usually comes at this time. And yet the situation looks strong. A few weeks more and the season for making will close and if even a normal demand should spring up prices might advance rapidly. The trend of the market just at present is duller than it has been for some time and is a surprise to those in the trade. Prices at the local markets ranged from 8½¢ to 9½¢ with factorymen inclined to hold. A turning point is expected soon.

Butter

After the excited market of a week ago there is a decided lull in butter circles and prices for creamery have dropped fully ½¢ per lb. The export of late have been very heavy, the total this season to date amounting to 306,000 packages as against 220,790 for the same period of last year. The Trade Bulletin's report as to prices at Montreal is as follows:

"The market has lapsed into a dull groove in strange contrast to the active business transacted a week ago; and as a result of the falling off in demand, prices have sagged about ½¢ per lb. sales being made during the past day or two of choice creamery at 20½¢ to 21¢, a few fancy specials bringing 21½¢. About 2,500 pkgs. were reported sold at above figures. Seconds have sold at 19¢ to 19½¢. A lot of very nice Western creamery was placed at 19¢ and a lot of choice at 20¢. It is very difficult to move Western dairy.

Creamery, choice.....	21¢	-21½¢
Fine.....	20¢	-20½¢
Creamery, seconds.....	19¢	-19½¢
Western creamery.....	19¢	-20¢
Western fresh dairy.....	14½¢	-16¢

Creamery is in fair demand here at 18¢ to 20¢ for tubs and 21¢ to 22¢ for prints. Choice fresh made dairy tubs are in good demand at 16¢ to 17¢ and lb. prints at 18¢. A lot of poor stuff continues to arrive but it is not wanted. On Toronto farmers' market pound rolls bring 18¢ to 20¢ and crocks 16¢ to 18¢ per lb.

Cattle.

There has been a heavy run of live stock during the week. On Friday, the last market day, the run comprised 916 cattle, 3,000 hogs, 1,393 sheep and lambs and 40 calves. The offerings of fat cattle on Friday were about the poorest ever seen on this market, and it would seem as if there was no more good stock in the country. There were not enough good cattle among the lot to supply the demand and consequently prices for these were firm. The offerings were made up chiefly of stockers, feeders, feeding bulls and common to inferior butchers' cattle. There were few exporters of any kind offered. The bulk of the feeders and stockers were not of good breed-

ing. Choice well bred feeding steers are scarce. Of all the steers offered on Friday it would have been hard to have secured a car load of really choice well-bred steers. A great many ill-bred bulls are offered on the market every day and if these are the type used by the farmers the reason for the poor quality of the cattle offered is not far to seek. These mongrel stockers and feeders are not worth from 50¢ to \$1.00 per cwt. of what choice well bred ones would bring. The enquiry seems to be for good heavy well-bred steers. Farmers are asking for these. Good veal calves are scarce and the receipts on Friday were not equal to the demand. There are too many big coarse skim-milk calves offered. Good six weeks' calves well fed are what will bring the highest price.

Export Cattle.—Choice loads of these are worth from \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt., and light ones \$4.35 to \$4.70 per cwt. Heavy export bulls sold at \$4.00 to \$4.25 and light ones at \$3.60 to \$3.75 per cwt., choice export cows sold at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1,075 to 1,150 lbs., each sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt., good cattle at \$3.90 to \$4.25, medium at \$3.40 to \$3.65, and inferior to common at \$2.50 to \$3.15 per cwt.

Feeders.—Heavy, well-bred steers from 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each, sold at \$3.80 to \$4.10, and other quality at \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Light steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each sold at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. Feeding bulls for the byes 1,000 to 1,300 lbs. each sold at \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Stockers.—Yearling steers, 500 to 800 lbs. each, sold at \$2.75 to \$3.00 off colors, and inferior quality at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt. Light stock bulls 500 to 800 lbs. each sold at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per cwt.

Calves.—These are lower at Buffalo. Good to choice veal brings \$6.00 to \$7.25 per cwt. At Toronto market ordinary calves bring \$2 to \$10 each.

Milk Cows.—Milk cows and springers sold at from \$30 to \$47 each.

Sheep and Lambs.

Both sheep and lambs are plentiful and cheap and prices are easy at quotations. Sheep sell at \$3.35 to \$3.40 per cwt. for ewes and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for bucks. Spring lambs sell at \$2.50 to \$3.00 each and \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Erick Bros., East Buffalo, in their weekly circular of Oct. 3rd., regarding Canadian lambs, say:

"The market is steady to strong on the strictly good ewe and wether kinds, but the coarse, heavy fat bucks are slow sale. The strictly choice Canada ewes and wethers are quotable at \$5.15 to \$5.25, with the fair to good kinds at \$5 to \$5.10, and the coarse culls and rough bucks at \$4.50 to \$4.75. Be careful about these buck lambs—the buyers are very particular now and are throwing them out and

they have to be sold around \$4.50 to \$4.75, so govern yourself accordingly."

Hogs.

A drop in the price of hogs has come at last and it looks as if the regular fall reduction in values had come. But still the outlook is good and there is not likely to be the drop of other years. The deliveries on Friday were the largest of the season, there being some 3,000 on the market while about 4,000 were received at the packing houses direct. Prices dropped to \$7 per cwt. for select bacon hogs and \$6.75 for lights and lats. Unculled car lots sold at \$6.80 per cwt. It was reported that some of the packers in the city did not pay \$6.75 for selects. Lower prices are looked for this week.

The Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, for the week ending Oct. 12th, will pay \$6.75 per cwt. for select bacon hogs, \$6.75 for heavy hogs, and \$6.75 for lights.

The Trade Bulletin's London cable of Oct. 3rd, re-Canadian bacon reads thus:

"The market is quiet but steady. Stocks are limited, although the receipts from Canada have been more liberal of late."

Horses

There was little business done in horses at Grand's last week. Some 200, mostly rejected remounts, were offered but sales were not as good as usual and quite a number were held over for Tuesday of this week. Good horses are scarce. Prices generally speaking show no change over those of a week ago. Another lot of rejected horses will be offered on Oct. 15th.

Agriculture on the Yukon.

The United States Department of Agriculture has been investigating the conditions for gardening and some agriculture in the cold interior region of Alaska along the Yukon. Prof. C. C. Georgeson who has had charge of the work reports that although the season was unusually late this year, new potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, beets, and other vegetables were ready for the table before the middle of August and lettuce, radishes and turnips grown in the open had been in use for some weeks. Flower gardens containing a large variety of annuals grown from seed furnished last year were in full bloom. At one point, Rampart rye, seeded the previous fall wintered perfectly and was ripe in July. Spring seed barley had ripened about the middle of August and there was quite a prospect for oats and wheat to mature.

Extensive areas of excellent land were found on the Lower Yukon upon which there was an abundant and often luxuriant growth of grasses over six feet in height. The abundant moisture and long days during the summer months account for the surprising luxuriance of vegetation in that far north region.