

## MARKETS.

## Toronto.

## REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

At West Toronto, on Monday, March 17th, receipts of live stock numbered 32 cars, comprising 650 cattle, 80 sheep, 12 calves, and 18 horses. No business was being transacted. Hog prices were quoted at \$9.50 fed and watered, and \$9.15 f. o. b. cars.

Receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards last week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle .....	10	342	352
Hogs .....	105	4,747	4,852
Sheep .....	80	6,977	7,057
Calves .....	100	835	935
Horses .....	46	458	504
		145	145

The total receipts at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1912 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle .....	165	186	351
Hogs .....	2,057	2,405	4,462
Sheep .....	3,205	2,519	5,724
Calves .....	731	553	1,284
Horses .....	572	58	630
		513	513

The combined receipts of live stock at the two yards for the past week, show an increase of 1 carload, 390 cattle, 1,333 hogs; but a decrease of 349 sheep, 126 calves, and 368 horses, in comparison with the corresponding week of 1912.

Receipts of live stock were moderately large, and quite sufficient to supply all demands, both local and outside points. The outside demand was fairly large, several buyers from Montreal and Hamilton, as well as Northern Ontario, being on the market during the week. The quality of cattle on sale was the best in many weeks, as there was a fair supply of cattle that had been prepared for the Easter market. Trade was active, and prices higher for those of Easter quality, but for the lower grades prices were not any better than at the close of the previous week.

Exporters.—There were about 250 cattle of export weights, ranging from 1,150 to 1,300 lbs., and some 1,400 lbs., and of export quality, good enough for Easter or Christmas trade, that sold from \$6.30 to \$7.35, and a very few individual cattle that sold at \$7.40, \$7.50, and one at \$8.50, but not more than a load all told. The highest price paid for car lots was \$7.95.

Butchers'.—Choice selected lots of butchers' cattle, sold at \$6.50 to \$6.75; loads of good to choice, \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium, \$5.60 to \$6.15; common to medium, \$5 to \$5.50; inferior, light cattle, \$4.50 to \$5; cows, \$3 to \$5.25; extra heavy, choice cows, \$5.40 to \$5.75, and a few of Easter quality reached \$6; canner cows, \$2.50 to \$3; bulls sold all the way from \$3.75 to \$5.25, and a few extra heavy bulls of choice quality, sold at \$5.40 to \$5.75.

Stockers and Feeders.—Trade in stockers and feeders was light. Stockers, 500 to 750 lbs. each, sold at \$4.50 to \$5.25; feeders, 800 to 1,000 lbs., sold at \$5.30 to \$5.75, and \$6 was paid for a few short-keep feeders.

Milkers and Springers.—Trading in milkers and springers continues very quiet, with prices little changed. The principal demand centers on the better grades, most of the fairly good to choice cows selling at \$55 to \$65, and choice to extra, from \$70 to \$85, though very few reach \$80.

Veal Calves.—Receipts of veal calves continue light, the supply not being equal to the demand. Good to choice vealers sold at from \$9.50 to \$10 per cwt.; fair to good, light calves, \$8.75 to \$9; strong-weight calves, \$6.75 to \$8.25; inferior, rough, heavy calves, at \$4 to \$5.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts of sheep and lambs were light, and, as a rule, the quality was poor. Prices continue very high, the highest ever known on the Toronto markets. Sheep—Ewes sold from \$4.75 to \$7.40; rams, \$5.50 to \$6.50; lambs, \$9 to \$10.50, the latter price being paid in a few instances for not more than a dozen lambs, about 90 to 100 lbs. in weight.

On Tuesday, John Beamish, a farmer from Woodbridge, Ont., was on the market with 23 yearling lambs that averaged 149 lbs. each, which he sold at \$9.75 per cwt., or \$14.50 per head, or a total of \$319. Considering the weight of these lambs, the price, \$9.75, was more than good.

Hogs.—Receipts of hogs was moderate all week, not enough to supply the demand, consequently prices remained firm all week. Selects, fed and watered, sold from \$9.50 to \$9.70; and \$9.15 to \$9.30, f. o. b. cars, and \$9.75 weighed off cars. The bulk of the hogs sold at \$9.65, fed and watered, and \$9.25 f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—Trade at the Union Horse Exchange, Union Stock-yards, continues to be very quiet, and for that matter, we are informed by dealers, that it is the same at all the sale stables. The bulk of the business done was with local buyers for the different delivery and cartage companies. Prices were reported as follows: Drafters, \$200 to \$250; general-purpose horses, \$100 to \$225; express and wagon horses, \$100 to \$225; drivers, \$100 to \$175; serviceably sound, \$80 to \$100.

## BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2 red, white or mixed, 93c. to 95c., outside; inferior grades, down to 70c. Manitoba, No. 1 northern, 97½c.; No. 2 northern, 95c., track, lake ports. Oats—No. 2, 32c. to 34c., outside; 32c., track, Toronto. Manitoba oats, No. 2, 41c.; No. 3, 39½c., lake ports. Rye—No. 2, 60c. to 63c., outside. Peas—No. 2, \$1 to \$1.05, outside. Buckwheat—51c. to 53c., outside. Barley—For malting, 55c. to 57c.; for feed, 45c. to 50c., outside. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 58c.; No. 3 yellow, 57½c., track, Toronto, all-rail shipment. Flour—Ninety-per-cent. winter-wheat flour, \$3.90 to \$3.95, seaboard. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.30; second patents, \$4.80; in cotton, 10c. more; strong bakers', \$4.60 in June.

## HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$12 to \$13 for No. 1; \$11 to \$11.50 for No. 2.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$9 to \$10 per ton.

Brans.—Manitoba bran, \$19 to \$20 per ton; shorts, \$21.50; Ontario bran, \$19 to \$20, in bags; shorts, \$21.50, car lots, track, Toronto.

## TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$11.50 to \$12.50; alsike No. 2, per bushel, \$10.50 to \$11; alsike No. 3, per bushel, \$9.50 to \$10; red-clover seed, Ontario-grown, \$7 to \$9 per bushel; timothy No. 1, per bushel, \$1.90 to \$2.25; timothy No. 2, per bushel, \$1.35 to \$1.60.

The above quotations are prices paid to farmers for seed that has to be re-cleaned by the seedsmen.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—The market remains steady, supplies being quite equal to the demand. Creamery pound rolls, 22c. to 24c.; creamery solids, 28c. to 29c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.; store lots, 22c. to 24c.

Eggs.—Receipts were liberal, and prices easier. New-laid, 28c. to 24c.; cold-storage, 17c. to 18c.

Cheese.—Market firm, but prices unchanged, at 14c. for large, and 15c. for twins.

Honey.—Extracted, 12½c.; combs, \$2.75 to \$3 per dozen.

Potatoes.—The market remains easy. Ontario potatoes, car lots, track, Toronto, 65c. per bag, and New Brunswick potatoes, in car lots, track, Toronto, 80c. per bag.

Poultry.—Receipts light, and not equal to demand. Turkeys, 27c. per lb., dressed; geese, 18c. to 20c.; ducks, 20c. to 22c. per lb.; chickens, 22c. to 23c. per lb.; hens, 16c. to 18c. per lb.

Beans.—Broken car lots, hand-picked, \$2.60; primes, \$2.25, down to \$1.25 per bushel for inferior qualities.

## HIDES AND SKINS.

No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 13c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 12c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 11c.; country hides, cured, 11½c.; country hides, green, 10½c.; calf skins, per lb., 14c.; lamb skins, \$1.10 to \$1.50; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 37c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 6c.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples—No. 1 Spies, per barrel, \$4; No. 2 Spies, \$3 to \$3.50; Greenings, No. 1, \$3 to \$3.25; Greenings, No. 2, \$2 to \$2.75 per barrel; Kings, No. 1, per barrel, \$3 to \$3.50; cabbage, per barrel, \$1; onions, Canadian, 75c. to \$1 per bag; carrots, 60c. to 75c. per bag; parsnips, 40c. to 50c. per bag.

## Montreal.

Live Stock.—Choice steers, suitable for the Easter trade, have been received, and owners asked as high as 7½c. per lb. for them by the load. Choice steers were quoted at 7c. per lb., while fine stock was about 6½c. to 6½c., good being 6c. to 6½c., and medium ranged all the way from 5c. to 5½c., common selling down to 4c. There was some demand for old sheep, and prices ranged from 5½c. to 6c. per lb. for ewes, this being an advance. Bucks and culls were quoted at 5½c. to 5½c. per lb., while lambs were 8½c. to 8½c. per lb. Some spring lambs sold at \$10 per head. Milk-fed calves were quoted at \$10 to \$12 each, and some choice, heavy calves, at 7c. per lb. Deliveries of hogs were no more liberal than the demand, and prices continued firm, at 10½c. to possibly 10½c., in some instances, for best, weighed off cars.

Horses.—There was a very good demand for horses. The market showed no change, however; prices steady, as follows: Heavy-draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$400; light-draft horses, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$225 to \$300; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$125 to \$200; broken-down animals, \$75 to \$125. Choice saddle and carriage animals were \$350 to \$500 each.

Poultry.—Choicest turkeys sold at 22c. to 25c. per lb.; ducks and chickens, 18c. to 21c. and 22c.; fowl, 15c. to 18c.; geese, 14c. to 16c.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs were in good demand, and sales took place at 14c. per lb. for fresh-killed stock, abattoir-dressed, and at 13½c. for country-dressed, light weights, and at 12½c. for heavies.

Potatoes.—The market for potatoes was about steady, although there seemed to have been some shading in prices, and it was claimed that Green Mountains were available in car lots, track, at 70c. per 90 lbs., while Quebec stock was still quoted at 60c. to 65c. Smaller lots were 25c. more.

Eggs.—There is little likelihood of an advance at this time of year, over present prices, while the coming of Easter will likely hold prices fairly firm. Quotations were 28c. to 30c. for fresh.

Syrup and Honey.—Old syrup was quoted at 7c. to 9c. per lb. in wood, tins being 9c. to 10c. White clover comb honey was 16c. to 17c., and dark, 14c. to 15½c.; white extracted, 11½c. to 12c., and dark, 8c. to 9c.

Butter.—Considerable interest was manifested in this market, this being a critical period of the year. Prices held about steady, at 29c. to 30c. for finest, in a wholesale way. New butter was not yet available.

Grain.—There was still some dealing in corn, and sales have been made here at 60½c., ex store, for No. 3 yellow. Oats showed little change, selling around 41c. per bushel for No. 2 Canadian Western, store, and 40c. for No. 1 feed.

Flour.—There was no great demand for flour of any kind, and prices were steady, at \$5.40 per barrel for first patents, in bags, and \$4.90 for seconds, strong bakers being \$4.70. Ontario winter-wheat patent flour was \$5.25 per barrel, while straight rollers were \$4.85 to \$4.90.

Millfeed.—There was a very fair demand for millfeed. Prices showed little or no change, being \$20 per ton for bran, and \$22 for shorts, while middlings were \$25. Pure grain mouille sold at \$35 to \$36 per ton, and mixed at \$30 to \$33.

Hay.—The market for hay was reported to be lower, owing to the lack of demand from the United Kingdom, and as a consequence prices were down to \$13 to \$13.50 per ton for No. 1 hay; \$11 to \$12 for No. 2 extra; \$9 to \$10 for No. 2 ordinary and for clover, and \$8 to \$9 for timothy.

Seeds.—Timothy came in very rapidly, notwithstanding the fact that dealers were only paying \$3 to \$4 per 100 lbs. for it at country points. Most of the

red clover has arrived—75 per cent. of it, dealers say—and prices were still \$6 to \$10 per bushel of 60 lbs. Alsike was quoted at \$10 to \$12 per bushel.

Hides.—Spring lambs were coming in and dealers quoted 10c. each for their skins. Sheep skins were \$1 to \$1.10 each, while horse hides were \$1.75 and \$2.50 each, according to quality. Beef hides sold at 12c., 13c. and 14c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 hides, and calf skins at 15c. and 17c. per lb. for Nos. 2 and 1. Tallow sold at 1½c. to 2c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 6½c. for rendered.

## Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$3.50 to \$9; shipping, \$7.50 to \$8.50; butchers', \$6 to \$8.50; heifers, \$3 to \$8; cows, \$3.75 to \$7.50; bulls, \$5 to \$7.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.75 to \$7; steak heifers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; fresh cows and springers, \$35 to \$32.50.

Veals.—\$5 to \$12.50.  
Hogs.—Heavy, \$9.30 to \$9.40; mixed, \$9.40 to \$9.55; Yorkers and pigs, \$9.60 to \$9.65; roughs, \$9.40 to \$9.50; stags, \$6.50 to \$7.50; dairies, \$9.25 to \$9.60.  
Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$9.50 to \$9.25; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$8.50.

## Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$7.25 to \$9.15; Texas steers, \$6.25 to \$7.50; stockers and feeders, \$6 to \$8.20; cows and heifers, \$8.50 to \$8; calves, \$7.50 to \$13.

Hogs.—Light, \$8.80 to \$9.10; mixed, \$8.60 to \$9.10; heavy, \$8.40 to \$9; rough, \$8.40 to \$8.55; pigs, \$7 to \$8.95.

Sheep and Lambs.—Native, \$6.15 to \$7; yearlings, \$7.20 to \$8.25; lambs, native, \$8 to \$9.

## British Cattle Market.

John Rogers & Co. cable that Irish steers are making from 14s. to 15½c. per pound.

## Questions and Answers.

## Miscellaneous.

## Threatening Letters.

Miss A, a young lady of 24, was employed by a Mr. B in England. Mr. B was continually bothering Miss A, and would not allow her to speak to any other man. Miss A left and came to Canada. Mr. B is now writing threatening letters, telling her to come back, or he will come out and shoot her. He also sets a date, and says he will send passage-money for that date, and if she does not, he will come out.

1. Should he go back?
2. Could he be stopped from coming?
3. Could he be arrested if he did come, before he had a chance to shoot?
4. Would there be any use in notifying any authorities?
5. Who should be notified?
6. What would you advise? Miss A cares nothing for Mr. B; and, besides, Mr. B is a married man, and has a wife and family.

## AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

- Ans.—1. No.
2. Probably, yes.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.
- 5 and 6. See the Crown Attorney of the county in which you reside, and hand him the letters. He would probably communicate with the Director of Public Prosecutions, or other proper authority, in England, or with the Canadian Immigration Officers; or take such other steps as might seem to him advisable and necessary for Miss A's protection. In writing her the threatening letters, B has committed a criminal offence, and is liable to prosecution accordingly.

Note.—A fee of one dollar was enclosed with this letter, thus entitling the enquirer to an answer by mail, but no name or address was given. Instead, we were requested to answer through the paper, in issue of March 13th, but said issue was on the press when the enquiry was received.