

market pound rolls bring 14 to 17c., and large rolls 13 to 14c. per lb.

#### Cattle.

The cattle markets continue strong and active. At Chicago Omaha and other western points prices have been well maintained, though receipts in some cases have been large. Buyers at Chicago consider prices too high, but owners and sellers do not think so. The Buffalo market has ruled steady under a fair demand. On this market prices have been well maintained at what they have been for several weeks past. On Tuesday there was the largest run of live stock of the season, but on Friday the run was not as large as was expected. The quality of the fat cattle was good, the bulk of which were exporters, butchers' cattle being scarce. On Friday trade generally was good, but it is claimed that prices are too high for shipping cattle to the British market at a profit.

**Export Cattle.**—Choice heavy well-finished cattle of heavy weights sold on Friday at \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt., and light exporters at \$4.50 to \$4.65. A few choice picked lots went from 10 to 15c higher. Heavy export bulls of good quality sold at \$3.87½ to \$4.25 and light ones at \$3.40 to \$3.65 per cwt.

**Butchers' Cattle.**—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1000 to 1150 lbs. each, sold at \$4.50 to \$4.65 per cwt. Good butchers' cattle sold at \$4.40 to \$4.50, and medium at \$4.25 to \$4.35 per cwt., while common and inferior sold as low as \$3.25 per cwt.

**Stock and Feeders.**—The stocker and feeder trade in the west has been somewhat quiet, although all offerings have found ready markets at steady to strong prices with some emphasis on the best light weights. Buffalo stockers on this market on Friday sold all the way from \$3.75 for common, to \$4 for medium, and \$4.25 per cwt. for choice bred steers with the market active at these prices. Stock heifers brought \$3 to \$3.20 and inferior stock bulls \$2.75 per cwt. Heavy feeders are in good demand with prices firm at \$4.40 to \$4.60 for well-bred steers, half fat, weighing not less than 1000 to 1150 lbs. each. Feeding bulls suitable for the byres are worth \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

**Calves.**—These have been in good supply at Buffalo, where the market is a little easier. Good veal calves are wanted on this market. Those offered on Friday brought \$2 to \$10 each as to quality.

**Milk Cows and Springers.**—These are worth from \$25 to \$48 each. Really good cows are in demand.

#### Sheep and Lambs.

There has been an easier feeling at Chicago for the poorer grades though good quality were steady. It is claimed the high prices



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have brought out a lot of half finished sheep. The Buffalo market has been fairly steady with a slow tendency at the end of the week. There has been an over supply of poor quality. The deliveries on this market have been equal to the demand. Ewes, on Friday, sold at \$4 for unclipped, and bucks at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. The deliveries of yearling lambs were light. Prices were \$ to \$5.50 per cwt. unclipped. Spring lambs are easier at \$2.50 to \$4.50 each.

#### Hogs.

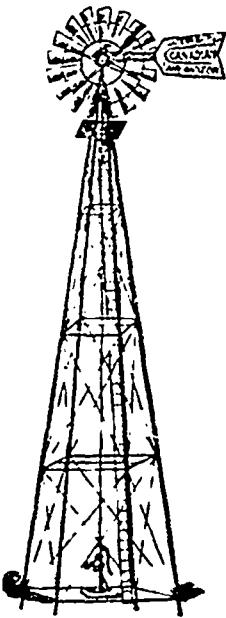
The prices for hogs continue to advance. Since our last report choice select bacon hogs have advanced to \$5, light ones to \$4.50, and thick fats to \$4.37½ per cwt. The deliveries have been large. Packers complain of too many light hogs under 160 lbs live weight coming forward. A great many sold on Toronto market during the week would not weigh more than 125 lbs. for which \$4.37½ per cwt. had to be accepted or 62½c. less per cwt. than if these hogs were kept till they weighed 160 lbs. each. There is also com-

plaint that farmers are finishing their hogs off on fresh grass, which causes a soft quality of bacon. They are strongly advised to finish them off on solid food and to have each one weigh at least 160 lbs. Unless this is done the highest prices cannot be obtained. At Montreal all desirable offerings are taken by packers at \$4.75, and other kinds at \$4.50 per cwt. The *Trade Bulletin's* special cables re Canadian bacon trade are more encouraging for better prices. They are as follows:

London, May 25th, 1899.—Under a good demand for Canadian bacon, prices have scored a further decided advance of 2s. per cwt., but as stocks are light, holders are very conservative in their offerings, as they appear very confident of establishing still better prices.

Liverpool, May 25th, 1899.—There has been quite an active demand for Canadian bacon, and the market here has bordered upon excitement, as values have advanced 4s. 6d. to 5s. per cwt., with a good demand at the advance.

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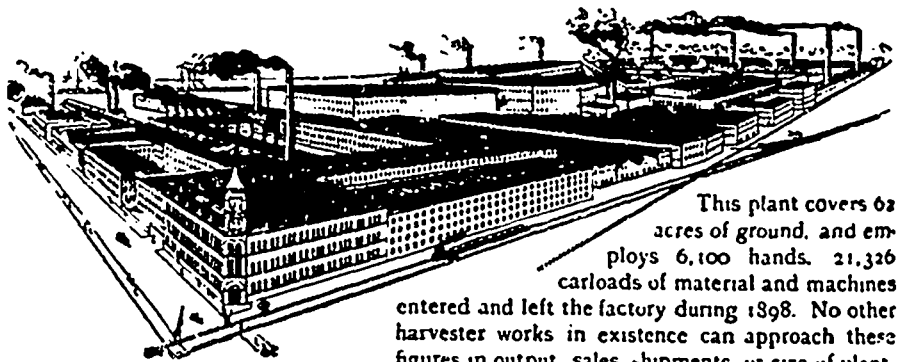
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