

cattle, 42,355 calves, 30,656 hogs and 27,073 sheep; compared with 28,283 cattle, 40,160 calves, 30,457 hogs and 18,598 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—There was the worst trade on shipping steers at Buffalo last week for many weeks past. Western markets were all pretty well provided, eastern trading points showed good runs of Virginia steers and eastern order buyers were inclined to apply the knife to the hilt, as a result of which values showed a decline figuring fully 50 to 75 cents under the previous week. While the market on butchering cattle was not as bad, most sales in this division showed a big quarter drop, some few sales of a real choice kind ruling steady to possibly a shade easier. On a medium and fair kind of butchering stuff the take-off was from 25 to 50 cents, cutter and canner grades ruling about steady. Light bulls brought steady prices but bolognas and the fat kinds generally ruled lower. It was a good, strong trade on the more desirable kinds of milk cows and springers. Stockers and feeders were pretty well cleaned up and at prices that were more satisfactory than fat grades, in comparison. Offerings for the week totaled 5,675 head, as against 6,325 for the previous week and as compared with 6,900 head for the corresponding week a year ago. The Canadians totaled around 135 cars, fully forty loads of which were shipping steers, which sold very slowly. Quotations.

Shipping Steers—Natives—Very choice heavy, \$17 to \$17.50; best heavy, over 1,300, \$16 to \$16.75; fair, over 1,300, \$15 to \$15.50; best, 1,200 to 1,300, \$16 to \$16.50; good, 1,200 to 1,300, \$15 to \$15.50; good, 1,100 to 1,200, \$14.75 to \$15.50; plain, \$13 to \$14.

Shipping Steers—Canadians—Best heavy, \$13.75 to \$14.75; fair to good, \$13 to \$13.50; medium weight, \$13 to \$13.50; common and plain, \$12 to \$12.50.

Butchering Steers—Yearlings, fair to prime, \$14 to \$16; choice heavy, \$15 to \$15.50; best heavy, \$13.50 to \$14.50; fair to good, \$12 to \$13.50; light and common, \$9.50 to \$10.

Cows and Heifers—Best heavy heifers \$12.50 to \$13; good butchering heifers, \$11.50 to \$12.50; fair butchering heifers, \$9.50 to \$10.50; light, common, \$7 to \$7.50; very fancy fat cows, \$11 to \$12; best heavy fat cows, \$9.50 to \$10.50; medium to good, \$7.50 to \$9; cutters, \$6.50 to \$7; canners, \$5 to \$5.75.

Bulls—Best heavy, \$10 to \$11.50; good butchering, \$9 to \$10; sausage, \$7.50 to \$8; light bulls, \$6 to \$7.50.

Stockers and Feeders—Best feeders, \$10 to \$10.50; common to fair, \$8.50 to \$9.50; best stockers, \$8.50 to \$9; fair to good, \$7.75 to \$8.25; commons, \$6 to \$7.

Milkers and Springers—Good to best (small lots), \$100 to \$150; in carloads, \$90 to \$100; medium to fair (small lots), \$80 to \$85; common, \$50 to \$55; in carloads, \$70 to \$75.

Hogs.—Prices, as a result of liberal receipts, took a big tumble on the opening day of last week, market striking the lowest level since December 30, 1918. Monday good handy hogs sold at \$17.75, heavies went as low as \$17.50 and light's and pigs ranged from \$16.75 to \$17. Tuesday prices were mostly a quarter higher, Wednesday's trade was steady with Tuesday, Thursday values showed a further advance of 25 to 50 cents and Friday the market was 25 to 35 cents higher than Thursday. The fifth day of the week showed best light hogs bringing up to \$18.85, heavies reached up to \$18.75 and pigs sold largely at \$17.50. Good roughs ranged from \$14.50 to \$15 and stags sold from \$13 down. The past week's receipts were 19,200 head, as compared with 20,841 head for the week before and 20,100 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and lambs.—Receipts last week were the largest of the season, grand total being approximately 21,400 head. Offerings were against 14,105 head for the week before and 7,750 head for the same week a year ago. As a result of the big supply the market on lambs the first four days was very slow, with prices on the decline. Monday tops sold at \$15.75, Tuesday none reached above \$15.25, Wednesday's top was \$15, Thursday buyers landed the best at \$14.50 and \$14.75 and Friday the market was more active and stronger, top being

a quarter higher than Thursday. Cull lambs were steady all week, selling from \$11.50 down, skips going as low as \$8. Sheep were dull and lower all week. Buyers got best ewes down to \$7 and \$7.50 and cull sheep ranged from \$2.50 to \$4.

Calves.—Market on veals was active all of last week. Monday tops sold at \$24.00, Tuesday the bulk went at \$23, Wednesday and Thursday the best brought from \$23 to \$23.50 and Friday the bulk made \$25. Desirable culls reached up to \$20, weighty fat calves ranged from \$11 to \$16 and common to good light grassers sold from \$7 to \$10. Last week's receipts were 2,500 head, being against 2,441 head for the week before and 1,850 head for the same week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, September 22, numbered 281 cars, 4,446 cattle, 432 calves, 2,924 hogs, 5,751 sheep and lambs. Slow market. All classes of cattle 25 to 50 cents lower. There were few good cattle; general quality was common. Best steers, \$13.50 per hundred; best cows, \$10 to \$11; best bulls, \$10 to \$10.50. Calves, steady; choice, \$21 to \$22. Sheep and lambs, 25 to 50 cents lower; choice lambs, \$12 to \$12.75; one lot extra choice black faces at \$13.40 per hundred. Hogs, \$18.25, fed and watered.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario (f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights)—No. 1 winter, per car lot, \$2 to \$2.06; No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$1.97 to \$2.03; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$1.93 to \$1.99; No. 1 spring, per car lot, \$2.02 to \$2.03; No. 2 spring, per car lot, \$1.99 to \$2.05. No. 3 spring, per car lot, \$1.95 to \$2.01. Manitoba, No. 1 northern, \$2.30; No. 2 northern, \$2.27; No. 3 northern, \$2.23.

Manitoba Barley.—(In store, Ft. William), No. 3, \$1.24½; No. 4 C. W., \$1.22; rejected, \$1.16½; feed, \$1.16.

Oats.—(In store, Ft. William), No. 2 C. W., 86½¢; No. 3 C. W., 86½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 85½¢; No. 1 feed, 85½¢; No. 2 feed, 84½¢.

Barley.—(According to freights outside), malting, \$1.27 to \$1.30.

Peas.—(According to freights outside) No. 2, nominal.

Buckwheat (according to freights outside), No. 2, nominal.

Rye (according to freights outside), No. 2, nominal.

Flour.—Manitoba, Government standard, \$11, Toronto, Ontario; (in jute bags, prompt shipment). Government standard, \$9.40 to \$9.60, Montreal and Toronto.

Millfeed.—Car lots delivered, Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$45; shorts, per ton, \$55; good feed flour, bag, \$3.50.

Hay.—(Track, Toronto), No. 1 per ton, \$24 to \$26; mixed, per ton, \$15 to \$20.

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

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered in Toronto:
City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flats, 35¢; calf skins, green, flats, 65¢; veal kip, 45¢; horse hides, city take-off, \$15 to \$17; sheep, \$3 to \$4; lamb skins, and shearings, \$2 to \$3.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cure, 35¢; green, 20¢ to 32¢; deacon bob calf, \$2.50 to \$3; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$10 to \$11; No. 2, \$7 to \$8; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$3.50; horse hair, farmers' stock, 35¢ to 40¢.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 9¢ to 10¢; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 11¢ to 12¢; cakes, No. 1, 12¢ to 13¢.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool as to quality, fine, 59¢ to 60¢. Medium coarse, 50¢; coarse, 42¢. Wool, washed, fine, 75¢; medium, 70¢; coarse, 65¢.

Country Produce.

Butter.—The market for butter was firm at practically stationary prices; choice creamery pound prints selling at 56¢ to 58¢; cut solids at 53¢ to 55¢ per lb.; and best dairy at 50¢ to 52¢ per lb., (wholesale).

Eggs.—Trade in eggs was active, and prices ranged somewhat higher; strictly new-laid selling at 63¢ per dozen, and No. 1's at 56¢ to 57¢ per dozen, and selects in cartons at 59¢ to 60¢ per doz. Pure lard was a steady trade at 37¢.

per lb. in tierces; a couple of dealers quoted 37½¢. In pound prints it sold for 38½¢ to 39¢.

Honey.—Choice comb, \$4.75 to \$5 per doz.; strained, 25¢ per lb.

Poultry.—The following quotations are for live weight, delivered, Toronto: Spring chickens, 25¢ to 27¢ per lb.; old hens, over 6 lbs., 30¢; old hens, over 5 lbs., 26¢; old hens, 3½ to 5 lbs., 25¢ per lb.; old roosters, 18¢ to 20¢ per lb.; spring ducks, 4 to 5 lbs., 23¢ per lb.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Receipts were very much lighter and prices firmer on the bulk of the offerings of wholesale fruits during the past week; vegetables on the whole being slightly easier in price.

Wholesale Quotations.

Apples.—40¢ to 75¢ per 11-qt. basket; \$5 to \$7 per bbl.

Peaches.—50¢ to \$1.25 per 6 qts.; \$1 to \$2.25 per 11 qts.

Pears.—40¢ to \$1 per 6 qts.; 40¢ to \$1.25 per 11 qts.

Plums.—75¢ to \$1.35 per 6 qts.; \$1.75 to \$2.25 per 11 qts.

Corn.—10¢ to 20¢ per dozen.

Celery.—40¢ to \$1 per dozen bunches.

Cucumbers.—25¢ to 40¢ per 11-qt. basket.

Gerkins.—60¢ to \$1.25 per 6 qts.; \$1 to \$2 per 11 qts.

Egg Plant.—65¢ to \$1 per 11 qts.

Onions.—\$4.75 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; \$3.75 per 75 lbs.

Parsley.—30¢ to 40¢ per 11 qts.

Peppers.—Sweet, 75¢ to \$1 per 11 qts.

Potatoes.—Ontarios, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per bag; New Brunswick Delawares, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per bag.

Montreal.

Horses.—There has been little or no interest in the market for horses during the week. Prices continued unchanged.

Dressed Hogs.—Demand for dressed hogs was good and prices were steady, at 27½¢ to 28¢ per lb. for choice abattoir, fresh-killed western and eastern hogs, and 25¢ to 26¢ for local hogs.

Poultry.—Consumption is large and prices steady, though the undertone is easier. Turkeys were 40¢ to 42¢ per lb., chickens, 30¢ to 33¢; fowl, 28¢ to 30¢; broilers, 35¢ to 40¢, and roosters, 22¢.

Potatoes.—At this time of year the market for potatoes may be expected to show easiness and to decline from time to time. However, Quebec stock was still selling as high as \$2 and \$2.25 per bag of 90 lbs., ex-store, while car lots were quoted at about 25¢ or 35¢ less, ex-track. No Green Mountains were offering.

Honey and Maple Products.—Clover honey in the comb was quoted at 25¢ per lb., but little seemed to be going on in the market. Buckwheat was 20¢. Pure maple syrup was quoted at \$1.75 per gallon.

Eggs.—Receipts were fairly large but the bulk of the eggs now coming forward are said to be for export account. Prices were about steady, but must be expected to advance gradually from this on. Strictly fresh stock was quoted at 66¢ per lb., selects were 62¢, No. 1 stock 55¢, and No. 2 stock, 50¢ to 52¢.

Butter.—The market continued to advance, owing in part to the improved make. Pasteurized creamery was quoted at 55½¢ to 55¾¢; finest being 54¼¢ to 55¢; fine, 53½¢ to 54¢, and finest dairy, 50¢ to 51¢.

Cheese.—The market was steady, being 25¢ for No. 1; 24½¢ for No. 2, and 24¢ for No. 3, as quoted by the Cheese Export Committee.

Grain.—Car lots of No. 2 Canadian Western oats are reported at 97½¢; No. 3 and extra No. 1 feed being 96½¢; No. 1 feed, 95¢, and No. 2 feed, 94¢ per bushel, ex-store. Prices of barley were easier, and No. 3 Ontario barley was sold at \$1.46 per bushel; No. 3 Canadian Western, \$1.41; No. 4, Can. Western, \$1.37½, and feed and rejected grades \$1.33 per bushel, ex-store.

Flour.—Manitoba spring wheat flour was steady at \$11 per bbl., in jute bags, ex-track, Montreal freights, and to city bakers, with 10¢ off for spot cash. Ontario winter wheat flour was steady at \$10.50 to \$10.60 per bbl., in new cotton bags, ex-store.

Millfeed.—Car lots of bran were quoted at \$45 and of shorts at \$55 per ton, including bags, ex-track, broken lots being slightly higher, 25¢ per ton being allowed for spot cash. Feed cornmeal was quoted at \$80 to \$82, mixed grain mouille at \$70

to \$72, pure barley meal at \$70, and dairy feed at \$48 to \$50, including bags, delivered to the trade.

Baled Hay.—The market for hay was a little unsettled, but quotations were given out at \$20 to \$22 per ton for No. 2 timothy, ex-track.

Hides and Skins.—The course of prices is upwards, following the recent slump, and steer and cow hides were quoted at 39¢ per lb., once more, while bull hides were 28¢. Veal skins were up to 75¢, and kips 50¢ per lb. Lamb skins were easier at \$2.25 each, and clipped lambs \$1.25 to \$1.50 each, horse hides being \$11 to \$12.50 each.

Chicago.

Hogs.—Receipts 2,000; mostly steady; heavy, \$16.50 to \$18; medium, \$16.75 to \$18.25; light, \$17.25 to \$18.25; light lights, \$16 to \$17.75. **Cattle.**—Receipts, 600; compared with a week ago, beef steers, stockers and feeders steady to 25¢ lower; cows and heifers steady to 25¢ higher; bulls 50¢ to 75¢ lower; calves, 50¢ to \$1 higher. **Sheep.**—Receipts, 2,500; compared with a week ago, killing grades irregularly \$1 to \$2 lower, choice Western lambs declining least; breeding and feeding sheep and lambs, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Cheese Markets.

Cornwall sold last Saturday at 26 cents on the Montreal basis; St. Hyacinthe sold 150 boxes at 26 cents; Belleville sold at 25 13-16 cents and Napanee at 25 15-16 cents.

Sale Dates.

Oct. 1, 1919.—Wm. Charters, Seaforth, Ont., Shorthorns.

Oct. 15, 1919.—C. J. Stock, Woodstock, Ont.—Scotch Shorthorns.

Oct. 16, 1919.—Geo. H. Montgomery, K. C., Montreal, Que.—Ayrshires.

Oct. 22, 1919.—Adam A. Armstrong, Fergus.—Oxfords.

Dec. 3, 1919.—Niagara Peninsula Holstein Friesian Association, Dunnville, Ont.

Ontario Farm Conditions.

Under date of September 9, the Ontario Department of Agriculture reports as follows regarding farm conditions in Ontario:

Farmers are generally well up with their work, as the harvest was comparatively light and the weather generally open. More fall plowing and after-harvest cultivation has been done than for some years past.

A large area of fall wheat has been sown, and all indications point to an increased acreage of the crop. Considerable winter rye is also being put in.

Threshing is general. Oats are said to be turning out better relatively than either spring wheat or barley.

Buckwheat has been so revived by the late summer rains that a fair yield is now looked for; but, as with all spring grains, the straw is short. Millet and rape are also looking well.

The condition of late potato fields has been much improved since the middle of August, after being held back by the drouth. Sugar beets and mangels have also picked up well, but turnips generally are not so satisfactory, many fields being affected by lice.

Clover and alfalfa fields have been greatly revived by recent showers. Some farmers in Durham have threshed as high as fifteen bushels of alsike seed to the acre, for which they received \$23 a bushel. Peel reports sweet clover as also yielding fifteen bushels to the acre. Corn has improved greatly with the rains, and is now regarded as a fair crop for both bin and silo.

Essex has the following to say of the tobacco crop: "Tobacco is being cut in large quantities, and will be mostly off next week; the yield will be good, and the quality in most cases of the best."

Live stock have increased in flesh with better pastures, and are being marketed rather quietly generally, although Huron reports that six carloads in good condition were shipped from one station in that county on Friday last. Durham quotes calves as being freely sold for veal in that county from 13 cents to 15 cents a pound.

Peel puts the average yield of honey in that county at about 70 per cent. of the average.