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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK

Receipts for the week totaled at the City and Junction markets 384 carloads, 5,189 cattle, 3,692 hogs, 8,753 sheep and lambs, 684 calves, and 99 horses.

The quality of fat cattle, when numbers are considered, was not as good as desired, many dealers finding it difficult to get enough well-finished butchers' to supply their demands.

At West Toronto, September 7th, receipts of cattle were 852; trade slow, export prices easy, butchers' steady. Export steers, \$4.80 to \$5.40; prime picked butchers', \$4.75 to \$5; good, \$4.25 to \$4.60; medium, \$3.90 to \$4.15; common, \$2.50 to \$3.75; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.75; milch cows, \$3.60 to \$5.60; calves, \$3.50 to \$6 per cwt.; sheep, \$3.75 to \$4. Lambs, \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.; hogs, \$6.50, fed and watered at market, and \$6.25 f. o. b. cars in country.

Trade last week, with the exception of Monday's market (August 31st), at the Junction, was dull and draggy. Good cattle sold readily at firm prices, while common, of which there were too many, sold from 25c. to 50c. per cwt. lower.

Exporters.—Export steers ranged from \$4.80 to \$5.40, and one extra well-finished load brought \$5.65, but this same load cost the drover in the country \$6 about two months ago. Export bulls sold at \$4 to \$4.40, and one purebred Shorthorn \$4.75.

Butchers'.—Prime picked lots, 1,050 to 1,200 lbs., sold at \$4.80 to \$5.15; loads of fair to good, \$4.30 to \$4.60; medium, \$4 to \$4.25; common, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.75; canners, \$1.40 to \$2; export cows, \$1 to \$1.40.

Feeders and Stockers.—Prices easy, especially for common class, and there was little else being offered. Feeders, 800 to 950 lbs., sold at \$3 to \$3.75; stockers, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—There was no change in the market. Prices ranged from \$30 to \$60, and one or two \$65 each. The average price for the good to choice cows was between \$45 and \$50 each.

Veal Calves.—Choice veal calves are still selling well, from \$6 to \$6.50 per

cwt., but the grassy kind sold at lower prices than the week before, at \$2.50 to \$4.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—At the latter end of the week, heavy runs caused prices to decline from 25c. to 50c. per cwt. all round. Export ewes sold at \$3.75 to \$4; rams, \$2.75 to \$3; lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.25.

Hogs.—Receipts light. Prices steady, at \$6.50 for selects, fed and watered at the market, and \$6.25 f. o. b. cars at country points, but we heard of \$6.40 being paid at some points, where competition was keen.

Horses.—J. Herbert Smith, of the Union Horse Exchange, West Toronto, reports the horse trade as looking up, having had a fairly good trade. Seventy-five horses of good quality changed hands at the following prices: Drafters, \$160 to \$180; drivers, \$140 to \$190; wagon horses, \$140 to \$165. Mr. Smith expects a fairly heavy delivery for this week's sale.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white winter, 87c.; No. 2 red, 86c. bid; No. 2 mixed, 86c. bid. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.16; No. 2 northern, \$1.13.

Rye.—70c. to 72c. for new.

Peas.—No. 2, 80c. to 84c. bid.

Oats.—New No. 2 white, 40c.; No. 2 mixed, 38c. bid.

Barley.—New No. 2, buyers 59c.; No. 3X, 56c.; No. 3, buyers 54c.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow, 88c.

Bran.—Scarce, with increasing demand, and prices very firm, at \$20 per ton.

Small lots, \$21 to \$22.

Shorts.—Scarce and firm, \$23, and small lots, \$25.

Flour.—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, \$3.30; Manitoba patent, special brands, \$6; second patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.30.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market steady, with prices unchanged. Creamery pound rolls, 25c. to 26c.; separator dairy, 22c. to 23c.; store lots, 20c. to 21c.

Cheese.—Large, 13c. to 13c.; twins, 13c. to 14c.

Honey.—Extracted, 9c. to 10c.

Eggs.—Market easy, at 20c. to 21c.

Potatoes.—Receipts large. Car lots are being offered, on track, at Toronto, at 90c. per bag.

Beans.—Receipts light, market firm.

Hand picked, \$2 to \$2.10.

Poultry.—Receipts large, and prices easier. Spring chickens, alive, 11c. to 12c. per lb.; fowl, 9c. to 10c.; ducks, 8c. to 10c.; dressed, 2c. per lb. more.

HIDES AND WOOL.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front Street East, Toronto, have been paying the following prices: No. 1 inspected steers, 60 lbs. and up, 10c.; No. 2 inspected steers, 60 lbs. and up, 9c.; No. 1 inspected cows, 9c.; No. 2 inspected cows, 8c.; country hides, cured, 8c.; calfskins, city, 12c.; calfskins, country, 11c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.75; horse hair, per lb., 29c.; tallow, 5c. to 6c.; sheepskins, 90c.; wool, unwashed, 8c.; washed, 13c. to 14c.; lambskins, 35c. to 40c. each; pelts, 30c. to 40c.

SEED MARKET.

The Rennie Seed Company report receipts of alsike clover seed as being light, and prices lower. Reports of heavy offerings on the United States markets, and double the crop of last year, has caused prices to weaken. Prices are quoted as follows: Alsike, fancy, per bushel, \$7.60 to \$7.70; No. 1 quality, \$7.30 to \$7.50; No. 2 quality, \$6.70 to \$6.90.

FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts the largest of the season thus far. Peaches and cantaloupes were plentiful. Apples, \$1.50 to \$2 per bbl.; pears, 25c. to 50c. per basket; cantaloupes, ease, 50c. to 75c.; basket, 15c. to 25c.; plums, 30c. to 60c.; basket peaches, 35c. to \$1.10; blueberries, basket, 75c. to \$1.10; grapes, 20c. to 30c. for small baskets; large basket, 50c. to 75c.

BUFFALO

Receipts, \$6 to \$6.50. Hides, \$1.50 to \$1.75. Sheep, \$4.25 to \$4.35.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Owing to the easier feeling noted in the British cattle markets recently, there has been less demand for ocean freight space, the result being that rates have eased somewhat, at 35s. per head for Liverpool, 32s. 6d. to London and Glasgow, and Manchester 35s. Total shipments of cattle from port during the week ending August 29 were 3,379 head, shipments of sheep being 299 head, against 4,975 cattle the previous week. Shipments during August were 17,962 cattle, 1,399 sheep, and 13 horses, making for the season, to date, 52,622 cattle, 4,667 sheep, and 58 horses.

Receipts of choice cattle have been very light on the local market. Demand from buyers was good and quite firm, though practically unchanged, best being 5c. to 5c. per lb., good 4c. to 4c., medium 3c. to 4c., common 2c. to 3c. and common and inferior down to 2c. Receipts of sheep and lambs were fair, and prices held steady at 4c. per lb. for export, lower qualities being as low as 3c., and lambs steady at 5c. to 6c. per lb. A slight scarcity in calves, prices being 2c. to 3c. per lb. for grass-fed and 4c. to 5c. for best. The demand for hogs was fully equal to the supply, and as a result the market held firm, prices being 7c. to 7c. per lb. for selects, weighed off cars.

Horses.—Heavy draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express horses, \$150 to \$200; common plugs, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$300 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs.—9c. per lb. for fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed stock. Demand good.

Potatoes.—The market was easier, but weak, car lots, on track, being delivered on contracts taken the week before at \$1 to \$1.10 per 90 lbs. These potatoes were being delivered by dealers to grocers at \$1.20 per bag of 80 lbs., and \$1.30 per bag of 90 lbs.

Eggs.—19c. for straight gathered, in the country, and 21c. here, No. 1 candled being 20c. to 21c., selects 24c. to 25c., and boilers 27c. to 28c. per doz.

Honey.—Dealers were quoting 13c. to 14c. per lb. section of white clover comb, and 11c. to 12c. for buckwheat. White strained was quoted at 11c. per lb., and buckwheat at 9c.

Butter.—Finest Townships creameries were selling here at about 24c. to 25c., for export, according to quality. Ontario dairy butter was 21c. to 22c., and Manitoba dairy 20c. to 21c. Shipments for the week ending August 29th were 1,100 packages, as against 6,100 for the corresponding week of last year.

Cheese.—The market was easier last week. Dealers were quoting 11c. to 12c. for Quebecs, 12c. to 12c. for Townships, and 12c. to 12c. for Ontarios. Shipments for the last week of August were light, being but 47,000 boxes, as against 73,000 the corresponding week of 1907. Quality fairly good.

Oats.—Prices have been showing a slight decline owing, probably, to the approach of the new crop. Dealers were quoting Manitoba No. 2 at 48c. per bushel, carloads, in store, 46c. for No. 3, and 44c. to 45c. for rejected, on spot. Prices were fairly firm.

Hay.—Farmers' offering sparingly, and though the market was slow, prices were generally higher. No. 1 timothy, \$12 to \$13 per ton, carloads, track, Montreal; No. 2 extra, \$11 to \$12; No. 2 ordinary, \$10.50 to \$11.50; clover mixed, \$9.50 to \$10, and clover \$7 to \$7.50 per ton.

Flour.—Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$6 to \$6.10 per bbl., in bags, seconds, \$5.50. Ontario winter wheat patents, \$5, and straight rollers \$4.30 to \$4.50.

Feed. Mill feed was exceedingly scarce and in good demand. Manitoba bran \$22 to \$23 per ton, in bags, and Ontarios about \$1 less. Manitoba shorts being \$25 and Ontarios about \$1 more.

Hides.—The market held steady last week, after its recent advance. Red hides, costing 77c., 82c. and 90c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively, were selling to buyers at 4c. advance. Calf skins, No. 1, 2 and 3, and No. 4, for No. 1, \$2.00 to \$2.20; No. 2, \$1.80 to \$2.00; No. 3, \$1.60 to \$1.80; No. 4, \$1.40 to \$1.60. Rough hides, 14c. to 16c. per lb. and rendered 50c.

CHEESE BOARD PRICES.

Woodstock, Ont., 12c. bid. Peterboro, Ont., 12c. to 13 3-16c. Madoc, Ont., 12c. Brockville, Ont., 12c. bid; no sales. Kingston, Ont., 12c. Belleville, Ont., 12c. to 12 5-16c. Russell, Ont., 12c. Winchester, Ont., 12c. Alexandria, Ont., 12c. Kemptville, Ont., 12c. Napanee, Ont., 12 5-16c. to 12c. Picton, Ont., 12 7-16c. Brantford, Ont., 12c., 12 5-16c., 12c. and 12 7-16c. Ottawa, Ont., 12c. Perth, Ont., 12c. to 12c. London, Ont., 12c. to 12c. bid; no sales. St. Hyacinthe, Que., butter, 23c.; cheese, 12c. Cowansville, Que., butter, 23c., 24c. and 24c.; cheese, 12c., 12 5-16c. and 12c. Utica, N. Y., cheese, 11c. to 11c.; butter, 24c. Sherbrooke, Que., dairy butter, salt, 24c.; fresh, 25c.; cheese, 12c.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$4.75 to \$7.85; cows, \$3.40 to \$5.25; heifers, \$3 to \$6.25; bulls, \$2.75 to \$4.50; calves, \$6 to \$7.85; stockers and feeders, \$2.65 to \$4.50.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$6.90 to \$7; butchers', \$6.85 to \$7; light mixed, \$6.50 to \$7; choice light, \$6.75 to \$6.90; packing, \$6.50 to \$6.85; pigs, \$3.75 to \$6.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.75; lambs, \$4.75 to \$6.10; yearlings, \$4.35 to \$4.95.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—London cables for cattle at 11c. to 13c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 10c. to 11c. per pound.

THE FAMOUS CANAL PROJECT.

Just as ever-returning spring brings to us the lilac and the song-bird, the preparations for a Federal election bring the announcement that the Trent Valley canal is to be pushed to an early completion. Hon. G. P. Graham has already stated so at Peterborough, and it did his hearers good to hear again the old familiar words that they had heard ever since childhood, for this famous project rivals Strassbourg Cathedral (which was delayed by the interposition in person of the devil) in the slowness with which it reaches completion.

An amusing story is told of two farmers in one of the Midland counties meeting on the road, when the following conversation ensued:

"What's new, John?"
"Oh, nothin' much; there was a bunch of surveyors looking over my valley pasture lot yesterday."
"Go on! Is that so? Looks like they was going on with that there Trent Valley canal, after all."
"Naw! to me it look like there was goin' to be a general election!" was the response.—[Toronto Saturday Night.

In Crawford Church, Kent, England, may be seen on the tomb of Peter Snell, for thirty years parish clerk:

"The life of this clerk was just three-score and ten,
Nearly half of which time he had sung out Amen!
In his youth he married, like other young men;
But his wife died one day—so he chanted Amen!
A second he took. She departed.
What then?
He married and buried a third, with Amen!
Thus his joys and his sorrows were treble, but then—
His voice was deep bass as he sung out Amen.
On the horn he could blow as well as most men,
He lost all his wind, after threescore and ten,
And here with three wives, he waits, till again
The trumpet shall rouse him to sing out Amen!"

Drummer (settling bill in Eagle House Hayfield)—Pardon my curiosity, sir, but what do you stuff your beds with in this hotel? Landlord (proudly)—Best straw to be had in this hull country. Drummer—Ah! That is very interesting. I know how where the straw came from that broke the canals' back.