

## Live Stock Markets.

The Montreal Gazette of August 13 says:—  
 "There has been no important change in the situation of the live stock trade during the past week. Private cable advices from Liverpool to-day were a trifle firmer and quoted choicest steers at 43d to 5d. The markets on spot to-day were very quiet for export stock, and few if any sales were effected. On the other hand there was an active demand for sheep, and as the offerings were fair, a brisk trade was transacted, and values were firm at 3½ to 4c. A private cable from London reported a sale of sheep at 44s per head, at which figure the shipper had a nice profit.

The ocean freight market has continued to rule weak and a further decline of 5s has to be noted, which is no doubt due to the continued bad markets abroad for cattle and space being more plentiful. Liverpool has been taken at 35s, and Bristol at 30s, and we quote Liverpool and London, 35s to 40s; and Bristol and Glasgow, 25s to 30s."

At the Montreal stock yards, at Point St. Charles, there were 554 cattle, 1,350 sheep, and 83 hogs received since Saturday night. The feature of this market was the active demand for sheep from exporters, which is due to the favorable advices from abroad of late and the fact that the bulk of the shipments this season have made money. There was a good supply offered, consequently a brisk business was done and values were firm at 3½ to 4c per lb., live weight, the outside figure being for really choice stock. The demand for lambs was limited, in fact nobody seemed to want them, as the market has been over-supplied of late and sales were slow at from 2 to 3½ each as to size. The cattle market was very quiet and without any new phase to note. The supply was small, but seemed to be more than sufficient to fill all requirements, as some drovers were obliged to send their stock to the east end and peddle them out. The feeling, however, was about steady and values showed no change. Export stock was dull, so much so that we did not hear of a single transaction. Butchers' cattle sold all the way from 2c to 3½ per lb. live weight as to quality. A better feeling prevailed in the market for live hogs and prices show an advance of fully ½c per lb. since last Monday. The offerings were fair which met with a ready sale at \$5.40 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs. Calves were slow of sale at from \$2 to \$8 each as to size and quality.

The offerings of live stock at the East End Abattoir market were 500 cattle, 650 sheep and lambs, and 200 calves. The attendance of butchers was small, and as there were no export buyers present, business on the whole in cattle was quiet and values, if anything, were a trifle lower. The supply was in excess of the demand, and the indications were at a late hour that a number would be left over. Choice butchers' stock sold at 3½c, good at 3 to 3½c, fair at 2½ to 3c, common at 2 to 2½c and inferior at 1½ to 2c per lb. live weight. The demand for sheep was good for shipment, and all those suitable for this trade were picked up at 3½ to 3¾c per lb. live weight, while butchers paid from \$3.50 to \$5 each. Lambs were quiet and lower at \$1.50 to \$3 each. Calves brought from \$2 to \$8 each as to size and quality.

The first train of territory ranch cattle this season arrived at the Canadian Pacific railway stock yards, Montreal, on Friday night August 10, which consisted of 275 head for Gordon & Ironside, and were shipped on the steamship Laurentian for Liverpool. There was also a train of twenty cars of domestic Manitoba cattle received for Ware & Taylor, which they disposed of on spot principally to exporters.

A bill to further amend ordinance No. 18 of 1889 of the territories was read a second time at Regina on Wednesday. This bill makes chattel mortgages renewable every second year the same as in Manitoba, instead of every year as is now the law in the territories.

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Long & Birby, wool dealers, of Hamilton, Ontario, have over a million pounds of wool in store in their warehouse, which will be shipped to the States when the new tariff becomes law.

OMAHA, Aug. 5.—Reports indicate the presence of frost in several Nebraska counties yesterday morning. The localities are mainly those in which the drought was so severe and little vegetation was left to be damaged. Dodge county suffered chiefly.

It is gratifying to note, says the New York Fur Trade Review, that the fur trade does not share to any great extent in the present general business depression. This condition is doubtless due to the fact that fur constitutes the most desirable, stylish and dressy apparel, and is now regarded as really indispensable. This is borne out by the course adopted by a number of the prominent cloak houses who have this season engaged in the manufacture of furs, and who will extend the business and create a demand for furs in many sections of the country where they have not hitherto been offered to any extent.



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