

MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets for last week were not as large as they have been for some time past, the total being as follows: 181 carloads, composed of 3,019 cattle, 3,683 hogs, 3,474 sheep and lambs, with 228 calves. The quality of cattle offered as fat was far from being good, that is, the number of fair to good was small in comparison with the large number of inferior and common, trashy unfinished.

On Monday, at the Junction, prices ranged as follows: Exporters, \$4.25 to \$4.50; export bulls, \$3.35 to \$3.80; prime butchers', \$4.25 to \$4.65; medium, \$3.75 to \$4; common, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; canners, 75c. to \$1.50; milkers, \$2.75 to \$6.25. Sheep, \$4; lambs, \$5 to \$5.25; calves, \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt. Hogs, \$5 for selects, \$4.75, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Exporters.—Last week scarcely enough were offered to make a market, and the highest price quoted was \$4.60. Export bulls sold from \$3.25 to \$4 per cwt.

Butchers'—Trade dull, prices low all round. Prime picked cattle, of which there were few on sale, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50; loads of fair to good, \$4 to \$4.20; medium, \$3.60 to \$3.80; common, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.75; canners, 75c. to \$1.50 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers.—Deliveries were not as large as for several weeks past, and prices ranged as follows: Best feeders, 1,000 to 1,150 lbs., \$3.40 to \$3.65; feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs., \$3 to \$3.25; stockers, 700 to 800 lbs., \$2.50 to \$3; stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.50; common stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$1.60 to \$2 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Good to choice milkers and springers sold at \$40 to \$60 each; common to medium at \$25 to \$35 each.

Veal Calves.—Trade in veal calves is much slower, since the market became flooded with poultry, and only the very best calves are being sought after. Prices range from \$3 to \$6 per cwt., and a few extra choice sold at \$6.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts were liberal; prices easy, but unchanged. Export sheep sold at \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; culls and rams, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; lambs of good quality sold around \$5 to \$5.10; picked ewes and wethers, \$5.25 per cwt.; culls, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Hogs.—At the Junction, on Monday, hogs were quoted at \$5.50 per cwt., fed and watered; but at the City, on Tuesday, only \$5 per cwt., fed and watered, was quoted.

Horses.—Isaac Watson, of the firm of Burns & Sheppard, reports the horse trade as being anything but satisfactory. The Repository handled about 75 horses last week, at all kinds of prices. There were seven draft stallions, two and three years old, all registered, one of which was imported, that sold at \$125 to \$190. General-purpose horses, sound, and in good condition, sold at \$125 to \$150; heavy-draft, 1,400 to 1,700 lbs., at \$140 to \$175; expressers, \$120 to \$160. Common and inferior horses of all kinds sold at buyers' own price nearly. The trade has never been as dull and slow in the last decade.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, 97c.; No. 2 red, 97c.; No. 2 mixed, 96c.; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, \$1.14½; No. 1 Hard, nominal; No. 2 Northern, \$1.10½.

Rye.—83c.

Peas.—No. 2, 86½c., buyers.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow, sellers, 70c., Toronto.

Buckwheat.—Sellers, 65c.

Barley.—No. 2, sellers, 68c.; No. 3X, 63c. to 65c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 50½c.

Brans.—\$19 to \$20, in bulk, at outside points.

Shorts.—\$21 to \$22, in bulk, at outside points.

Flour.—Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$3.80 bid for export; Manitoba patents, special brands, \$5.80; second patents, \$5.20; strong bakers', 85.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Moderate receipts are reported by wholesale dealers. Prices easier, as follows: Creamery, pound rolls, 30c. to 31c.; creamery, boxes, 29c.

to 30c.; dairy, pound rolls, 27c. to 28c.; tubs, 26c. to 27c. There is one brand, the Locust Hill creamery, that is being sold, wholesale, at 34c. per lb., and retailing at 38c. per lb., on the Toronto market.

Cheese.—Steady market. Large, 13½c.; twins, 13½c.

Eggs.—Cold-storage, 22c. to 23c.; strictly new-laid, case lots, 29c. to 30c.

New-laid eggs, on the farmers' market, retained, on Saturday last, at 45c. to 50c., the bulk selling at the latter price.

Honey.—Market steady. Extracted, 13c.; combs, dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3.

Potatoes.—Car lots, on track, at Toronto, 85c. to 90c. per bag.

Beans.—\$1.75 to \$1.85 for primes, and \$1.85 to \$1.95 for hand-picked.

Hay.—Baled timothy, \$18 to \$19, in car lots, on track, at Toronto.

Straw.—Baled straw, \$10 per ton, in car lots, on track, at Toronto.

Poultry, Alive.—Turkeys, young, 10c. to 11c.; turkeys, old, 9c.; geese, 7c. to 8c.; ducks, 7c. to 8c.; chickens, fancy, large, 9c. to 10c.; chickens, medium, 6c. to 8c.; fowl, 5c. to 7c.; squabs, per dozen, \$2 to \$3. Dressed poultry, 2c. to 3c. per lb. more than the above quotations.

TORONTO FRUIT.

The apple market is somewhat easier in Britain, which has its reflex here. Apples, \$3 to \$3.75; grapes, 10-lb. basket, 25c. to 35c.; onions, 40c. per basket, and \$1 to \$1.25 per bag.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Prices are quoted as follows by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front St., Toronto: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 7½c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 6½c.; country hides, 5c. to 5½c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 12c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 10c. to 11c.; horse hides, No. 1, each, \$2.75; horse hair, 28c.; tallow, 5½c. to 6½c.; wool, unwashed, 12c. to 13c.; washed, 22c. to 23c.; rejections, 16c.; lamb skins, 75c. to 80c.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—In the local market, the supply of choice beef continues very light, and even good stock is not very plentiful. However, there is no end to the supply of lower grades, and prices for these continue quite moderate. The demand was good all round, both local and outside buyers operating freely. Choice cattle were quoted at 4½c., good being 4½c. to 4½c.; medium, 3½c. to 4c.; common, 2½c. to 3½c., and inferior, 1½c. to 2½c. Canners were selling at from ½c. to 1c. a lb., the average being perhaps ¾c. Sheep and lambs continue to arrive freely. Choice sheep sold at 4c., good being 3½c. to 3½c., and culls, 3c. a lb. Lambs are in as active request as ever, and sold freely at 5½c. to 6c. per lb. The receipts of calves are not quite so heavy as formerly, but these continue in good demand, sales of choice stock being made at \$12 to \$15 each; good at \$6 to \$10, and common at \$3 to \$5 each. The market for hogs showed a decline, of ½c. to 1-3c., as compared with a week ago, owing, largely, to continued poor advices from Europe on bacon. Sales of selected lots were made here at 6c. to 6½c. per lb., weighed off cars.

Horses.—The only demand which has arisen of late is that from lumber camps, and even this is not sufficient to create any activity in the market. The recent snowfalls and slippery pavements, while calling for the use of an additional number of horses, is in no way sufficient to employ the large number laid off at the close of navigation, and an attempt is being made to get rid of a large number of the inferior animals, rather than feed them over winter. Prices are as follows: Heavy-draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275; blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express horses, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75, and choice carriage and saddle animals, \$300 to \$500 each.

Provisions and Dressed Hogs.—Owing to the decline in the price of live hogs, dressed hogs continue in good demand at lower prices, being 8½c. to 8½c. per

lb. for fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed hogs. Country-dressed were in good demand at 7½c. to 8½c. The market for provisions continues unchanged, and both bacon and hams are in excellent demand. Green bacon, boneless, and long clear, light, sells at 12c.; flanks, with the bone in, at 11c.; long, clear, heavy at 11½c.; choice smoked brings 12c. to 16c. per lb. There is a very fair demand for hams at 12½c. to 14c. for those weighing 25 lbs. and over; 13c. to 14½c. for those weighing 12 to 18 lbs.; and 14½c. to 16c. for 8- to 12-lb. hams. Salt pork, in barrels, ranges from \$22 to \$23.50 per barrel. Lard sells at 12½c. to 13½c. for pure, and 10c. to 11½c. for compound.

Potatoes.—During the past week, stocks of potatoes on spot have decreased greatly. Dealers are now paying 80c. per 90 lbs., carloads, on track, for Quebec whites, a few lots being also obtainable at 78c. These are being resold, on track, in large lots, at 85c., and are being delivered into store at 1c. a lb.

Eggs.—Dealers here are feeling a little nervous over the renewed talk of large importations from the United States. The stock held here was purchased at a very high cost this season, so that it cannot be disposed of at a profit at less than 23c. to 24c. for No. 1 cold-store stock, and 26c. to 27c. for selects. Those who want fresh-laid boiling stock are compelled to pay at least 35c. to 40c. for them, fall fresh being 33c. to 35c. Fortunately for holders, American eggs will have to be sold 2c. to 3c. less than Canadian, as the quality is not thought to be as good. Besides this, the American exporters will have to pay duty, so that they will not find the Canadian market a very remunerative one.

Butter.—The market showed considerable strength, though, as a matter of fact, prices did not show any advance. Receipts continue light, and stocks here are very moderate, and will probably be supplemented in the course of a few months by importations from Australasia or Great Britain. Meantime, dealers quote best November butter at 27c. to 27½c., and best October at 28½c. to 28½c. Single packages will, of course, bring more. Thirty-lb. tubs are quoted at 29c. to 30c. There is hardly any dairy to be had, and holders in the West are demanding 25c. per lb. for them, making the cost here about 26c.

Cheese.—Although there is no great quantity of cheese changing hands, the market is moderately active and quite firm. Quebec cheese is in very small volume, it being said that only a few hundred boxes could be obtained. Very little change in price has taken place, quotations being now 11½c. to 12c., to cover all qualities and makes of November, and 12½c. to 12½c. for October, and 13c. for September.

Grain.—The general feeling in the market for oats is easy. Prices have declined considerably at Winnipeg lately, and there has been an easing-off in prices here also. Demand is limited, consumers only using what they cannot avoid. Manitoba No. 3 white oats are said to be available at 53c. to 54c., to arrive; Ontario and Quebec No. 2 white being 54c. to 55c., No. 3 being 53c. to 54c., No. 4 being 52c. to 53c. Manitoba rejected are available at very much lower prices, and rejected Quebecs and Ontarios are quoted at about 50c.

Hides.—The market for hides continues to decline at a surprising rate, and, this week, dealers are only paying 5c., 6c. and 7c., at Montreal, respectively, for No. 3, 2 and 1 beef hides, and 8c. and 10c., respectively, for No. 2 and 1 calf skins. They are selling to tanners at an advance of ½c. a lb., but the demand is extremely dull, and there does not seem to be much promise of an immediate improvement. Sheep skins have declined 10c., at 80c. to 85c. each; while horse hides have declined about 50c. each, at \$1.75 for No. 1, and \$1.25 for No. 2. Tallow is about steady, at 1c. to 8½c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. for refined.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$5.50 to \$5.85. Hogs.—Heavy, mixed, Yorkers and pigs, \$5; dairies, \$4.75 to \$4.90. Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$6.75, a few \$6.85; yearlings, \$5.25 to \$5.60; ewes, \$4.75 to \$5.25; Canada lambs, \$6.25 to \$6.60.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$4 to \$6.50; cows, \$2.65 to \$4; heifers, \$2.50 to \$5; bulls, \$4 to \$4.85; stockers, \$2.40 to \$4.60. Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$4.75 to \$4.85; light butchers', \$4.75 to \$4.85. Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$2.50 to \$5; lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.35; yearlings, \$4.25 to \$5.25.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—Canadian cattle are quoted at 11c. to 12c. per lb.; refrigerator beef is weak at 9c. to 10c. per lb.

Frosted Wheat and Other Foods.

Advices received by "The Farmer's Advocate" from Winnipeg indicate that within a very short time after the announcements of feed wheat for sale were made in the East, the Manitoba Grain-growers' Association had received over 500 enquiries from Ontario. It was estimated that of the 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 bushels of frozen wheat there would be about half of it fit only for feed. Though sold low enough at local points in Manitoba, freight and various other charges bring it to 60c. or 70c. per bushel at Ontario points, while good American corn varies from 60c. to 67c. One leading London dealer received a carload of feed wheat, which he quoted at \$25 per ton, corn ranging from \$21 to \$22. Other foods were quoted about as follows, per ton: Oil meal (old process), \$32; cottonseed meal, \$32; corn, \$21 to \$23; corn meal, \$29; barley, 70c. per bushel; peas, 80c. to 85c.; low-grade flour, \$30 per ton; oats, \$32; bran, \$24 to \$25; shorts, \$26. For fattening cattle, corn would seem to be the better proposition at these figures; but where flesh or milk production is the object in view, there is no food purchasable to greater advantage than oil meal. Good feeders usually grind oats with corn, or mix it with some other lighter feeds, for stall-feeding cattle.

Dr. Rutherford Takes a Rest.

Dr. J. G. Rutherford, head of the three heavy and growing Department of Agriculture branches, Health of Animals, Meat Inspection and Live Stock, on his way home from Brome Co., P. Q., where he attended a meeting with Hon. Sydney Fisher, was taken down with bronchitis and acute indigestion, and has been ordered South for a rest by his physician. A host of friends, both in the Dominion and Great Britain, join "The Farmer's Advocate" in wishing for his speedy restoration and return. Early in the year, he was given six months' leave, but stuck to his post of duty instead. In his absence, now, Dr. A. G. Hopkins will administer the Health of Animals service; Dr. Ward, Meat Inspection, and Jas. B. Spencer, Live Stock.

International Judging Trophy Won Again.

The Ontario Agricultural College student team, consisting of E. S. Archibald, T. R. Arkell, L. Bowes, R. W. Hodson and D. A. McKenzie, at the Chicago International Exhibition, won the judging contest, Sat., Nov. 30th—cattle, sheep and swine—the third consecutive victory, making the College owners of the bronze bull trophy. Being first in sheep, the team, also, captured the \$250 Armour scholarship.

TRADE TOPIC.

PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR, GUELPH.—On account of the Provincial Winter Fair, the Grand Trunk Railway System will issue round-trip tickets at Single First-class Fare from all stations west of Kingston to Guelph, Ont. Good going Dec. 7th to Dec. 13th. Valid for return until Monday, Dec. 16th, 1907. Full information may be obtained from any Grand Trunk ticket agent.

American ladies, when in England, are the occasion of many jokes, good, bad and indifferent. Here is a recent one, which has for its scene the magnificence of Windsor Castle:

Fair American.—Butler, any chance to get a glimpse of the Queen?

Gentleman addressed.—I am not the butler; I am the Prince of Wales.

F. A.—How lucky! Is your mother in?