Hog Prices — An Explanation.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

In your issue of November 30th, I noticed you quoted hogs at $6.40, f. o. b., and $6.80, fed and watered, Toronto. I cannot find any other paper for that week that quotes hogs over $5.90 f. o. b., and $6.25, fed and watered. The drovers' told me that all they could get for hogs that week was $5.90 f. o. b., and I didn't see them quoted any higher than that only in "The Farmer's Advocate." Would you kindly find out what the hogs were worth on the 27th of November, f. o. b., and also fed and watered? I would like to find out where the difference came in, or if you made an error that week. Would you kindly write me this week? W. E. H.

Our figures were correct, but were misunderstood by W. E. H., and possibly by others. The prices quoted in our issue of November 30th were under the head "Review of Last Week's Markets." It is our custom to publish at the head of our Toronto market column, a telegraphic despatch giving prices on Monday, just previous to going to press. This despatch appeared as usual, but owing to an error of the telegraph operator the price of hogs was omitted. It so happened that hogs had taken a drop that very morning—a fact which was noted in our December 7th issue. In the absence of the usual Monday quotation, some readers may have casually inferred that quotations given for the previous week still held. We regret that anyone should have been misled.

GOSSIP.

A GREAT HOLSTEIN COW.

The picture on page 182 in this issue, represents a cow having a record of 21½ pounds of butter in seven days. Her bull calf and three grandsons and one granddaughter are included in the sale at Bedford Park, North Toronto, February 9th.

Mrs. W. H. Hunter & Son, The Maples, Ont., report the following sales of Hereford bulls during the past month: Dale, the fourth-prize senior bull calf at Toronto, to F. & J. Watson; the good yearling bull, Hardrada, to Mr. Talbot, of Bowling Green. Our first-prize junior bull calf went to J. Tindale, of Shelburne. Mr. Tindale is to be congratulated on getting this calf, as he is a show bull from the ground up. At present we have nothing more to offer in Herefords, thanks to "The Farmer's Advocate" for our sales.

The noted firm of Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton, Ont., report the following sales last week: To Robt. Cheney, of Cooksville, Ont., the two-year-old Percheron stallion Jet (imp.) (2138) (85864), a great big massive colt, that promises to make a horse that will weigh anywhere from 2,100 to 2,300 lbs. when matured. He has exceptionally nice feet and legs, and has been a prominent prizewinner at both the Canadian National and the Dominion Expositions last season. He ought to be a good breeder if he takes after his sire, that famous horse, Etudiant. To Richard Belshaw, Elm Hedge, Ont., the three-year-old Clydesdale mare Cyrene, a very fashionably-bred filly, being sired by that noted son of Baron's Pride, Royal Baron, now the property of the Nova Scotia Government. She stood first in her class at the Ottawa Winter Fair last season, and promises to make a great brood mare. To J. H. Readman, of Cookstown, Ont., the two-year-old Percheron stallion Jeannin (imp.) (2142) (88552), a grey in color, and perhaps one of the most sensational amongst the draft horses of this country. He can step higher and faster than any other draft horse we have ever seen. He was the first-prize colt in a class of thirteen entries at the Toronto Exhibition last fall. The people of Cookstown, as well as Mr. Readman, are to be congratulated on acquiring a horse of this quality. To Wm. Jacobs, of Montreal, Beauty, a 1,700-lb. Clydesdale mare of grand quality. It is seldom that we have handled a mare of the same combined size and quality.