

lacking. Selects sold on Monday at \$18.50 per hundred, fed and watered, and maintained that price during the remainder of the week, the market closing fairly steady with no indications of a further advance. The number of light hogs being received is increasing. Prices for this class of hogs are high on account of a good outlet existing through the retail pork trade.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending December 13, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 240 calves, 470 canners, 194 bulls, 822 butcher cattle, 929 hogs and 695 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 77 canners and 15 butcher cattle. No shipments were made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to to December 13, inclusive, were 55,195 cattle, 53,650 calves, 70,977 sheep and 76,054 hogs, compared to 52,971 cattle, 45,127 calves, 57,308 sheep and 84,615 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending December 13, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 115 calves, 1,667 butcher cattle, 624 hogs and 1,114 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 145 butcher cattle. No shipments were made to United States points during this week.

The total receipts from January 1 to December 13, inclusive, were 55,934 cattle, 40,491 calves, 49,186 sheep, and 46,462 hogs; received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Offerings of cattle were comparatively light last week, resulting in anything in the butchering line selling a quarter higher. Values on shipping steers have declined all the way from three to four dollars per hundred in the West from the high time on choice grades, and the result was that buyers took hold of these grades here very slowly, it being a fifteen cent to quarter decline before any trading was done. Wholesalers who are killing shipping cattle maintain that they have made no money of late months and that more profit is being made on the medium and cheaper cow stuff than the steers. Best steers ranged generally from \$12.50 to \$12.60, with a load of fancy, good weight Canadian steers selling up to \$13.40. Yearlings ranged up to \$13 and \$14. Anything in the fat cow line sold readily. Feeling was strong on stocker and feeder stuff. Bulls brought a quarter higher prices, with the better kinds of milk cows and springers selling from \$2.50 to \$5 per head higher, other strong. Receipts for the week totaled 2,400 head, as against 5,050 head last week and 6,275 cattle for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers—Natives—Choice to prime, \$12.50 to \$13.50; fair to good, \$11.75 to \$12.25; plain, \$10 to \$10.75; very coarse and common, \$9 to \$9.75.

Shipping Steers—Canadians—Fancy grain fed, \$13 to \$13.40; best grass, \$12 to \$12.50; fair to good, \$11.50 to \$11.75; common and plain, \$9.50 to \$10.25.

Butchering Steers—Choice heavy, \$11 to \$11.50; Fair to good, \$10.50 to \$10.75; best handy, \$11 to \$12.25; fair to good, \$10 to \$10.50; light and common, \$8 to \$9; yearlings, choice to prime, \$12 to \$12.50; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11.25.

Cows and Heifers—Best heavy heifers, \$10 to \$10.50; good butchering heifers, \$8.75 to \$9.75; fair butchering heifers, \$8.25 to \$8.50; common to fair, \$6.50 to \$7.75; very fancy fat cows, \$10 to \$10.25; best heavy fat cows, \$8.75 to \$9.25; good butchering cows, \$7.50 to \$8; medium to fair, \$6.75 to \$7.25. Cutters, \$5.75 to \$6.25; canners, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Bulls—Best heavy, \$9 to \$9.50; good butchering, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Stockers and feeders—Best feeders, \$9 to \$9.75; common, \$5 to \$5.75.

Milchers and Springers—Good to best, in small lots, \$100.00 to \$140.00; in carloads, \$85.00 to \$100.00.

Hogs.—Some very heavy declines were noted in prices here last week, the drop being on account of the market at Buffalo, the week previous being altogether too high compared with other points. On the opening day of last week the top was \$17.40 and bulk sold at \$17.10 and \$17.15. Tuesday the average price was a little higher, bulk going at \$17.25 and the next three days values were on the decline. Friday, which was the low day, top dropped to \$16.75 and the bulk had to take

\$16.50 and \$16.60. Pigs the fore part of the week sold up to \$16 and \$16.25, with roughs \$15.75 to \$16 and before the week was out or on Friday buyers landed the bulk of the pigs and roughs down to \$15.50. Last week receipts were 32,600 head, as compared with 27,266 head for the week before and 41,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and lambs.—Market at Buffalo last week, notwithstanding that lamb values showed a heavy decline after Tuesday, was considerably higher than at any other marketing point. Monday best lambs sold at \$19.25 and Tuesday a few reached \$19.35. Wednesday's top dropped to \$18.85, Thursday none sold above \$18.75 and Friday, with Chicago quoting best lots at \$16.65, Buffalo's range was from \$18 down. Cull lambs brought within \$1 to \$1.50 cwt., of the tops. Sheep were higher the past week. Yearlings reached \$16.50, wether sheep, majority of which were two-year-olds sold up to \$14 and old ewes went from \$12 down. Receipts last week were 13,500 head, as against 8,756 head for the week previous and 20,800 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Last week started with top veals selling at \$17.50, culls brought up to \$16 and fed calves were quoted from \$6 to \$9. Demand after Monday continued good and prices the next four days were held steady. Last week receipts totaled 1,500 head, being against 1,515 head for the week previous, and 2,350 head for the corresponding week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Live stock receipts at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, Dec. 24, were: 57 cars, 875 cattle, 29 calves, 966 hogs, 354 sheep and lambs. All cattle steady at last week's prices. Sheep and calves steady; lambs 50 cents lower. Hogs, \$18.50, fed and watered.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, (basis, in store, Montreal.) No. 2, winter, per car lot, \$2.22. Manitoba (in store, Fort William, including 2½¢ tax.)—No. 1 northern, \$2.23½; No. 2, northern, \$2.20½; No. 3, northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10½.

Oats.—Ontario, according to freights outside, No. 2 white, 77c. to 78c., nominal; No. 3 white, 76c. to 77c., nominal; Manitoba oats (in store, Fort William)—No. 2 C. W., 80c.; No. 3 C. W., 76½¢ extra No. 1 feed, 76½¢; No. 1 feed, 73½¢.

Barley.—(According to freights outside) malting, \$1.29 to \$1.30.

Peas.—(According to freights outside) No. 2, \$3.70 to \$3.80.

Buckwheat.—(According to freights outside) \$1.50 to \$1.55.

Rye.—(According to freights outside) No. 2, \$1.78.

Flour.—Manitoba first patents in jute bags, \$11.50; second patents, in jute bags, \$11; strong bakers', \$10.60; Ontario winter wheat flour, according to sample in bags, \$9.95; Montreal, \$9.75; Toronto, \$9.70, bulk seaboard.

Hay and Millfeeds.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, No. 1, new, per ton, \$15.50 to \$16.50; mixed, per ton, \$13 to \$15.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

Bran.—Per ton, \$35.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$40; middlings, per ton, \$45 to \$46. Good feed flour, per bag, \$3.25.

Hides and Wool.

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flat, 20c.; calf skins, green, flat, 23c.; veal kip, 20c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$5 to \$6; city lamb skins, shearings and pelts, \$1.50 to \$2.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 18c. to 19c.; deacons or bob calf, \$1.50 to \$1.75 each; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6; No. 2, \$5 to \$6. No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Horse hair, farmers' stock, \$25.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 13c. to 14c.; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 12c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 14c. to 16c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 60c.; coarse, 58c.; washed wool, fine, 70c.; coarse, 65c.

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Country Produce.

Butter.—Prices firmed slightly on the wholesales during the past week, selling as follows: Creamery fresh-made pound squares, 48c. to 50c. per lb.; cut creamery, 48c. per lb.; creamery solids at 44c. to 46c. per lb.; separator dairy 44c. to 45c. per lb., and dairy, 37c. to 38c. per lb.

Oleomargarine.—32c. per lb.

Eggs.—New-laid eggs are very scarce and firmed a trifle wholesale, selling as 65c. to 70c. per dozen. Cold storage, No. 1s, 43c. to 44c. per dozen; se'cts, 47c. to 48c. per dozen.

Cheese.—New, large, 24c.; twins, 24½¢; old, 30c. to 31c.; twins, 31c.

Poultry.—Live weight prices kept practically stationary but dressed prices ad-

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Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Apple prices have remained practically unchanged with an active demand—Ontarios ranging from \$4.50 to \$8 per bbl.; Nova Scotias from \$4.50 to \$6.50 per bbl.; Western boxed at \$2.10 to \$2.75.

Potatoes did not vary in price, Ontarios bringing \$2.10 per bag and New Brunswicks from \$2.25 to \$2.35 per bag.