

Montreal from May 1st, 1898, to date show an increase of fully 100,000 packages, while those from New York show a decrease of about 54,000 packages as compared with a year ago, making the net increase from both places 45,241 packages.

The market for creamery is reported steady here at 20 to 21c. for prints and 19 to 20c. for tubs. Receipts of dairy butter are little more liberal. Choice tubs bring 13 to 15c. wholesale and prints 15 to 16c. On the local market lb. rolls bring 18 to 20c. and large rolls 15 to 17c.

Cattle.

The cattle situation shows a somewhat weaker tendency owing to very large receipts at the big centres. The run of live stock at the cattle market here on Friday was large, there being 1,100 cattle. The quality was generally good. On account of the heavy deliveries on Thursday the feeling was easier in the morning, but considering the heavy receipts there was a fair trade.

Export Cattle.—Choice loads of heavy exporters sold at \$4.85 to \$5, light ones at \$4.70 to \$4.85. Choice heavy export bulls bring \$3.85 to \$4.25, and medium \$3.60 to \$3.75.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice picked lots of these equal in quality to the best exporters, but not so heavy, bring \$4.40 to \$4.65 per cwt.; good from \$4.35 to \$4.50, and medium \$4 to \$4.25.

Stokers and Feeders.—Deliveries were more liberal on Friday with prices easy at \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt. Stock heifers bring about \$3, and inferior stock bulls about \$2.50 per cwt. Heavy feeders weighing from 1,000 to 1,150 lbs. are scarce, and worth from \$4.15 to \$4.30 per cwt. Feeding bulls bring from \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Calves.—The calves offered were mostly of poor quality. Prices range from \$2 to \$7 each, and \$10 for choice veals.

Milk Cows and Springers.—Those offering of late have only been of inferior to medium quality and sold at \$25 to \$40 each.

Sheep and Lambs.

The demand at Buffalo is a little more active and prices higher. The run of sheep and yearling lambs continues light here. Ewes bring from \$3 to \$3.50 and bucks \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt. Prices for grain fed yearlings are higher, selling at \$5 to \$5.30 per cwt., while common barnyard lambs bring only \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Only a few spring lambs are offering, selling at \$2 to \$5 each.

Hogs.

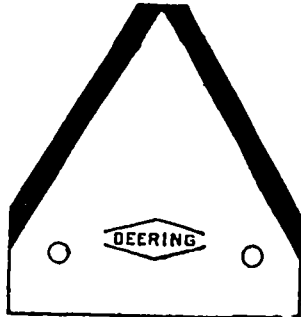
Prices for choice select bacon hogs, weighing from 160 to 200, are the same at \$4.37½ per cwt. Light hogs fetch \$4, and thick fat \$3.75 per cwt. Packers at Montreal have been buying more freely of light hogs at \$4.60 to \$4.75 per cwt. Heavy hogs there fetch only \$4.50. The *Trade Bulletin's* special London cable of April 6th re Canadian bacon reads as follows: "The market keeps dull at the decline cabled by me last week, and, although official quotations are no lower, holders are anxious to realize in face of liberal supplies."

Chicago Horse Market.

There was less demand last week for farm chunks and light plain drivers and such descriptions were lower, as a rule, some sales showing reductions of from \$8 to \$10 per head. Heavy draft horses sold very well, and so did good drivers. Good prices were obtained at the spring sale of American coach horses in the Dexter Park Exchange. There was a large attendance of local, domestic, and foreign buyers. The horses were exceptionally choice animals, selected from the best breeding sections of Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Iowa. Seventy-six horses brought \$1,860, an average of \$235 per head. An importation of French coach stallions, comprising a consignment of five head, were auctioned off for \$625 to \$1,100 per head. The lot brought \$4,425, and went to the breeding sections of the West. Reports tell of great losses of horses on the western ranges, April 6th.

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