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MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of cattle at Toronto and West Toronto last week were 276 cars, comprising 3,987 cattle, 5,799 hogs, 2,865 sheep, 514 calves, and 125 horses. The quality of fat cattle generally was not as good as has been coming, although there were a few loads of stall-fed.

Trade was dull, with prices 50c. to \$1 per cwt. lower. The best class of exporters sold \$1 lower, owing to lower cables from the British markets, and a scarcity of space on ocean steamers. The best butchers' cattle were 50c. per cwt. lower than for the previous week. It is the opinion of many dealers that cattle prices will go still lower.

At West Toronto, on July 13th, deliveries were light and trade dull; 77 cattle; quality generally good. Export steers, \$5.25 to \$5.60; bulls, \$4.25 to \$4.75; loads best butchers', \$5 to \$5.25; medium, \$4.50 to \$4.90; common, \$3.50 to \$4; cows, \$3 to \$4.25; milkers and springers, \$4 to \$5; calves, \$3 to \$5.50. Sheep, \$3.50 to \$3.75; lambs, 7c. to 8c. per lb. Hogs—Packers quote \$6.90 for selects, fed and watered at market; \$6.65, f. o. b. cars at country points. Drivers report \$6.75 to \$6.85, and Fearman, of Hamilton, paying 7c. at country points.

Exporters.—The best export steers sold last week at \$5.50 to \$5.75; export bulls, \$4 to \$4.50.

Butchers'.—Prime picked lots of butchers' sold at \$5.35 to \$5.50; loads of good at \$5 to \$5.25; medium loads, \$4.50 to \$4.75; common, \$3.75 to \$4.25; cows, \$2.50 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders.—Dealers report trade as being very dull, with few steers in either class of good quality being offered. Stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., sold at \$2.70 to \$3; feeders, 800 to 1,000 lbs. each, sold from \$3 to \$3.75, and a very few at \$4 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—With the exception of a few of the best quality cows, trade was slow. Prices ranged from \$30 to \$55 each, and an odd one or two were reported at \$57 and \$58 each.

Veal Calves.—The market for veal calves was a little slower. Prices ranged from \$3 to \$5 per cwt. for the best, with a few lots of choice at \$5.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep sold at lower prices, while lambs were firmer. Export ewes sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75; rams, \$3 to \$3.50; yearling ewes, and wethers, of which there are few offering, at \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.

Hogs.—The packing houses reported \$6.75 for selects, fed and watered at the market, and \$6.50, f. o. b. cars at country points. But drovers informed us that \$6.75 per cwt. was being paid at many points in Ontario.

Horses.—The demand for horses was not as strong, but about equal to the offerings. J. Herbert Smith, of the Union Horse Exchange, West Toronto, reports sales of seventy-five horses up to date. There is a moderate demand for city wagon horses. Mr. Smith shipped one carload to Eastern Ontario, as well as one load to Manitoba. Prices ranged as follows: Heavy drafters, \$160 to \$220; general-purpose and wagon horses, \$145 to \$180; drivers, \$125 to \$200; serviceably sound, \$40 to \$90 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white winter, 80c.; No. 2 red, 79c.; No. 2 mixed, 79c.; Manitoba No. 1 northern, \$1.01, Georgian Bay ports.

Rye.—No. 8, nominal, at 84c. to 85c. Peas.—No. 2, quoted by dealers nominal, at 90c.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 43c.; No. 2 mixed, at 42c.

Corn.—No. 2 yellow, 81c. to 82c., outside.

Barley.—No. 2, 53c. to 54c.

Buckwheat.—No. 2, nominal, at 65c. to 66c.

Bran.—Car lots, in bulk, at Toronto, \$15.50.

Shorts.—Car lots, in bulk, at Toronto, \$17.

Flour.—Ontario patents, 90 per cent., \$3.10 to \$3.20; Manitoba special brands, \$6; second patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.30.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market firm, with fairly large supply. Creamery pound rolls, 23c. to 24c. for the general run, with Locust Hill brand at 25c.; separator dairy, 21c. to 22c.; store lots, 20c. to 21c.

Eggs.—Market firm, at 20c.

Cheese.—Market fairly well supplied. New, 12c. to 13c. for large, and twins, 13c. to 13c.

Honey.—Market unchanged. Extracted, 11c. to 13c.; combs, \$2.50 to \$3 per dozen.

Potatoes.—Car lots of old, on track at Toronto, firm, at \$1.15 to \$1.20 per bag.

Beans.—Market firm. Hand picked, \$2.10 to \$2.15; primes, \$1.95 to \$2.10.

Hay.—Car lots of baled, \$9 to \$9.50, on track at Toronto.

Straw.—Car lots, baled, \$6, on track.

Poultry.—Spring chickens, alive, 20c. per lb.; spring ducks, plentiful, at 14c. to 16c. per lb., alive.

HIDES AND SKINS.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front Street East, Toronto, have been paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 8c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 7c.; country hides, cured, 6c. to 6c.; calf skins, city, 12c.; calf skins, country, 10c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.50; horse hair, per lb., 26c.; tallow, per lb., 4c. to 5c.; sheep skins, 80c. to 90c. Wool, unwashed, 7c. to 8c.; wool, washed, 13c. to 14c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Receipts of fruit during the last week were liberal, growing larger and cheaper as the season advances. The following are the average quotations for the different varieties offered: Strawberries, the season for which is nearly over, sold at 5c. to 8c. per quart; raspberries, 10c. to 12c.; cherries (eating), \$1.25 to \$1.50; cherries (cooking), basket, 75c.; gooseberries, basket, 75c. to \$1.25; red currants, basket, 80c.; white, 60c. per basket; blueberries, basket, \$1.50; peaches, Texas, 4-basket crate, \$1.25; Georgia peaches, 6-basket crate, \$2.25; cabbages, very cheap, 40c. per bushel and 30c. per dozen. Canadian grown Canadian cucumbers, basket, 75c.; beets, 15c. per basket; tomatoes, crate, \$1; green peas, 35c. basket; beans, butter, basket, 30c.; new potatoes, bbl., \$4 for American-

grown; Canadian-grown, 50c. per basket; peppers, green, basket, 50c.; onions, basket, Canadian, 40c.; tomatoes, Canadian-grown, basket, \$1.25; melons, 25c. to 30c.; apples, 50c. per basket, are being offered by the Dawson Wholesale Commission firm. There were 19 loads of bananas arrived in Toronto one day last week, the largest on record.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Exports of live stock from the port of Montreal for the week ending July 4 were 3,175 cattle and 476 sheep, against 2,492 cattle and 157 sheep the previous week.

The local cattle market last week showed a continuance of the weaker feeling which manifested itself the week previous, and prices showed a further reduction of 1c. per lb., supplies coming forward more freely than for some time past. Choice steers were selling for export at 6c. to 6c. per lb., fine being 6c. to 6c., good 5c. to 6c., choice butchers' being 6c. to 6c.; fine, 5c. to 6c.; good, 5c. to 5c.; medium, 4c. to 5c.; common, 4c. to 4c., and canners, 2c. to 3c. The market for sheep and lambs held steady, demand being good and supplies steady. Sheep sold at 4c. to 4c. per lb., for export, culs being 3c. Yearling lambs were 4c. to 5c. per lb.; while prices of spring lambs ranged from \$3.50 to \$5 each. Calves were scarce, at \$7 to \$11 for good to fine, and \$2 to \$6 for common to medium. The hog market showed a firm tendency, and prices scored a further advance, ranging from a small fraction to 1c. per lb. This was due to firmer cable advices, and also to smaller supplies. Select lots sold at 6c. to 7c. per lb., weighed off cars.

Horses.—Heavy draft, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express horses, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$300 to \$400.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed hogs, 9c. to 9c. per lb. Pure lard, 12c. to 12c., compound being 9c. to 10c.

Potatoes.—Carloads were offering early last week at a cent a pound, on track, and this seemed to be the general idea of values. These were offering to grocers, bagged and delivered into store, at \$1.10 per 90 lbs.

Eggs.—Prices advanced again last week. Dealers could not make purchases in the country at less than 16c. to 17c. per dozen. These sold here at 18c. to 19c. per dozen for straight-gathered stock, and at 18c. for No. 1 candled, selects being 22c. per dozen. The loss through bad eggs is now considerable.

Butter.—Market firm. Quebec butter sold at the wharf last week at 22c. to 22c. per lb., the quality being not very good. Choice Townships creamery was quoted at 23c. to 23c. or 23c. here, 22c. having been paid for it at the end of last week. Advances in the country on Saturday to 23c. stiffened prices here on Monday to 23c. to 23c.

Cheese.—Shipments for the week ending July 4th amounted to 81,480 boxes, or about 8,000 less than for the corresponding week of last year. Eastern cheese could be had here last week at 11c. to 11c. per lb., and Westerns at 11c. to about 12c. The make is fairly large, and the quality is reported good.

Grain.—Manitoba fed wheat 71c. to 72c. per bu. for No. 1, 67c. to 67c. for No. 2, store. American No. 2 mixed corn in fair demand, and prices firm. Oats quiet and steady, at 48c. per bu. for No. 2 white, 47c. for No. 3, 46c. for No. 4, 44c. to 44c. for rejected, and 46c. to 47c. for Manitoba rejected.

Hay.—Reports of an adverse nature are beginning to arrive from the country, and it is now evident that the crops will be no better than an average throughout the Province of Quebec. The prolonged heat and absence of moisture has already put the crop back in certain sections to such an extent that a failure can hardly be avoided. In other sections the outlook is still excellent. Between here and Toronto, it is reported, the situation is not so hopeful as formerly, though the outlook is better than described for Quebec. Under the circumstances, the market is quite firm, although there is no export owing to

this market being too high. Prices are \$12 per ton, f. o. b., Montreal, for No. 1 timothy; \$9 to \$9.50 for No. 2; \$8 to \$8.50 for clover mixture, and \$7 to \$7.50 for clover.

Hides—Lambskins, 15c. to 20c. each. Beef hides steady, dealers paying 5c., 6c. and 7c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively, No. 2 calveskins being 11c. and No. 1 being 13c.

Wool—Dealers report a very dull market. It would seem that Canada pulled is being offered pretty freely, but it is difficult to find takers, the outlook for the manufactured product not being very inviting, apparently. However, the unbrushed is quoted at 17c., f. o. b., country points, the brushed being 19c. to 21c. Canada fleece is only just commencing, and is quoted at 15c. to 18c. for washed, and 12c. in the grease.

CHEESE BOARD PRICES.

Peterboro, Ont., 11c. to 11 9-16c.; Stirling, Ont., 11c. to 11 9-16c.; Woodstock, Ont., 11c. bid; Brockville, Ont., 11c. bid, 11c. asked; Belleville, Ont., 11c. to 11 9-16c.; Vankleek Hill, Ont., 11c.; Kingston, Ont., 11c.; Napanee, Ont., 11 9-16c.; Iroquois, Ont., 11c.; Brantford, Ont., 11 5-16c., 11c., 11c. and 11 11-16c.; Perth, Ont., 11c.; Picton, Ont., cold-cured, 11c., ordinary-cured, 11 7-16c.; Ottawa, Ont., 11 7-16c. to 11c.; Huntingdon, Que., colored cheese, 11c.; salted butter, 22c.; Russell, Ont., 11c.; Alexandria, Ont., 11 7-16c.; London, Ont., 11c. bid, no sales; St. Hyacinthe, Que., 22c. for butter, 11 7-16c. for cheese; Chicago creamery butter, 18c. to 21c.; dairy, 17c. to 20c.; cheese, 10c. to 12c.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—Steers, \$6.60 to \$8.25; cows, \$3.60 to \$5.75; heifers, \$4.90 to \$6.90; bulls, \$3 to \$5.25; calves, \$5.40 to \$6.60; stockers and feeders, \$3.75 to \$4.60. Hogs—Choice heavy, \$6.70 to \$6.80; butchers', \$6.65 to \$6.75; light mixed, \$6.35 to \$6.50; choice light, \$6.55 to \$6.65; packing, \$5.75 to \$6.60; pigs, \$4.50 to \$6; bulk of sales, \$6.60 to \$6.70. Sheep and lambs—Sheep, \$4 to \$4.50; lambs, \$5 to \$6.75; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5.75.

BUFFALO.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$6.75 to \$7.25. Veals—\$5 to \$8. Hogs—Heavy and mixed, \$6.85 to \$6.95; Yorkers, \$6.25 to \$6.95; stags, \$3.75 to \$4.25. Sheep and lambs—Lambs, \$5.50 to \$7.50; yearlings, \$5.25 to \$5.75; wethers, \$4.10 to \$4.25; ewes, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheep, mixed, \$2 to \$4.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London—Cattle, 11c. to 14c. per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 10c. to 10c. per lb.

GOSSIP.

The American Shorthorn Breeders' Association offers a very liberal list of cash prizes for breeding and fat Shorthorns at three National Shows, to be held respectively at Hamline, Minn., Aug. 31 to Sept. 5; Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 12 to 17, and Chicago, Nov. 28 to Dec. 10 this year. In addition to these, the International Live-stock Exposition will offer liberal prizes for breeding classes and fat stock at the Chicago Exposition. The prize list and forms for entry in the Hamline and Kansas City Shows may be had from John W. Groves, Stock-yards Station, Chicago, Ill., and for the International from B. H. Heide, Supt. Union Stock-yards, Chicago, Ill.

The Central Canada Exhibition at Ottawa will be held this year from Sept. 18th to 26th. The Directors are making the 1908 fair the banner one in the Association's history, and judging by the announcements in the press, the published prize-list, and the liberal and varied cash prizes and gold and silver medals offered, they are bound to succeed, in so far as their part is concerned. It is up to the stock-breeders and the public to show their appreciation of these efforts by entering for competition and attending in large numbers. A trip to the Capital, when railway rates are at their lowest, is a treat that few can afford to miss, while the Exhibition is one of the best managed and most interesting in the Dominion.