

will pay until further notice for spring chickens 5c per lb. For hens (including last year's birds) 2½c per lb. For ducklings 5c per lb. Crates supplied free and express paid up to 50c per 100 lbs. of birds. These prices are for live weight.

Seeds

The demand still keeps good in England for Canadian seeds. There is a firmer feeling on this side. Red clover is quoted at Montreal at \$8.25 to \$9.75, alsike \$10.75 to \$12.75 and timothy at \$5.57 to \$6.25 per cwt. On Toronto farmers' market alsike brings \$6 to \$8.25, red clover \$4.80 to \$5.10, and timothy \$2 to \$2.50 per bushel.

Fruit

No. 1 apples sell for \$4.50 to \$5 per barrel at Montreal in large lots. On Toronto farmers' market apples bring from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per barrel.

Cheese

The decided improvement in the cheese situation mentioned last week continues and the market has assumed a much healthier tone. Cable advanced 6s during the week and prices have gone up another notch on this side. It now looks as if dealers who have bought considerably of the early fall cheese will make good money. There is five months of non-production before us and stocks are none too large to supply the ordinary consumptive demand for that period. Things are firm at Montreal where finest westerns are quoted at 10c and finest easterns at 9½c. The market is, however, rather a waiting one, as holders are not inclined to sell quickly.

Butter

The butter market keeps steady, though cable reports show the English market quiet and easy. Choice Canadian is quoted at London at 105s to 107s, and finest at 99s to 102s. The Montreal Trade Bulletin says this of last week's trade:

"The market is steady, several lots of choice winter creamery being sold yesterday at 20½c to 20¾c, and sales of 150 tubs were made to the local trade at 20½c. Good to fine sells at 19c to 20½c. Good to fine butter there is very little doing, most of the purchases of Western on Lower Ports account of late being at 15½c to 16½c for common to fair. Choice selections for city trade range from 17c to 17½c. The exports during the past week from Portland were 1,994 packages."

Creamery sells well here at 20c to 22c for prints and 19c to 20c for solids. The demand for dairy is strong and the market shows some improvement. There is less turnip flavor arriving, and as a result prices are higher at 17c to 18c for lb. rolls, 17c for large rolls and 16c for tubs in large lots. On Toronto farmers' market lb. rolls bring 15c to 17c and crocks 14c to 17c per lb.

Cattle

Generally speaking, the cattle situation continues the same with

an advance in prices for choice quality of butchers and exporters. Cables rule steady. There was a light run of live stock at Toronto cattle market on Friday, composed of 727 cattle, 1,050 hogs, 1,436 sheep and lambs, 20 calves and 1,800 turkeys. The fat cattle for Xmas trade were fairly good, but too few to supply the demand, there being many dealers from outside points looking for Xmas supplies. There were plenty of the inferior and common grades of fat cattle, though there was no great demand for them, but they all sold, some of them at very low prices. The bulk of exporters sold at \$4.05 to \$5.25 per cwt. Butchers' cattle were firmer, owing to light supplies of choice quality. Xmas animals were from 25c to 50c per cwt. dearer than earlier in the week. All the best animals were quickly bought up.

Export Cattle—Choice loads of these are worth from \$4.70 to \$5.25 per cwt., and light ones \$4.25 to \$4.65 per cwt. Heavy export bulls sold at \$4.12 to \$4.40 and light ones at \$3.50 to \$3.70 per cwt., choice export cows sold at \$3.40 to \$4.00 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1,150 to 1,260 lbs. each, for the Xmas trade, sold at \$4.50 to \$5.25 per cwt., good cattle at \$3.80 to \$4.00, medium at \$3.40 to \$3.55 and inferior to common at \$2.25 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Feeders.—Heavy, well-bred steers from 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each, sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75, and other quality at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. Light steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. each sold at \$3.00 to \$3.20 per cwt. Feeding bulls for the byres 1,000 to 1,300 lbs. each, sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Stockers.—Yearling steers weighing 500 to 800 lbs. each sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00, and off colors and those of inferior quality at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per cwt. Light stock bulls, 500 to 800 lbs. each, sold at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Calves.—These are in fair demand at Buffalo. Good to choice veals bring \$4.75 to \$7.50 per cwt. At Toronto market ordinary calves bring \$2 to \$10 each.

Milch Cows.—These sold at \$30 to \$50 each.

Sheep and Lambs.

There was a liberal delivery of sheep and lambs, but prices remained firm, especially for lambs which sold as high as \$4 per cwt. for a few extra choice lots of grain fed ewes and wethers. Prices for sheep were firm at \$3.00 to \$3.25 per cwt. for ewes and \$2.00 to \$2.50 for bucks. Spring lambs sold at \$3.00 to \$3.50 each and \$3.50 to \$3.85 per cwt.

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