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and 26 butcher cattle. No shipments were made to United States' points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to April 4th, inclusive, were: 8,324 cattle, 8,211 calves, 17,278 hogs and 5,047 sheep; compared to 10,419 cattle, 13,435 calves, 18,979 hogs and 4,650 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending April 4th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,206 calves, 156 butcher cattle, 355 hogs, and 24 sheep and lambs. There were no Canadian shipments nor shipments to the United States during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to April 4th, inclusive, were: 8,065 cattle, 7,419 calves, 10,206 hogs and 4,792 sheep, compared to 11,421 cattle, 9,284 calves, 13,871 hogs and 5,923 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Steer prices are jumping every day. Values have advanced very materially within the past two weeks, and strictly choice, prime, good weight steers are quotable up to sixteen cents at Buffalo. Demand last week was especially strong for anything in the steer line, and good, fat heifers and cows sold readily at a substantial advance. Good steers were quotable a-half dollar to seventy-five cents higher, while the general run of butchering cattle were a full quarter above the preceding week's level. Stockers and feeders sold a quarter higher, bulls were stronger and a good, firm market was had on milk cows and springers. Demand for any class of cattle proved strong and the full needs were not met last week. Offerings for the week totaled 4,225 head, as against 3,900 for the previous week, and as against 3,875 head for the corresponding week last year. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Natives, choice to prime, \$14.50 to \$16; fair to good, \$13.50 to \$14; plain, \$12.50 to \$12.75; very coarse and common, \$11.50 to \$12.

Shipping Steers.—Canadians, best, \$12.75 to \$13.50; fair to good, \$12.25 to \$12.50; common and plain, \$11.75 to \$12.

Butchering Steers.—Choice, heavy, \$13.50 to \$14.50; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$13; best handy, \$13.25 to \$14; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$13; light and common, \$11 to \$11.50; yearlings, choice to prime, \$13 to \$14; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$12.75.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$12 to \$13; good butchering heifers, \$10.50 to \$11; fair butchering heifers, \$9.50 to \$10.25; common, \$7.50 to \$8.25; very fancy fat cows, \$12 to \$13; best heavy fat cows, \$10.50 to \$11.50; good butchering cows, \$9.50 to \$10; medium to fair, \$8.50 to \$9; cutters, \$7.25 to \$8; canners, \$6.75 to \$7.25.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$10.50 to \$11; good butchering, \$9 to \$9.50.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$10 to \$10.50; common to fair, \$8.50 to \$9.25; best stockers, \$8.50 to \$9; fair to good, \$7 to \$8; common, \$6 to \$6.50.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best (small lots), \$100 to \$140; in car loads, \$80 to \$100; medium to fair, (small lots), \$75 to \$85.

Hogs.—Last week started with liberal receipts and a lower trade. Monday's run reached 12,000 head, and values went off 25 to 35 cents from the previous week's close. Bulk of the light hogs sold at \$18.50, heavies ranged on down

to \$18.25, and most of the pigs landed at \$18. Tuesday's market was slow, with prices steady to a dime lower, and Wednesday's market was about the same as Monday on light hogs, and heavies brought up to \$18.35 to \$18.40. Thursday values jumped a quarter to thirty-five cents, range being from \$18.65 to \$18.75, with pigs selling at \$18.25, and Friday light hogs sold from \$18.60 to \$18.75, heavies moved at \$18.50 to \$18.60, and pigs generally \$18.25. Roughs ranged from \$16.00 to \$16.50, and stags \$14 down. Last week receipts totaled 21,400 head, as against 22,926 head for the week before, and 17,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Buffalo broke all previous records last week. Monday wool lambs sold up to \$20.75, unshorn yearlings reached \$18.75, top shorn lambs brought \$17.85, and clipped sheep went from \$15 down. Prices on lambs were still higher as the week advanced and sheep ruled about steady. Friday, which was the high day, wool lambs scored \$22, cull lambs with fleece sold up to \$21, best shorn lambs reached \$18.50, and cull clipped lambs went from \$16 down. Last week's receipts totaled 13,300 head, as against 14,966 head for the week before, and 13,000 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Prices the first half of last week, under heavy receipts, showed a big decline. Monday top veals sold at \$17, and culls went from \$12 down. These prices were from \$2 to \$5 per cwt. lower than the closing day of the week before. Tuesday most of the top veals had to take \$16.50, and the next two days the bulk landed at \$16.25. Friday's market was considerably improved, choice lots going at \$17, and culls went from \$12.50 down. Receipts for the week numbered 5,600 head, being against 4,042 head for the week before, and 4,675 head for the same week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Live-stock receipts at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, April 15, consisted of 170 cars, 3,179 cattle, 874 calves, 1,446 hogs, 21 sheep and lambs. The market was strong. All classes of butcher cattle 25 cents higher than last week's close. One load, nineteen steers, twelve hundred and forty pounds each, realized \$14.50. Sheep, lambs and calves steady. Hogs, \$20.50, fed and watered.

Breadstuffs.

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

Oats.—Manitoba (in store, Fort William)—No. 2 C. W., 96½c.; No. 3 C. W., 92½c.; extra No. 1 feed, 91½c.; No. 1 feed, 89½c.

Oats.—Ontario, No. 2 white, 93c. to 94c.; No. 3 white, 92c. to 93c., (according to freights outside.)

Peas (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Barley (according to freights outside)—malting, \$1.68 to \$1.70.

Buckwheat (according to freights outside)—\$1.83 to \$1.85.

Rye (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$2.60.

American corn (U. S. A. War Board prohibit importation).

Flour.—Ontario (Montreal prompt shipment, new bags). War quality, \$10.70, Montreal; \$10.70, Toronto; Manitoba flour, (Toronto, new bags) war quality, \$11.10.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—No. 1, per ton, car lots, \$17 to \$18, mixed, \$14 to \$16.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$8.50 to \$9.

Bran.—Per ton, \$35.40; shorts, per ton, \$40.40.

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered, Toronto: City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flat, 10½c.; calf skins, green, flat, 20c.; veal kip, 18c.; horse hides, city take off, \$6 to \$7; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 11c. to 12c.; green, 10c. to 11c.; deacon or bob calf, \$1.75 to \$2.50; horse hides, country take off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$5. Horse hair, farmers' stock, \$25.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 16c. to 17c.; country solid, in barrels, No. 1, 15c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 18c. to 19c.

Sending Money to Soldiers



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Those who have friends or relatives at the front, may wish to send money, but possibly do not know the best way to do so.

If time permits, the safest and most convenient method of making remittances abroad is the Bank Money Order or Draft, as issued by The Merchants Bank.

If, however, it is necessary to send money without delay, the Bank will arrange this by Cable Transfer.

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Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 60c. to 65c.; washed wool, fine, 80c. to 85c.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter of all classes kept practically stationary in price, wholesale, selling as follows: Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, 51c. to 52c. per lb.; creamery solids, 48c. to 49c. per lb.; dairy, 38c. to 45c. per lb.

Oleomargarine, 30c. to 32c. per lb.
Eggs.—New-laid eggs declined slightly, selling as follows, wholesale: new laid No. 1, 41c. to 42c. per dozen; selects at 43c. per dozen.

Cheese.—Old, 30c. per lb.; new, 24c. per lb.; new twins, 24½c. per lb.

Honey.—Honey is off the market, none being obtainable on the Toronto wholesale.

Maple Syrup.—Maple syrup continues to come in in small quantities, selling at \$1.50 per 8½-lb. tin, and \$2.50 per 13½-lb. tin.

Beans.—Beans are still scarce and prices quite firm at \$6.75 per bushel for the Japanese hand-picked white variety (wholesale).

Poultry.—Receipts continued to be light, but prices kept practically stationary as there has not been a very heavy demand. Chickens, milk-fed, 30c. per lb.; chickens, ordinary fed, 27c. per lb.; fowl, 3½ lbs. and under, 22c. per lb.; fowl, 3½ lbs. to 5 lbs. 28c. per lb.; fowl, 5 lbs. and over, 30c. per lb.; ducklings, 27c. per lb.; turkeys, young, 25c. per lb.; turkeys, old 22c. per lb. (These are the live-weight prices now being paid to the producer.)

Potatoes.—Potatoes again declined on the wholesale, Ontarios selling at \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag, and N. B. Delawares at \$1.75 per bag. Cobbler seed potatoes selling at \$2.25 per bag.

Montreal.

Horses.—During last week, a very fair demand for horses has sprung up from various carting concerns who are making preparations for the season's work, which becomes more active following the opening of navigation, around the end of the present month. There have also been quite a few horses taken by farmers. Prices held steady. Heavy draft horses weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300; light draft, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light horses, \$125 to \$175 each; culls, \$50 to \$75; fine saddle and carriage, \$175 to \$250.

Dressed Hogs.—The market for dressed hogs during last week has not been particularly active, but prices have shown practically no change, and still range from 29c. to 29½c. per lb.

Potatoes.—Receipts of potatoes have been liberal lately, and the tendency of the market has been downward. Green Mountains were offered in a retail way at \$1.75 per bag of 90 lbs. Wholesale quotations are \$1.55 to \$1.60 per bag of 80 lbs., ex-store, while car lots were quoted at \$1.50 per 80 lbs., ex-track.

Honey and Maple Syrup.—The market

for maple syrup was very firm, and higher prices were paid than for many years. Both Canadian and American buyers are in the market, and as high as \$1.90 per gal. f. o. b. shipping points. Some report that \$2 was paid. Locally, gallon tins were quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.15, while the 8½ lb. tins sold at around \$1.40 to \$1.50. Maple sugar was still quoted in vicinity of 20c. per lb.

Eggs.—The market for eggs was at the lowest point of the season, as would naturally be expected from the fact that the season is advancing and production constantly increasing. Quotations were 43c. per doz. for fresh-gathered, either American or Canadian. Demand at these prices was quite active.

Butter.—During the week, the price advanced several cents, owing to scarcity of supply. Finest fall makes were quoted at 52c. to 52½c., and where choice, it was said that new makes would bring this figure also. Fine was 1c. less. Dairies were 43c. to 46c.

Grain.—The market for oats was slightly firmer during last week and No. 3 Canadian Western, and extra No. 1 feed oats sold at \$1.07; tough, extra No. 1 feed, at \$1.06; No. 1 feed, \$1.05½; No. 2 feed, \$1.03; tough No. 2 feed, \$1.02; Ontario No. 3 white, \$1.03½ per bushel, ex-store.

Flour.—Rye flour advanced in price, going to \$7.75 per bag. Corn flour was quoted at \$6.50 per bag; Manitoba standard flour \$11.10 per barrel, in bags, f. o. b. cars, and \$11.20 delivered to bakers. Ontario flour \$11.40 to \$11.50 per barrel, in bags, ex-store. Graham flour, \$11.20 per barrel, in bags.

Millfeeds.—No change took place. Bran, \$35.40 per ton, in bags; shorts, \$40.40; mixed mouille, \$60 to \$62; pure grain" mouille, \$75.

Hay.—Prices were steady at \$17 per ton for No. 2; \$15.50 for No. 3; \$12 to \$14 for clover mixed, ex-track.

Hay Seed.—Dealers report a good demand for timothy at 9c. to 14c. per lb., red clover being 38c. to 40c., and alsike 23c. to 29c. f. o. b., Montreal.

Hides.—Veal skins were up to 38c. and 40c. per lb., and spring lambs to 45c. Sheep skins were \$4.50 to \$4.60, and horse hides \$5 to \$6 each. Steers were 18c., cows, 13c., and bulls, 12c. per lb., flat, and 13c., 16c. and 17c., Montreal inspection. Tallow 3½c. for scrap fat; 8c. or abattoir fat, and 15c. to 16½c. for rendered.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Texas steers, \$10.60 to \$16.40; stockers and feeders, \$8.70 to \$17.50; cows and heifers, \$7.25 to \$13.50; calves, \$10 to \$15.

Hogs.—Light, \$17.35 to \$18; mixed, \$17.25 to \$17.95; heavy, \$16.40 to \$17.85; rough, \$16.40 to \$16.85; pigs, \$13 to \$17.

Sheep.—Native, \$13 to \$17.85; lambs, native, \$16.50 to \$21.

Cheese Markets.

Finest westerns, 21½c.; finest easterns, 21¼c.; New York, specials, 24c. to 25½c.; average run, 23c. to 24½c.