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Buffalo.

Cattle.—Christmas week is invariably a bad week for the cattle trade at all live stock markets and last week was no exception to the rule. Very little stuff of any class was wanted and the result was that prices showed a decline generally from 25 cents to a dollar, the heaviest take-off being on shipping steers, which sold mostly a dollar lower, butchering cattle generally showing a price decline of generally 25 to 50 cents. Best shipping steers sold from \$13.75 to \$15, best Canadians—which were not of a very good kind—running from \$12 to \$12.75. Best handy steers sold on a range of from \$13 to \$14, with best handy butchering heifers running from \$10.50 to \$11 generally, some extra good higher. Market was weak on stockers and feeders, very little trading being done. Bulls showed a quarter decline and only the better grades of milk cows and springers found satisfactory sale, medium kinds going for slaughter, with backward springers being almost unsalable. Receipts for the week totaled 3,250 head, which included around forty-two cars of Canadians, as against 5,125 head for the previous week and as compared with 3,475 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers—Natives—Very choice heavy, \$16.50 to \$17; best heavy over 1,300, \$15.50 to \$16; fair, over 1,300, \$13 to \$14; best, 1,200 to 1,300, \$15 to \$15.50; good, 1,200 to 1,300, \$14 to \$15; good, 1,100 to 1,200, \$13.50 to \$14.50; plain, \$11.50 to \$12.

Shipping Steers—Canadians—Best heavy, \$14.25 to \$14.75; fair to good, \$13 to \$13.50; medium weight, \$12.50 to \$13; common and plain, \$11 to \$11.50.

Butchering Steers—Yearlings, fair to prime, \$14 to \$15.50; choice heavy, \$13.50 to \$15.50; best handy, \$13.25 to \$14; fair to good, \$11 to \$12.50; light and common, \$9 to \$10.

Cows and Heifers—Best heavy heifers, \$11 to \$11.50; good butcher heifers, \$10.50 to \$11; fair butchering heifers, \$9.25 to \$9.75; light, common, \$6 to \$7; very fancy fat cows, \$10.25 to \$10.75; best heavy fat cows, \$9.50 to \$10; medium to good, \$7.50 to \$9; cutters, \$6 to \$6.50; canners, good, \$5 to \$5.25.

Bulls—Best heavy, \$10.25 to \$10.50; good butchering, \$9.75 to \$10; sausage, \$7.25 to \$7.75; light bulls, \$6 to \$8.

Stockers and Feeders—Best feeders, \$9.75 to \$10.25; common to fair, \$8 to \$9; best stockers, \$8 to \$8.50; fair to good, \$7.75 to \$8.25; common, \$6 to \$7.

Hogs.—Liberal receipts resulted in a sharp decline in hog values the first half of last week. Monday, when prices were declined 75 cents from the previous week's close, all grades sold on a basis of \$14.25. Tuesday the better weight grades had to take \$13.90 with pigs selling at \$14 and Wednesday pigs again sold at \$14, while packers bought their kinds from \$13.75 to \$13.90. Friday the demand was strong and prices were up 25 to 40 cents. Better weight grades sold largely at \$14.15 and lights and pigs ranged from \$14.25 to \$14.50. Roughs ranged from \$12 to \$12.50 and stags \$11 down. Receipts for the past week totaled 39,800 head, as compared with 26,573 head for the week before, and 51,000 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lamb values last week struck the highest level since April. Monday the best natives sold at \$19.25, and top Canadian lambs, for which there was an indifferent demand, had to sell around \$18.25. Tuesday natives sold at \$18.75, Wednesday the best sold at \$19, one deck made \$19.10, with Canadians bringing up to \$18.50, and Friday top native lambs jumped to \$19.75, while best Canadians were quoted around \$19 and \$19.25. Cull lambs reached up to \$16.50, and top yearling wethers

was \$15. Choice wether sheep were ranged up to \$13 and best ewes brought from \$10 to \$10.50, with a few on the desirable order up to \$11. Receipts for last week were 18,300 head, being against 19,783 head for the week preceding and 13,600 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—On the opening day of last week top veals sold largely at \$21. Tuesday prices were a dollar lower and Wednesday the price list remained the same as Tuesday, top being \$20. Friday, under a keen demand, choice native veals reached up to \$22 and a few top Canadian veals made \$21. Under grades were little changed all week, grassy kinds being very unsatisfactory sale. Best desirable culls ranged from \$15 to \$16 and few on the grassy order could be placed above \$7. The past week's receipts were 3,150 head, as against 3,333 head for the week before and as against 1,750 head for the same week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, December 29, numbered 71 cars, 863 cattle, 103 calves, 1,719 hogs, 714 sheep and lambs. Strong, active market; tops, \$15 per hundred for four steers averaging 1,240 pounds each. Tops for straight loads, \$13 per hundred for 19 head averaging 950 pounds each. Cows, bulls and calves strong. Sheep higher; top, \$10 to \$10.50. Lambs higher; choice, \$18 to \$18.50. Hogs, fed and watered, \$18 per hundred.

Breadstuffs and Feeds.

The new ruling of the Canada Wheat Board will have its effect on breadstuffs, and at time of writing this effect in its entirety is not known. Prices quoted are for last week.

Manitoba Wheat.—No. 1 northern, \$2.30; No. 2 northern, \$2.27; No. 3 northern, \$2.23, in store Fort William.

Manitoba Oats.—No. 2 C. W., 90¢; No. 3 C. W., 86¢; extra No. 1 feed, 87¢; No. 1 feed, 84¢; No. 2 feed, 80¢, in store Fort William.

Manitoba Barley.—No. 3 C. W., \$1.65; No. 4 C. W., \$1.60; rejected, \$1.27½; feed, \$1.27½, in store Fort William.

American Corn.—No. 2 yellow, \$1.82; No. 3 yellow, \$1.79, track Toronto, prompt shipments.

Ontario Oats.—No. 3 white, 95c. to 98c., according to freights outside.

Ontario Wheat.—No. 1 winter, per car lot, \$2 to \$2.01; No. 2, \$1.97 to \$2.03; No. 3, \$1.93 to \$1.99, f.o.b., shipping points, according to freights.

Ontario wheat.—No. 1 spring, \$2.02 to \$2.08; No. 2 spring, \$1.99 to \$2.05; No. 3 spring, \$1.95 to \$2.01, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Peas.—No. 2, \$2.75.

Barley.—Malting, \$1.60 to \$1.65, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat.—\$1.32 to \$1.35, according to freights outside.

Rye.—No. 3, \$1.60 to \$1.65, according to freights outside.

Manitoba Flour.—Government standard, \$11, Toronto.

Ontario Flour.—Government standard, \$9.30 to \$9.45 Montreal and Toronto, in jute bags. Prompt shipment.

Millfeed.—Car lots—Delivered Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, \$45; shorts, per ton, \$50; good feed flour, \$3.15.

Hay.—No. 1, per ton, \$27; mixed, per ton \$25, track, Toronto.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$14.50 to \$15.50, track, Toronto.

Farm Produce at Country Points.

City wholesalers were paying at country points the following:

Butter.—Dairy, tubs and rolls, 43c. to 44c.; prints, 48c. to 50c.; Creamery, fresh-made solids, 60c. to 61c.; prints, 62c. to 63c.

Eggs.—Held, 52c. to 54c.; new-laid, 80c. to 85c.

Dressed Poultry.—Spring chickens, 26c. to 30c.; roosters, 25c.; fowl, 20c. to 25c.; geese, 28c. to 30c.; ducklings, 30c. to 32c.; turkeys, 50c. to 53c.; squabs, dozen, \$4.50.

Live Poultry.—Spring chickens, 19c. to 20c.; roosters, 20c.; fowl, 18c. to 22c.; geese, 22c.; ducklings, 22c.; turkeys, 37c. to 40c.

Wholesalers are selling to the retail trade at the following prices:

Cheese.—New, large, 31½¢ to 33¢; twins, 32c. to 32½¢; triplets, 33c. to 33½¢; Stilton, 34c. to 35c.

Butter.—Fresh dairy, choice, 55c. to 58c.; creamery prints, 68c. to 70c.

Eggs.—No. 1, 60c. to 61c.; selects, 66c. to 67c.; new-laid, 90c. to 95c.

Dressed Poultry.—Spring chickens, 33c. to 38c.; roosters, 23c. to 25c.; fowl, 30c. to 32c.; turkeys, 58c. to 60c.; ducklings, 35c. to 38c.; geese, 35c. to 37c.; squabs, doz., \$6.

Live Poultry.—Spring chickens, 22c. to 26c.; fowls, 23c. to 25c.; ducks, 24c. to 27c.; geese, 22c.

Beans.—Canadian, hand-picked, bushel, \$5.25 to \$5.75; primes, \$4.25 to \$4.75; Japans, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Limas, 17½¢ to 18½¢.

Honey.—Extracted clover, 5-lb. tins, 27c. to 28c.; 10-lb. tins, 25c. to 26c.; 60-lb. tins, 25c.; buckwheat, 60-lb. tins, 18c. to 20c.; comb, 16-oz., \$6 to \$6.50 doz.; 10-oz., \$4.25 to \$4.50 doz.

Maple Products.—Syrup, per Imperial gal., \$4.25; per 5 Imperial gals., \$4; sugar lb., 29c. to 30c.

Seeds.—Following are the prices that wholesalers are paying for alsike at country points:

Alsike, No. 1 fancy, \$28 to \$29; No. 1, bush., \$26 to \$27; No. 2, bush., \$24 to \$25; No. 3, bush., \$22 to \$23; rejected, bush., \$12 to \$18.

Fruits—Wholesale.

Apples (Canadian).—11-qt. basket, 40c. to 70c.; barrels, No. 1's, \$7 to \$8.50; No. 2's, \$6 to \$7; No. 3's, \$5 to \$6. Ontario Spys (boxed), \$2.75 to \$3.50. B. C. boxes, \$3.50 to \$4.

Vegetables (Canadian).—Beets, bag, \$1.75 to \$2; cabbage, bbl., \$4 to \$5; carrots, bag, \$1.50; celery, doz., 60c. to \$1.50; Thedford, 8 doz. cte., \$6 to \$8; small case, \$5. Cucumbers, hot-house, doz., \$3.50 to \$3.75; lettuce, leaf, doz., 40c. to 50c.; onions, Ont., 75-lb. bag, \$5 to \$5.50; B. C., 100-lb. sacks, \$6.75 to \$7; Shallots, doz. bchs., 90c. to \$1. Peppers, doz., 75c. to \$1; parsley, doz., 75c.; parsnips, bag, \$1.75 to \$2; potatoes, bag, \$2.60 to \$2.75; tomatoes, hot-house, lb., 25c. to 45c.; turnips, bag, 90c. to \$1.

Hides and Wool.

Wholesalers were offering the following prices for supplies f.o.b. country points:

City Hides.—Butcher hides, green, flat, 25c.; calf skins, cured, 65c.; kip, 45c.; horsehides, city take-off, \$10 to \$11; lamb skins and shearings, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Country Hides.—Beef hides, flats, cured, 25c. to 30c.; green, 23c. to 25c.; calf skins, 50c. to 60c.; bob calf, \$3 to \$3.50; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$8.50 to \$10; No. 2, \$8 to \$9; lamb skins and shearings, \$2.25 to \$3; horse hair, farmers' stock, 35c. to 37c.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids in barrels, 13c. to 14c.; country, solid, in barrels, No. 1, 12c. to 13c.; cakes, No. 1, 15c. to 16c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece, fine, 55c.; medium, 50c.; coarse, 42c.; washed wool, fine, 75c.; medium, 70c.; coarse, 65c.; washed rejected, 50c.

Montreal.

Horses.—The public which used to make Xmas presents of horses has ceased to do so and is doubtless making presents of automobiles instead. Hence, there was no Xmas trade in horses. Demand was light but prices showed no change of consequence. Heavy draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,600 lbs., were quoted at \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs. each, \$200 to \$250; light horses, \$125 to \$175 each; culls, \$75 to \$100 each, and saddle and carriage horses, \$200 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—The market for dressed hogs was steady in spite of the advance in the price of live hogs. Sales of country dressed light hogs were made at 23½¢ to 24c. per lb., heavy weights selling at 22½¢ to 23c., and city abattoir dressed stock selling at 25c. to 25½¢ per lb. Dealers report a rather easier tone in the market for smoked meats and ordinary breakfast bacon was quoted as low as 38c. per lb.

Windsor select bacon was selling at 40c. to 41c. per lb. and Windsor boneless at 43c. Hams were about steady, prices being 34c. to 35c. per lb. for light hams, 31c. to 32c. for medium weights, weighing 12 to 15 lbs., and 30c. to 31c. for heavies. Lard was in good demand and sold at 29c. to 30c. per lb. for pure leaf.

Poultry.—Retail prices of fancy turkeys ran as high as 60c. per lb. Xmas week. Wholesale prices were from 53c. to 54c. for choice, 1c. to 2c. per lb. less for good with common around 50c. Choice chickens were 33c. to 35c., good being 30c.

to 32c., and common 25c. to 29c.; geese were 32c. to 34c., and ducks 38c. to 42c. per lb.

Potatoes.—The quality of the offerings has been mostly on the poor side and a good many potatoes have been frozen of late. Car lots of white Quebec potatoes were quoted at \$2.25 per bag of 90 lbs., ex-track, while smaller lots sold at 25c. more, ex-store.

Honey and Maple Syrup.—Dealers report that they did very little trade at Xmas, there being almost no syrup. The price was reported at \$1.30 to \$1.50 per gallon-tin, with sugar at 30c. per lb. Pound sections of white clover comb honey was quoted at 25c., strained being 22c., in 30-lb. pails. Buckwheat strained was 18c. to 20c.

Eggs.—It seems almost impossible to get really fresh laid eggs. Retailers were selling so-called fresh at \$1.20 per dozen and many of them were pretty poor. Wholesalers are quoting them at \$1 to \$1.10, with selects at 65c., No. 1 at 57c. to 58c. and No. 2 at 53c. to 55c.

Butter.—The quality of the butter offered recently is unusually poor and prices were unusually high, being 67c. to 67½¢ for grass creamery, finest; 2c. less for fine, with current receipts at 62c. to 63c. and dairies at 58c. to 60c.

Grain.—Canadian Western oats were quoted at \$1.05 to \$1.06 per bushel for No. 2; \$1.03 to \$1.04 per bushel for No. 3, and extra No. 1 feed; \$1.01 to \$1.02 for No. 1 feed; and 99c. to \$1 for No. 2 feed.

Flour.—No change took place in the market for flour during the week and Manitoba spring wheat flour was still quoted at \$11 per bbl. in jute bags, ex-track, for shipment to country points, Montreal freights, or to city bakers, with 10c. off for spot cash. Ontario flour seems almost unobtainable in the retail stores and prices were quoted at \$10.20 to \$10.40 per bbl., in cotton bags, in small lots, ex-store. White corn flour was steady at \$10 to \$10.10 with rye flour at \$8.50 per bbl., in jute, delivered to the trade.

Millfeed.—The market for millfeed was steady and firm all round. Bran was quoted at \$45.25 and shorts at \$52.25 per ton, including bags, ex-track, with 25c. off for spot cash. Pure barley meal was \$74 to \$76 per ton, in broken lots, mixed grain mouille being \$70 and dairy feed \$58 per ton.

Baled Hay.—Carlots of good No. 2 Timothy hay were quoted at \$24 to \$25 per ton, No. 3 being \$22 to \$23 and clover and clover mixed \$21 to \$21.50 per ton, ex-track.

Hides and Skins.—The market was quite a little easier and prices were down to 28c. per lb. for steer and cow hides and 22c. for bulls. Kips were 30c. and calf skins 70 cents per lb. Lambskins were \$3.50 each, and horse hides \$8 each.

Chicago.

Hogs.—Heavy, \$14; medium, \$13.85 to \$14; light, \$13.75 to \$13.95; light lights, \$13.40 to \$13.60; heavy packing sows, smooth, \$13 to \$13.50; packing sows, rough, \$12.25 to \$13; pigs, \$12.40 to \$13.50.

Cattle.—Compared with a week ago, beef steers, unevenly 25c. to \$1 higher. She-stock, 25c. to 50c. higher; bulls, 50c. higher; calves, 50c. to 75c. higher; feeder steers, steady to 25c. higher.

Victory Bonds.

Following were the values of Victory Bonds on the Toronto market, Saturday, December 27: Victory Bonds maturing 1922, 98¼ to 99¼; Victory Bonds maturing 1923, 98¼ to 99¼; Victory Bonds maturing 1927, 101; Victory Bonds maturing 1933, 102¼ to 102½; Victory Bonds maturing 1937, 103 to 103¼.

Sale Dates.

Jan. 8, 1920.—North & South Bruce Shorthorn Breeders' Sale, Paisley, Ont. N. C. McKay, Walkerton, Ont., Sec'y.

Jan. 15, 1920.—Ontario Duroc Jersey Breeders' Sale, Chatham, Ont. Jno. Noble, Essex, Sec'y.

Feb. 4, 1920.—Miller & Dryden.—Shorthorns.

Feb. 18, 1920.—I. N. Howe, R. 2, Mossley, Ont.—Holsteins.

March 3, 1920.—Guelph Fat Stock Club, Guelph, Ont. J. M. Duff, Sec'y.