

**"CATTLE WEAK AND HALF A CENT LOWER—
SUPPLIES HEAVY AND DEMAND VERY WEAK
TO-DAY—SHEEP NOMINALLY UNCHANGED."**

Since this day week the British cattle trade has received a severe set back, which has resulted in a decline in values amounting to half a cent per pound, and our special cables to-day report the markets in a semi-demoralized condition, much of the late improvement having been lost. Much of the altered aspect of affairs is due to the large increase in the offerings, which to-day were heavy and served to give the market a weak tone, which made it difficult to maintain values. The receipts of Canadians and Americans have considerably increased, in fact were heavy, and there has also been an increase in the supplies from other sources. The offerings at all the principal markets to-day were heavy, and the advantage altogether on the side of buyers, who were enabled to make their own terms to a great extent. At Liverpool prime Canadian steers have declined to 14c per pound, against 14½c on January 19, 14c on January 12, 13½c on January 5, 14c on December 29, 13½c on December 22, 14c on December 15, 14c on December 8, 14½c on December 1, 15c on November 24, 14½c on November 17, 14c on November 10, 14½c on November 6, and 13½c on October 27. Fair to choice grades were at 13½c; poor to medium at 12½c; and inferior and bulls at 9½c to 11c. These quotations are calculated at 480 in the £. The sheep trade has been without new feature, and values remain unchanged. Best sheep at Liverpool to-day were cabled 12c, against 12c on January 19, 12c on January 13, 12c on January 5, 13c on December 29, 13c on December 22, 13c on December 15, 14c on December 8, 14c on December 1, 15c on November 24, 14c on November 17, 14c on November 10 and 15c on November 3. Secondary qualities were at 10c@11c; Merinos at 9½c to 10½c, and inferior and rams at 7c@8½c. Dressed beef in Liverpool is cabled lower at 5½d, against 5½d last week. Mutton is also lower at 4½d, against 5d last week."

BUTTER

Has ruled unusually dull for some weeks, and there don't seem much chance for any improvement with the present stocks, as they are more or less off in flavor, and in many cases summer and store packed butter. When will dealers learn to clear out their butter at some price and get it away and into consumption?

CHEESE

Has ruled very quiet for some time, and the stocks of poor and summer cheese are said to be heavy. There was far too much summer cheese bought by speculators and put into storage. These goods have not been keeping at all well, which, with the very dull state of trade and extremely low price of all other kinds of produce and provisions, has brought about these results.

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS, TORONTO.

Feb. 1st, 1885.

Wheat, fall, per bushel.....	\$0 81	0 82
Wheat, spring, do.....	0 81	0 82
Wheat, goose, do.....	0 67	0 68½
Barley, do.....	0 58	0 71
Oats, do.....	0 53	0 54
Peas, do.....	0 57	0 59
Rye, do.....	0 66	0 69
Beans, do.....	1 00	1 25
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.....	5 75	6 00
Chickens, per pair.....	0 60	0 85
Ducks, do.....	0 80	1 00
Butter, pound rolls.....	0 20	0 23
Butter, large rolls.....	0 15	0 17
Turkeys.....	0 75	1 50
Geese.....	0 85	1 00
Cheese.....	0 14	0 15
Eggs, fresh, per dozen.....	0 20	0 23
Potatoes, per bag.....	0 40	0 45
Apples, per bushel.....	1 50	2 25
Cabbage, per dozen.....	0 20	0 25
Turnips, per bag.....	0 35	0 45
Carrots, per bag.....	0 35	0 45

Beets, per bag.....	0 50	0 55
Parsnips, per bushel.....	0 15	0 20
Onions, per bushel.....	70	75
Hay, Clover, per ton.....	7 00	9 00
Timothy.....	11 00	14 00
Straw, do.....	8 00	9 00

New York, Jan. 30th, 1885

Following is the usual	Receipts.	Exports.	Cable.	Ft.	Price
Jan. 27, 1883, 12,740	17,971	67s.	45s.	14c.	
Jan. 26, 1884, 24,404	23,085	69s.	30s.	14c.	
Jan. 24, 1885, 12,938	7,104	62s.	30s.	13c.	

BUFFALO, Jan. 30, 1885.

CATTLE.—Receipts 10,421, against 9,430 the previous week. The offerings on Monday numbered 155 car loads. The market opened up dull, slow and 15@25 cents per hundred lower than last week for common stock, and 10@15 cents on shipping grades. Sales of good to choice steers ranged from \$5.80 @ \$6.35; fair to medium at \$5.10 @ \$5.40. Stockers were in light supply and limited demand at \$3.25 @ \$3.65. The fresh receipts on Tuesday and Wednesday were light, and with those held over from Monday were all sold, the market closing firm. Of Michigan cattle 18 steers av. 1,267 lbs. at \$4.62½; 13 do. av. 1,331 lbs. at \$4.85; 19 do. av. 1,172 lbs. at \$4.50; 10 do. av. 1,361 lbs. at \$5.00; 17 do. av. 1,225 lbs. at \$5.25; 19 mixed butchers' stock av. 1,017 lbs. at \$3.55; 16 do. av. 945 lbs. at \$3.75; 4 oxen av. 1,727 lbs. at \$4.60; 12 do. av. 1,614 lbs. at \$4.25.

SHEEP.—Receipts 35,600, against 26,800 the previous week. The receipts of sheep on Monday were heavy, there being 110 loads on sale. The demand was slow, and with unfavorable reports from the east, prices fell off 10@15 cents per hundred from those of the previous week. The supply was again large on Tuesday and Wednesday, and closed with a good number left over. Fair to good 70 to 80 lb. sheep sold at \$3.15 @ \$3.50; 80 to 90 lb. \$3.50 @ \$4.00; 90 to 100 lb. \$4.10 @ \$4.50; 110 to 120 lb. \$4.40 @ \$5.00; store sheep, \$2.25 @ \$2.50; lambs, 50 to 70 lb. \$4.50 @ \$6.00. Sales of 189 Michigan sheep, av. 87 lbs. at \$3.75; 197 av. 88 lbs. at \$3.75; 186 av. 98 lbs. at \$4.40; 222 av. 72 lbs. at \$3.25; 208 av. 89 lbs. at \$4.10; 199 av. 87 lbs. at \$3.65; 163 av. 78 lbs. at \$3.45; 234 av. 84 lbs. at \$3.50; 199 av. 72 lbs. at \$2.50; 69 lambs av. 73 lbs. at \$5.50; 86 do. av. 75 lbs. at \$5.30; 62 do. av. 56 lbs. at \$4.00.

HOGS.—Receipts 69,735, against 44,628 the previous week. The hog market was pretty much in the same shape as the cattle and sheep. The offerings on Monday were 150 car loads. There was a fair demand, but prices averaged 15@20 cents lower. The market steadied up a little on Wednesday, with 20 to 30 loads left over. Good to choice Yorkers sold at \$4.55 @ \$4.60; fair do. \$4.45 @ \$4.50; medium grades fair to choice \$4.60 @ \$4.65; good to extra heavy \$4.65 @ \$4.75; pigs common to choice \$4.35 @ \$4.40; skips and culis \$3.25 @ \$3.75.

See Stock Notes, page 60.

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