

\$4.30 to \$4.60; good lots, \$4 to \$4.25; and common to good \$3.15 to \$3.85 per cwt. Prices for feeders, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs. each, sell at \$1.50 to \$1.80. One lot of short-keep feeders sold last week at \$4.50 per cwt. Feeding bulls sell at \$2.50 to \$3. In stockers, yearling steers, 400 to 700 lbs. each, are worth \$2.75 to \$3.00 per cwt, and common sturf from \$2 to \$2.50; milch cows sell at from \$30 to \$60 each, and calves at \$2 to \$10 each, or \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.

The run of sheep and lambs has been light, with sheep sold at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cwt. for ewes, and \$2.75 to \$3 for bucks. Lambs range at from \$4.60 to \$5.40 per cwt, and \$5.25 to \$5.50 for choice ewes and wethers for export.

There is little change in the bacon hog market and quotations are \$5.12½ per cwt. for select bacon hogs, and \$4.87½ for lights and fats. The English bacon market has advanced 2 shillings during the past week, but an unsettled feeling is said to exist.

#### HORSES

Quite a few horses are being sold. At Grand's Repository last week, W. Harland Smith sold 130, mostly working horses, very few drivers being offered as the demand for them is slack just now. One good draft bay gelding, 1,350 in weight, sold last week for \$225. This was the top price, and they sold down to \$100 for horses weighing 1,200 to 1,300. A number of North-West buyers are now in the province looking for working horses and the demand for these is good.

#### TORONTO JUNCTION

On January 25th, 27 cars containing 477 cattle and 10 sheep were sold at the Union Stock Yards. The quality of the export cattle was fairly good. Prices ranged from \$4.65 to \$5. One load of exporters and butchers' mixed sold for \$4.10. Export bulls sold at \$3.65 to \$4.12½ per cwt. Butchers' cattle sold all the way from \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt. as to quality.

#### MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, January 22nd, 1904.

The market for all kinds of farm produce shows little change. The season of the P. E. Island navigation is closed and there is less than the usual quan-

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tity of Island produce held over at this point, which may lead to firm prices in the spring for potatoes, turnips and oats. The provision market has developed some strength and barrelled pork is about two dollars higher than at the first of the month. Beef has advanced one dollar per barrel and is very firm. Lard is firmer in sympathy with pork products. Beans are easier and seem to be in good supply. Flour has advanced about 20 cents per barrel in wholesale lots since the first of the month. Hay is very quiet and there seems to be a very light demand, but the price keeps firm. Eggs are very scarce, there being practically nothing on the market except limited stock. Dairy produce is unchanged, with fair quantities arriving from Montreal. The Suisse Cheese and Butter Company, at its annual meeting, reported a gain in business of over 33 1-3 per cent. The gross earnings of the Company for 1903 were \$55,070.57, the value of the butter and cheese output, \$54,500.05, and the total amount paid the patrons, \$49,383.80. The average price paid for milk was 86 cents per 100 lbs, to which should be added at least 14 cents for the skim milk which is returned. The yearly statements from other factories have not come to hand, but in comparison with last year's statements, the Sussex factory is one of the largest in Eastern Canada. There is very little doing here in fish at the present time and quotations are unchanged. Lobster fishermen are doing well when the weather is not too rough for them to lift the traps, the Scotch expert who has been in this province has decided to locate an experimental station at Canso and will introduce Scottish methods of catching and curing herring. He has returned to Scotland to bring out a steamboat and crew for this purpose. The winter haddock fishing is being prosecuted vigorously and a regular supply of fresh fish is being sent forward to Montreal and other markets.

An excursion to Ontario is being organized by the C. P. R. for the convenience of Maritime Province stockmen during the first ten days of March. The party will first visit the Toronto Horse Show, then the Agricultural College at Guelph, and the National Live Stock Convention and sale of bulls at Ottawa.

There is much activity in railway construction in Nova Scotia this winter. It is expected that the first train over the Halifax and Southwestern Ry. will run into Halifax early in June. Steam

communication with P. E. Island is again interrupted. The Stanley is stuck in the ice five miles from Pictou, and today the Minto, which came within two miles of Pictou, was unable to enter the harbor and had to return to Georgetown to await a change of weather.

#### A Successful Western Creamery

Mr. H. W. Trimble sends us a statement of what his creamery at Red Deer, Alta., did last year. From Nov. 1st, 1902, up to Oct. 31st, 1903, there were received 52,237.7 inches of cream which made 64,250 lbs. of butter. The price received by patrons for the winter season, commencing Nov. 1st, 1902, and ending April 30th, 1903, was 27c. clear; and for the summer season, beginning May 1st and ending Oct. 31st, 15½c per lb. clear. There are eighty-one patrons.

This creamery has been running for three years. The first year's make was 22,625 lbs. of butter, with 24 patrons; the second year, 47,461 lbs., with 44 patrons, and last year, 64,250 lbs., as noted above. A bigger business is expected in 1904.

#### Ottawa Looking for Dominion Fair

The annual meeting of the Central Canada Exhibition Association was held last week, the total expenditure for 1903 was \$58,710, as compared with receipts of \$58,013, leaving an overdraft of \$697, which would have been more than made up had not one wet day interfered with the receipts at last year's fair.

With a view of obtaining a Dominion Fair for Ottawa in the near future it was strongly urged that the Ottawa City Council take immediate steps towards securing additional land for the purpose of enlarging the present exhibition grounds.

An effort will be made to secure more local stock exhibits for next fair.

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