

Markets.

Toronto.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

At West Toronto, on Monday, April 7, receipts numbered 40 cars, comprising 679 cattle, 223 hogs, 28 sheep, 21 calves, and 35 horses. There were no sales at this market, but three carloads were sold at the City yards. Cattle, sheep, and calves, sold at steady prices. Hogs were lower, at \$9.50, fed and watered, and \$9.25 f. o. b. cars at country points.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards last week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	21	867	888
Hogs	452	4,405	4,857
Sheep	835	8,923	9,758
Calves	155	260	415
Horses	90	953	1,043
	16	77	93

The total receipts of live stock at the two yards for the corresponding week of 1912 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	112	172	284
Hogs	1,258	2,442	3,700
Sheep	2,742	1,237	3,979
Calves	860	127	987
Horses	874	87	961
	4	113	117

The combined receipts of live stock at the two markets, show an increase of 104 cars, 1,157 cattle, 5,279 hogs, 572 sheep, and 82 calves, but a decrease of 24 horses, in comparison with the corresponding week of 1912.

Receipts of cattle were larger than in our last report. The quality also was better, as there were, during the week, about 700 or 800 steers of export quality delivered at the Union Stock-yards. Trade was much improved, as there were several buyers from outside points, as well as a couple of orders from American firms for exporters, for the London market, and prices advanced about 10 cents per cwt. for all classes of fat cattle, over our last report.

Exporters.—Steers, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs., sold at \$6.80 to \$7.10, but only three carloads during the week brought the latter price; export heifers, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., sold at \$6.60 to \$6.75; export bulls, \$5.25 to \$5.75, and a few bulls of very fine quality brought as high as \$8.

Butchers.—Choice butchers' cattle sold at \$6.60 to \$6.75; loads of good, \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium, \$5.90 to \$6.25; common, \$5.50 to \$5.75; inferior, light cattle, \$5 to \$5.25; cows, \$4 to \$5.50, with a few choice at \$5.75; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls, \$4 to \$5. Stockers and Feeders.—Feeders, 800 to 900 lbs., sold at \$5.50 to \$5.80; stockers, 500 to 600 lbs., sold at \$5 to \$5.40; common, light stockers, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.75.

Milkers and Springers.—There was a moderate demand for milkers and springers, at about steady prices, which ranged from \$50 to \$65 for medium to good cows, and \$70 to \$72 was reached for a few of choice quality.

Veal Calves.—Receipts of veal calves were larger. The demand was good, and prices remained firm. Good to choice calves sold at \$9 to \$10 per cwt.; fair to good, light calves, \$6.50 to \$8.50; strong-weight calves, \$6.75 to \$8; inferior, rough, heavy calves, \$3.50 to \$5; bobs, \$2 to \$3 each.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, ewes sold at \$6.50 to \$7.25 for ewes; rams, \$5.50 to \$6.25; yearling lambs, \$7 to \$9; spring lambs are worth from \$4 to \$10 each. Few good spring lambs thus far this season have been offered.

Hogs.—Receipts have been moderate, as the country roads have been impassable. Prices were very firm all week, closing as follows: Selects, fed and watered, \$9.85 to \$9.95, and \$9.50 to \$9.60, f. o. b. cars at country points, and \$10.10 to \$10.15 weighed off cars.

Horses.—There was a steady trade in horses at the Union Horse Exchange, Union Stock-yards, all week. The principal demand came from the farmers in different parts of Ontario. There was also a local demand from the different city cartage companies, and wholesale

merchants. No sales were reported for the Northwest. Prices were quoted as follows: Drafters, \$175 to \$250; general-purpose horses, \$150 to \$225; express and wagon horses, \$160 to \$225; drivers, \$100 to \$150; serviceably sound, \$45 to \$100.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2 red, white or mixed, 93c. to 95c., outside; inferior grades, down to 70c. Manitoba wheat, No. 1 northern, 97c.; No. 2 northern, 94c., track, lake ports. Oats.—Ontario, No. 2, 33c. to 34c., outside; 33c., track, Toronto. Manitoba oats, No. 2, 41c.; No. 3, 39c., outside. Peas.—No. 2, \$1 to \$1.05, outside. Buckwheat—51c. to 52c., outside. Corn.—No. 2 yellow, 58c., track, Toronto, all-rail shipment. Barley.—For malting, 51c. to 53c.; for feed, 48c. to 48c., outside. Flour.—Ontario winter-wheat flour, \$3.90 to \$3.95, sea-board. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.30; second patents, \$4.80; in cotton, 10c. more; strong bakers', \$4.60, in jute.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, No. 1, per ton, \$12 to \$13; No. 2, \$10 to \$11 per ton. Straw.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, \$9 to \$10 per ton.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

Toronto seedsmen are quoting re-cleaned seeds to farmers at the following prices per cwt.: Alsike No. 1, \$28.50 to \$31.50; alsike No. 2, \$24.50 to \$26.50; red clover No. 1, \$25 to \$25.50; red clover No. 2, \$23; timothy No. 1, \$7.50 to \$8; timothy No. 2, \$6 to \$6.50; alfalfa No. 1, \$19.50 to \$20.50; alfalfa No. 2, \$17.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market remains steady, prices being unchanged. No. 1 creamery rolls, 32c. to 34c.; creamery solids, 28c. to 30c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.; store lots, 22c. to 24c. Eggs.—Receipts were large, and prices easier, at 21c. to 22c., in case lots. Cheese.—Large, 14c.; twins, 15c. Honey.—Extracted, 12c. per lb.; combs per dozen sections, \$2.75. Beans.—Broken car lots, at Toronto, handpicked, \$2.60 per bushel; primes, \$2.25, down to \$1.25 for poor quality. Potatoes.—Ontario potatoes, 65c. to 70c. per bag, in car lots, track, Toronto; New Brunswick, 80c. per bag, in car lots, track, Toronto. Poultry.—Receipts light, and prices higher. Turkeys, 26c. to 30c.; geese, 20c. per lb.; ducks, 22c. to 25c.; hens, 18c. to 20c.; broilers, 45c. to 60c. per lb., dressed.

HIDES AND SKINS.

No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 13c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 12c.; city hides, flat 12c.; country hides, cured, 12c.; country hides, green, 11c.; calf skins, per lb., 15c.; lamb skins, \$1.10 to \$1.50; horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 37c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5c. to 6c.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples.—No. 1 Spies, \$4.25; Spies No. 2, \$3.75; Greenings No. 1, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Greenings No. 2, \$3 to \$3.50; Kings, No. 1 scarce, and worth \$4 to \$4.25; Baldwins No. 1, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Baldwins No. 2, \$3 to \$3.25; cabbage, \$1 per barrel; beets, 75c. per bag; onions, 90c. to \$1 per bag of 90 lbs.; turnips, 30c. to 40c. per bag; parsnips, 70c. to 80c. per bag.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$8.75 to \$9; shipping, \$8 to \$8.65; butchers', \$6 to \$8.60; heifers, \$6 to \$8.30; cows, \$3.75 to \$7; bulls, \$5 to \$7.25; stockers and feeders, \$5.50 to \$7.50; stock heifers, \$5 to \$6; fresh cows and springers, \$35 to \$38.

Veals.—\$5 to \$10.50. Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$9.40 to \$9.50; Yorkers and pigs, \$9.50 to \$9.60; roughs, \$8.40 to \$8.60; stags, \$7 to \$8; dairies, \$9.25 to \$9.60.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$6.50 to \$9.50; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$8.50; whethers, \$7.25 to \$7.50; ewes, \$3.50 to \$7; sheep, mixed, \$5 to \$7.15.

British Cattle Market.

John Rogers & Co. cable Irish steers making from 14 1-5c. to 15c. per lb.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—There was a very fair demand for cattle last week, and prices for the most part held very firm. Choice cattle sold as high as 7c. per lb., and even up to 7c. for a few, while fine stock sold at 7c., and good at 6c. to 7c. Medium-quality cattle brought 5c. to 6c., and common ranged all the way down to 4c. The supply of sheep forward was light, and the market firm. Old sheep sold at 8c., and yearlings at 9c. per lb. The supply of spring lambs was larger than before, and prices ranged from \$6 to \$8 each, according to size and quality. Receipts of calves were on the increase, and some very poor stock was offered. These sold at \$1 to \$3, the better sorts at \$5 to \$12 each. Selected lots of hogs changed hands at 10c. per lb., while a few odd lots 11c., weighed off cars.

Horses.—There is a fair supply in the stables, and no difficulty has been experienced in supplying the demand. Prices steady. Heavy-draft horses, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$350; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$300; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$125 to \$200, while broken-down animals sold at \$75 to \$125. Choice saddle and carriage animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

Poultry.—Nothing but storage stock was available, but merchants who have the goods claim a good demand. Prices were 23c. to 24c. per lb. for choicest turkeys; 15c. to 16c. for geese; 16c. to 17c. for fowl; 20c. to 22c. for ducks, and 18c. to 19c. per lb. for chickens.

Dressed Hogs.—There was a good demand for all the dressed hogs available, and the tone of the market was strong. Prices for choice, abattoir-killed hogs were 14c. to 14c. per lb.

Potatoes.—The tone of the market for potatoes was rather easy, but no price changes were reported. Green Mountains were quoted at 65c. to 67c. per 90 lbs. carloads, track, while Quebec grades were 55c. to 60c. In smaller lots, the price in both cases was about 25c. more.

Honey and Syrup.—Some arrivals of new syrup were reported, but it is doubtful as to how liberal the crop may be. Dealers quoted the price as \$1.25 for 8-lb. tins, for the fresh arrivals. White comb honey was 16c. to 17c. per lb., and dark 14c. to 15c.; light extracted, 11c. to 12c., and dark extracted, 8c. to 9c. per lb.

Eggs.—There has been a slight shortage, and dealers have been importing more freely again. Fresh stock was still quoted at 23c. to 24c. per dozen. Stock came from the other side of the line, as well as from Ontario.

Butter.—American buyers have been taking both cream and butter from Montreal and the sections south, and the market was very firm. New Zealand butter, however, was arriving, and sold at 31c. to 32c., in the case of New Zealand, and at 31c. in the case of Canadian. Some new-milk butter was said to have been received, but the quantity was not worth mentioning.

Grain.—The market was dull, and prices steady, at 41c. to 42c. per bushel for Canadian Western, car lots, ex store, and 40c. to 41c. for No. 1 feed, extra.

Flour.—The market showed no change. Prices of Manitoba patents, firsts, were \$5.40 per barrel, while seconds were \$4.90, and strong bakers' \$4.70; Ontario winter-wheat patents were worth \$5.25, and straight rollers, \$4.85.

Millfeed.—There was little change in the market. Demand was good, and bran continued to sell at \$20 per ton, in bags, while shorts were \$22 per ton, and middlings \$25. Pure grain mouille was \$35 to \$36 per ton, and mixed \$30 to \$33 per ton.

Hay.—The market was firm, owing to the bad roads and interference with delivery. Prices were steady, at \$13 to \$13.50 per ton for pressed hay, carloads, track, for No. 1; \$11 to \$12 for No. 2 extra; \$9 to \$10 for No. 2 ordinary, and \$8 to \$9 for ordinary.

Seeds.—Practically everything is already in, although timothy is still coming forward pretty freely. The stream has turned the other way, however, and buying was more active than selling. Prices to buyers were \$4.50 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs. for timothy seed; \$18 to \$26 for red clover, and \$22 to \$28 for alsike, all per 100 lbs.

Hides.—Prices were 12c., 13c. and 14c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 hides; 16c. and 18c. for Nos. 2 and 1 calf skins; \$1

to \$1.10 each for sheep skins, and 10c. each for lamb skins. Horse hides sold at \$1.75 and \$2.50 each, while tallow was 1c. to 3c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 8c. for rendered.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beeves, \$7.25 to \$9.20; Texas steers, \$6.70 to \$7.85; stockers and feeders, \$6.10 to \$8.15; cows and heifers, \$3.75 to \$8.10; calves, \$6 to \$8.75.

Hogs.—Light, \$8.90 to \$9.30; mixed, \$8.75 to \$9.15; heavy, \$8.55 to \$9.10; rough, \$8.55 to \$8.70; pigs, \$8.85 to \$9.10.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, Native, \$6.10 to \$7.25; yearlings, \$7.25 to \$8.25; lambs, native, \$7 to \$9.

Gossip.

The Finance Committee of the Western Fair Board have decided to add \$2,000 to the already substantial prize list in the live-stock and agricultural departments of the 1913 Western Fair, to be held September 5th to 13th next. The prize list is now in the hands of the printers.

R. H. Harding, of Thorndale, Ont., writes: "My clearing sale on March 20th was very largely attended, and prices paid were fairly satisfactory. Clydesdales averaged \$300; Holsteins about \$150; grades, \$58, and Dorsets about \$20 each, one pair of ewes bringing \$25 each. I am now located in Thorndale, and am practically lost without any stock, excepting one horse, and a dog. The principal buyers from a distance were J. A. Orchard, Sheddsville, J. C. Nichol, Hubrey; Glenhudson Stock Farm, Myrtle, Ont.; W. H. Reeve, Arva; J. H. Patrick, Ilderton; Wm. Capstick, Dorchester, and McKay Ramsay, Thorndale. Receipts, \$4,200."

At a contribution sale of Shorthorn cattle, held at Galesburg, Illinois, March 25th, the highest price obtained was \$610 for the red yearling Clipper bull, Lord Robin, listed by C. T. Nelson, and purchased by G. W. Chandler, Illinois; Sultan's Best, a roan yearling bull, went at \$500, to O. Bigler, Illinois. The highest price for a female was \$470, for the roan four-year-old, Rosetta 18th, a daughter of The Conqueror, listed by C. T. Nelson, went to Geo. J. Sayer, at \$470. Forty-three head sold for an average of \$217, thirteen bulls averaging \$277.

Volume 1, of the Canadian Holstein Yearbook, has been published in pocket-book form, containing a list of all official and semi-official butter and milk records of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, which have been admitted to the Record of Merit and Record of Performance, up to September 30th, 1912, together with a list of all record cows under their sires and under their dams, with the proven sires of such sires and dams, also the highest-record cows in each division. This book, in handy form, affords invaluable information regarding the families, which are uniformly great producers and cannot help but prove of great assistance to breeders. G. W. Clemons, St. George, Ont., is Secretary of the Association, and editor of the creditable yearbook.

Trade Topics.

The kind of heating system to place in the home is a question which many have difficulty in deciding. It is necessary to install a system which will be as economical as possible on fuel, which is increasing in price. Before buying, be sure and see the advertisement in another column, of the Hall Zryd Foundry Co., Limited, the makers of Pilot Stoves and Ranges, Hespeler, Ont.

AROUND THE WORLD VIA "EMPRESS OF ASIA."

The "Empress of Asia" will leave Liverpool June 14, calling at Madeira, Cape Town, Durban, Colombo, Singapore, and Hong-Kong, arriving Vancouver August 30th. Vessel remains 14 days at Hong Kong. "Rate for entire cruise, \$689.10," exclusive of maintenance between arrival time in England and departure of "Empress of Asia," and stop-over at Hong Kong. Particulars from Canadian Pacific Agents, or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.