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Poultry.-Live-weight prices : Turkeys, 18c. to 20c.; ducks, 15c.; hens, 15c. per lb.; chickens, 15c. per lb.; squabs (no demand).

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The following are the prices quoted by Toronto seedsmen, to the trade, for recleaned seed : Red clover No. 1, \$20 to \$21 per cwt.; red clover No. 2, \$18 to \$18.50 per cwt.; red clover No. 3, \$17 per cwt.; alsike clover No. 1, \$19.50 to \$20.50 per cwt.; alsike clover No. 2, \$17.50 to \$18 per cwt.; alsike clover No. 3, \$16 per cwt.; alfalfa clover No. 1, \$19 to \$22 per cwt.; alfalfa clover No. 2, \$18 to \$18.50 per cwt.; alfalfa

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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

onions, \$1.50 per 75-lb. sack; \$2.50 per 100-lb. sack; Texas Bermudas, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 50 lb. case; parsnips, 60c. per ag; turnips, 50c. per bag; leaf lettuce, 20c. to 40c. per dozen hunches; potatoes, Ontarios, 55c. per bag; New Brunswick Delawares, 60c. to 65c. per bag; seed rotatoes, 80c. to 90c. per bag.

Montreal.

Live Stock .- Supplies of cattle on the local market continued light, and as a consequence the tone of the market was firm. Prices were a little higher than the previous week, and choice steers soldat 8c. per lb., fine being 74c., with good and medium at 6%c. to 7%c. Ordinary stock so'd as low as 6c. Butchers' cows and bulls ranged generally from 4c. to 7c. per lb. to cover all qualities. Offerings of calves were quite large, and as demand was active, trade in this class of stock was brisk. Prices ranged from \$2.50 to \$5 for common, and up to \$10 each for the best. Spring lambs were more plentiful, and prices held firm, at from \$7 to \$9 each. Yearling lambs were also well taken, the price ranging from 91c. to 91c. per lb. A feature of the market was the fractional decline in the price of hogs and the easier tone in the market. Selected hogs sold at 94c. to 91c. per lb., weighed off cars.

Horses .- Large users of horses, such as carters, have more animals on hand than they have use for, and are not buying. Small horses, however, were in fair demand, both for army purposes and for farmers, considerable numbers being taken by the latter. It is difficult to dispose of heavy horses. Prices were as follows: Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., were quoted at \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., 175 to 225each; small horses, \$150 to \$175; culls, \$50 to \$100 each, and fancy saddle and carriage animals, \$300 to \$400 each.

Dressed Hogs .- The market for dressed hogs was rather easier, in sympathy with the market for live, but there was little change. Demand was fairly good, with abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed Ontario hogs selling at 13c. to 131c. per lb. Northwest hogs sold at 111c. to 123c., and country - dressed, light weights, 11%c. to 12c.

Potatoes.-Potatoes have reached top prices apparently, and last week no change was shown. Prices continued from 471c. to 50c. per 90 lbs., carloads, track, for Green Mountains. In a jobbing way, the price was 60c. to 65c. lagged.

Honey and Syrup.-Syrup was in gool demand, at 65c. to 70c. for 8-lb. tins, and up to \$1.20 for 13-lb. tins. Sugar was 11c. to 12c. per lb. Honey was dull. White - c'over comb was 15c, to 16c. per lb.; extracted, 11c. to 12c.; dark comb, 13c. to 14c., and strained. 8c. to 9c. per lb. Eggs.-Receipts of eggs were fairly large, and a great many eggs are going into consumption. Packers are all busy putting eggs away while the quality is good. Prices showed no change. Straightgathered stock was 22c. in round lots, while selected was 25c., and No. 2 stock was 21c. Butter,-New-milk creamery was more plentiful, and as a consequence prices showed a disposition to decline. Up to the present there has been a decline of a couple of cents per lb. Fresh creamery was quoted at 33c., with fine at 321c. to 324c., and seconds at 31c. to 311c. Cheese.-Cheese was lower in price, at 16½c. to 163c. for colored and white. Easterns were 16c. to 16%c., and under grades 15c. to 15%c. Grain.-Wheat prices were generally firmer, and oats fractionally lower, No. 2 white being 66½c. to 67½c.; No. 3, 6512c. to 66c., and No. 4. 6412c. to 65c. per bushel, ex store. Canadian Western were $67^{1}_{4}c$, to $67^{1}_{2}c$, for No. 3 and extra No. 1 feed. No. 1 feed was 66^+_1 c. to $66\frac{1}{2}$ c., and No. 2 feed, $65\frac{1}{4}$ c. to $65\frac{1}{2}$ c. Argentine corn was 821c. Beans were unchanged, at \$3.05 for 11-lb. pickers; \$2.90 for 3-lb., and \$2.80 for 5-lb., with cheater stock at \$2.70, in car lots. Flour.-Flour was steady after the unusual strength of the previous week. Manitoba first jatents were \$8,20; seconds \$7.70, and strong bakers' \$7.50 in jute. Ontario flour was 10c. up, at \$7.90 per tarrel for patents in wood, and \$7.40 to \$7.50 for straight rollers, bags

chorts, \$28; middlings, \$33 to \$34 per ton; mouille, \$37 to \$38 for pure, and \$35 to \$36 for mixed, bags included.

Hay .-- The hay market showed little change. No. 1 pressed hay, Montreal, ex track, was \$20 to \$21 per ton; No. 2 extra was \$19 to \$19.50, and No. 2. \$18 to \$18.50.

Hides .- Be f hides were steady, at 17c., 18c. and 19c. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively, but calf skins advanced # 2c. at 16c. per lb. Sheep skins were \$1.75 to \$2.25 each, and horse hides were \$1.50 for No. 2, to \$2.50 each for No. 1. Tallow, was fir per lh for refined. and 2c. to 21c. for crude.

Seeds .- Dealers quoted \$8.50 to \$12 for timothy per 100 lbs., and \$17 to \$22per bushel of 60 lbs. for red clover or for alsike. Timothy was thus about \$5 cheaper than a year ago, while clover was approximately the same price. Demand was very active.

Buffalo.

Cattle.-Butchering cattle are selling to considerably better advantage than the weightier steer stuff at Buffalo. There were two decidedly different markets here last week. For a while, butchering cattle generally showed a firm market; shipping steers were declined all the way from 25c. to 35c., and under a liberal run, it proved a very slow and draggy week on any steer stuff that showed weight. Of the 155 loads on Monday, fully seventy-five cars were steers running above twelve hundred on up to close around sixteen hundred. In the West the week before, good-weight steers sold substantially under the Buffalo range, and, in consequence, Western beef looked quite a lot cheaper hung up than the Eastern product, and buyers were determined here last week that there should be more of an equalization, and they declined to do business unless prices were reduced, which they finally succeeded in doing. At the close of the day's business on Monday, eight or ten loads of shipping steers went over unsold. Best steers here in the weighty line ranged from \$8 to \$8.20, while a drove of two loads of long yearlings that averaged less than 1,150 lbs., sold up to \$8.40, and these lighter, yearling-order steers, helped to move a string of heavier weight and harder-to-find-buyers-for steers. Demand was most satisfactory all week for anything in the butchering line. With the hot weather, the handier and smaller cuts appear to have the call, and are far more popular than the heavier ones. Quite a few weighty steers, held back on account of Hogs.-Receipts were moderate last Sheep and Lambs .- Lamb values showed

the quarantine, are now moving to market in generous numbers, but it is thought that as soon as these steers are out of the way that the supply will be considerably shortened. Sellers generally are looking forward to a better trade on shipping steers. Receipts last week were 4,000 head, as against 4,035 for the previous week, and 4,375 for the corresponding period last year. Quotations Choice to prime native shipping steers, 1,250 to 1,500 lbs., \$8 to \$8.25; fair to good native shipping steers, \$7.60 to \$7.75; plain and coarse, \$7 to \$7.25; Canadian steers, 1,300 to 1,450 lbs. \$7.50 to \$8; Canadian steers, 1,100 to 1,250 lbs., \$7.25 to \$7.50; choice to prime handy steers, native, \$7.40 to \$8; fair to good, \$6.75 to \$7.25; yearlings, \$7.25 to \$8; prime fat heavy heifers, \$7.25 to \$7.50; good butchering heifers, \$6.75 to \$7.25; best heavy fat cows. \$6 to \$6.50; good butchering cows, \$5.50 to \$6; cutters, \$4.25 to \$4.50; canners, \$3 to \$4; fancy bulls, \$6.50 to \$6.75; best butchering bulls, \$5.75 to \$6.25. week, grand total being approximately 24,700 head, as against 29,481 head for the previous week, and 33,920 head for the same week a year ago. Demand was good, and sellers were in a position to dictate terms on all grades except bigs, range on latter kinds during the entire week being from \$7.85 to \$8. Monday best grades sold generally at \$8; Tues day bulk sold at \$8.15, one deck reach ing \$8,25; Wednesday's top was \$8.30 with majority selling at \$8.15 and \$8.25 Thursday best grades were landed at \$8.25 and \$8.30, and Friday heavies sold down to \$8.10, with mixed grades and good Yorkers landing mostly at \$8.25. a break on the opening day of last week, and the next few days the market re-

Millfeed .- Bran, \$26 per ton in bags; acted. Monday top rambs, without fleece, sold at \$9.75, and before the week was over choice ones were placed as high as \$10, this figure being secured for the bulk Friday. Weighty lambs were unsatisfactory sale, 90-pound kinds underselling the handy weights by from 50c. to 75c. per hundred pounds. Cull lambs brought up to \$8.50, and heavier lambs, kinds weighing around 100 pounds, were hard to place above cull prices. Sheep and yearlings were scarce, and prices on these were steady all week. Yearlings showed a top quotation of \$8.25; best shorn wether sheep made \$7.75, and ewes went from \$7 down. Receipts last week totalled 16,800 head, being against 19,-794 head for the week before, and 29,400

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head for the same week a year ago. Calves .- Largest run of the season last week, there being around 5,450 head. The previous week the run figured 4,290, and for the same week a year ago there were 3,525 head. On the opening day of the week buyers got tops at \$9; Tuesday's trade was steady, and the next three days prices were fifty cents higher, bulk of Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's sales being made at \$9.50. Culls the fore part of the week sold up to \$8, and the latter part they sold from \$7.50 down, common fed calves landing as low as \$4. Receipts last week included close to 500 head of Canadians, and they sold anywhere from \$5.50 to \$9.35.

Chicago.

Cattle.-Beeves, \$6.15 to \$8.75; Western steers, \$5.60 to \$7.40; cows and heifers, \$3.10 to \$8.50; calves, \$6 to \$8.75.

Hogs .- Light, \$7.40 to \$7.80; mixed, \$7.35 to \$7.75; heavy, \$7.10 to \$7.70; rough, \$7.10 to \$7.25; pigs, \$5.25 to

\$7; bulk of sales, \$7.55 to \$7.70. Sheep and Lambs.-Sheep, native, \$7 40 to \$8.40. Lambs, native, \$8.10 to \$8.75.

Bad Seed.

The Seed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has recently issued Bulletin No. 39, by E. D. Eddy, which gives in detail the results of an enquiry regarding wheat, oats, barley, flax, and silage corn used for seed in Canada. Over 3,700 samples were forwarded to Ottawa, where they were tested for purity and germination. The aim was to get samples representing the average seed used by farmers. Making full allowance for all inaccuracies, it is clear that the value of grain crops produced in Canada is enormously lower each year through the use of poor seed. Results show that surprisingly little attention is paid to choosing the most suitable varie-The seed is seldom selected or ties. graded, except to pass it through a fanning mill once or twice, and very often this is not done, or the fanning mill is not properly equipped. Comparatively little of the seed is treated for smut, and weed seeds are all too numerous in most of the seed sown. The bulletin is out a little late for this year, as a great deal of the seed is already in the ground, but copies of it may be had on application to the Publications Branch, Ottawa, and if carefully read we feel sure that more grain would be carefully selected and cleaned for next year's crop.

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cured, 13c. to 14c.; country hides, part cured, 12c. to 13c.; country hides, green, 12c.; calf skins, per 1b., 14c.; kip skins, per lb., 12c.; sheep skins, \$2 to \$2.50; horse hair, per lb., 38c. to 40c. horse hides, No. 1, \$3.50 to \$4.50; wool, unwashed, coarse, 22c.; wool, unwashed, fine, 26c.; wool, washed, coarse, 30c.; wool, washed, fine, 36c.; rejections and cotts, washed, fine, per lb., 25c.; lamb skins and pelts, \$1.25 to \$1.75; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 7c.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes have declined again, Ontarios selling at 55c. per bag, and New Brunswick Delawares 60c. to 65c. per bag. Local out-door grown asparagus, rhubarb and spinach is coming on the market in large quantities, the asparagus selling at \$2.25 to \$2.75 per 11-quart basket, with the prospect of much lower prices; the rhubarb at 40c, per dozen bunches, and spinach at 75c. to 90c. per bushel. Hothouse cucumbers (Canadian) are also very plentiful, selling at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per 11-quart basket. Apples-Spys, \$5 to \$5.50 per barrel; Ben Pavis, \$2.75 to \$3 per barrel: Baldwins, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel; bananus, \$1.75 to \$2 per bunch; grape-fruit, $S2.75_{r_{c}4}$ to \$3.50 per case; lemons, Messina, S2.75 to \$3 per case; California, 83.25 to \$3.50 per case; oranges, \$3 to \$3.75 per case; strawberries, Louisiana, 15c. to 16c. for pints; 30c. to 35c. for quarts; beets, 40c. to 50c. per bag new, 85c. to \$1 per dozen bunches; cabhages, new (imported), \$3.50 to \$4 per case, old, \$1.75 to \$2 per barrel; celery, Florida, \$2 to \$2.25 per case; being \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Gossip.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE AYLMER SCALE. The prices quoted on 4-ton and 5-ton scales, in the advertisement of Aylmer Scales in this issue, do not include plank flooring nor freight.

Volume 37 of the Clydesdale Horse Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland has been issued from the press, containing pedigrees of mares having produce previous to September 30, 1914, and of stallions foaled before January 1, 1915. The figures for the export trade are: For 1914, 253; for 1913, 837; for 1912, 1,348; for 1911, 1,617.

Trade Topic.

The Standard Tube and Fence Co., Ltd., of Woodstock, Ont., have, we understand, received the contract for the entire requirements of the Canadian Pacific Railway for woven - wire fences. This means miles and miles of wire from this firm.