

MARKETS.

TORONTO.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets last week were large—301 loads, all told, composed of 5,044 cattle, 5,500 hogs, 4,461 sheep and lambs, 234 calves, and 18 horses. The quality of cattle at the Union Stockyards was far from being good, generally; but at the City it was far worse, some of the worst specimens ever seen being on sale. Trade was fair for the best in all classes, but very slow for the common and inferior cattle, with prices the lowest of the year thus far. There was a drop of 20c. to 40c. per cwt. in nearly every class of cattle.

Monday's receipts at the Junction were: Cattle, 1,342, including a few good ones; trade slow. Exporters, \$4 to \$4.75; bulls, \$3 to \$4.60; prime picked butchers', \$4.50 to \$4.75; loads of good ones, \$4.25 to \$4.40; medium, \$3.50 to \$4; common, \$2.75 to \$3.25; cows, \$2.50 to \$4; canners, \$1 to \$2; feeders, unchanged; milk cows, \$30 to \$48; calves, \$3 to \$6 per cwt. Sheep, \$4.40 to \$4.50. Hogs, select, \$6.25; light, unfinished hogs, \$5 to \$5.25.

Exporters.—Prices last week ranged from \$4.15 to \$4.75, the bulk selling around \$4.50 to \$4.60; export bulls sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Butchers'.—Prime picked lots sold at \$4.75 to \$4.95; loads of good, \$4.25 to \$4.60; medium, \$3.75 to \$4.15; common, \$3.25 to \$3.60; cows, \$2.50 to \$4; canners, 75c. to \$2 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders.—There was a fair demand for stockers and feeders of good quality, but common, ill-bred cattle were slow of sale. Short-keep feeders of select quality, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs., each sold at \$4 per cwt.; steers, 950 to 1,050 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.60; good-quality stockers, 700 to 800 lbs., sold at \$2.50 to \$3; light common stockers, 500 to 600 lbs., sold at \$1.50 to \$2.25 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—There was a fair demand for all good to choice cows, which are very scarce, at prices about the same as a week ago. One or two cows sold at \$55 each, but the bulk of the good sold at \$40 to \$45; while medium were slow sale at \$30 to \$35. Inferior light cows were almost unsalable at \$20 to \$30 each.

Veal Calves.—There was no change in the calf market. Prices are still quoted at \$3 to \$6.50 per cwt., with properly-fet, new-milk calves at \$7 per cwt.; the bulk of the offerings selling at \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Market steady; prices unchanged. Export sheep, \$4.25 to \$4.40; rams, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; lambs, \$4.25 to \$5.60 per cwt.; yearlings, for butcher purposes, sold at \$5 per cwt.

Hogs.—Prices have again advanced to \$6.25 per cwt. for select, fed and watered; all light and coarse, unfinished hogs, \$5 to \$5.25 per cwt.

Horses.—Burns & Sheppard, of the Repository, report little change in the horse market. The high prices of hay and oats prevent many from buying who otherwise would, and causing farmers and many others to sell all horses they can possibly spare for the same reason, therefore common and inferior horses are plentiful and cheap. Prices are reported about the same as the last quotations: Heavy workers, \$125 to \$180; medium-quality heavy-weights, \$80 to \$100; second-class drivers and saddle horses, \$60 to \$100; express horses, \$100 to \$160; chunks, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs., \$120 to \$175.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white winter, \$1.07 bid, outside; No. 2 red, \$1.07 bid, outside; No. 2, mixed, \$1.06 bid; No. 2 Goose, 95c. bid; Manitoba wheat, No. 2 Northern, \$1.21 bid, lake ports.

Rye.—No. 2, 81c. bid.

Peas.—No. 2, sales at 89c.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow, sellers, 75c., at Toronto.

Oats.—No. 2 white, 57c. bid, outside. Buckwheat.—65c. bid.

Bran.—\$25 bid, at Toronto, in bulk.

Shorts.—\$26, at Toronto, in bulk.

Flour.—Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$4.25; Manitoba patent, special brand, \$6.20; second patent, \$5.60; strong butchers', \$5.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Scarce; receipts not equal to demand. Prices firmer. Creamery, pound rolls, 29c. to 30c.; dairy, pound rolls, 27c. to 28c.; creamery, boxes, 27c. to 28c.; dairy, tubs, 24c. to 25c. Eggs.—New-laid, scarce and firmer, 28c. to 30c.; cold-storage, 24c.

Cheese.—Market firm; deliveries light; large, 13c.; twins, 13c.

Honey.—Market firm; extracted, 12c. to 13c.; combs, dozen sections, \$2.75 to \$3.

Poultry.—M. P. Mallon reports receipts heavy, but quality poor, with prices easier. Prices, alive, are as follows: Turkeys, young birds, 14c. per lb.; geese, 8c. to 10c.; ducks, 8c. to 9c.; chickens, 7c. to 8c.; fowl, 6c. to 7c. Dressed weight: Turkeys, 17c. to 20c.; geese, 11c. to 12c.; ducks, 10c. to 12c.; chickens, 10c. to 12c.; fowl, 9c. to 10c.

Potatoes.—Farmers' loads, 75c. to 80c. per bag. Car lots of Ontarios and New Brunswick Delawares, 70c. to 75c. per bag, on track, at Toronto.

Hay.—Receipts of baled hay light; market firmer at \$17 to \$18 per ton for car lots, on track, at Toronto.

Straw.—Baled straw scarce; car lots, on track, at Toronto, \$10 to \$11 per ton.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Prices are quoted as follows by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front St., Toronto: Inspected hides, No. 1 cows and steers, 7c.; inspected hides, No. 2 cows and steers, 6c.; country hides, 6c. to 7c.; calf skins, No. 1, city, 12c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 10c. to 11c.; horse hides, No. 1, each, \$2.75 to \$3; horse hair, 30c.; tallow, 5c. to 6c.; wool, unwashed, 12c. to 13c.; washed, 22c. to 23c.; rejections, 16c.; lamb skins, 65c. to 75c.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts of fruit on the wholesale market continue fairly large, especially grapes. Prices last week were as follows: Grapes, per basket, 20c. to 30c.; peaches, white, 70c. to \$1; choice peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.75; pears, 50c. to 90c.; apples, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.; tomatoes, 20c. to 30c.; crab apples, 25c. to 35c.; gherkins, \$1.25 per basket.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The William Rennie Seed Co. reported the seed market a little slow last week, as follows: Alsike, No. 1, per bushel, \$8.60 to \$9; No. 2, \$7.50 to \$8.

CHEESE BOARD PRICES.

Kingston, Ont., 12c. Madoc, Ont., 12 1/2c. to 12c. bid; no sales. Tweed, Ont., 12c. bid; no sales. Napanee, Ont., 12c. Ottawa, Ont., 12c. for white, and 12 3/4c. for colored. Huntingdon, Que.—White cheese, 12c. to 12 1/2c.; colored cheese, 12c.; salted butter, 28c., bidding keen. London, Ont., 12c. to 12 1/2c. bid; no sales. Brockville, Ont., 12c. bid for colored, and 12c. for white; no sales on board. St. Hyacinthe, Que.—White cheese, 12c.; colored, 12c.; butter, 28c. Russell, Ont., 12c. Cowansville, Que.—No cheese sold; butter, 28 1/2c., 28c., 28c., and 28c. Watertown, N. Y.—Cheese, 15c. Alexandria, Ont., 12c. Belleville, Ont., 12c. to 12 1/2c. Picton, Ont., 12c. Chicago, Ill.—Creamery butter, 23c. to 27c.; dairies, 21c. to 25c.; cheese, 15c. to 15 1/2c.

CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$5.25 to \$7.45; cows, \$3.30 to \$5; heifers, \$3 to \$5.75; bulls, \$2.60 to \$5; calves, \$4 to \$8.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.40 to \$5.

Hogs.—Choice heavy shipping, \$6.60 to \$6.75; light butchers', \$6.60 to \$6.85; light, mixed, \$6.50 to \$6.70; choice light, \$6.60 to \$6.75; packing, \$6 to \$6.60; pigs, \$5 to \$6.25; bulk of sales, \$6.40 to \$6.65.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$3.50 to \$6.25; lambs, \$5.75 to \$7.30; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$5.65.

BUFFALO.

Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$7 to \$7.20; Yorkers, \$6.60 to \$7, a few, \$7.05; pigs, \$6.30 to \$6.40; roughs, \$6 to \$6.25; dairies, \$6.25 to \$6.90.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$7.25; yearlings, \$5.75 to \$6; wethers, \$5.50 to \$5.75; ewes, \$5 to \$5.50; sheep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$5.50; Canada lambs, \$7 to \$7.10.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Offerings of cattle were large last week. Those coming forward are mostly unfinished; very few choice animals offering owing to the cost of feed. Choice cattle were sold last week at 4c. to 5c. per lb.; fine, 4c. to 4 1/2c.; good, 4c. to 4 1/2c.; medium, 3c. to 4c.; common, 2c. to 3c., and canners, down to 1c. per lb. The supply of sheep and lambs was lighter last week than the week before, and the market a shade firmer. Demand was good, both for local and export trade, sheep being 4c. to 4 1/2c. per lb., and lambs, 5c. to 6c. per lb. The offering of calves was fair; common selling around \$4 to \$7 each, and best from \$8 to \$15. The hog market was firmer in sympathy with advances from the other side, but prices showed no change, being 6c. to 6 1/2c. per lb. for selects, weighed off cars.

Horses.—Dealers report a fair demand from out-of-town sources for horses. It would seem that horses, weighing from 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., are in fair demand, these being the kind taken by lumbermen and railway contractors. There are very few choice horses offering, but quite a few common animals have come in of late. Heavy-draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275; blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express horses, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75 each, and choice saddle and carriage animals, \$800 to \$500 each.

Provisions and Dressed Hogs.—Trade fairly good at 9c. to 9 1/2c. per lb. for choicest fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed stock. Hams are firm at 12c. per lb. for hams weighing 25 lbs. and upwards; 13c. per lb. for those weighing 18 to 25 lbs.; 14c. for 12- to 18-lb. weights, and 14 1/2c. for 8- to 12-lb. weights. Bacon, also, is fairly active, and prices are steady to firm at 11c. per lb. for green bacon, boneless; 10c. for flanks, bone in; 10c. for long clear heavy, and 11c. for long clear light, and 12c. to 15c. for choicest smoked.

Potatoes.—It is said that it would have paid some of the New Brunswick people better if their potatoes had not been taken out of the ground at all this year. Some shippers have had to pay more freight and costs than the potatoes realized. A car of Green Mountains sold here at about 10c. per bag. The market has since improved. Quebec white stock is now costing about 60c. to 63c. per 90 lbs., on track, in carloads. This is selling to grocers, carting away from cars, at about 70c., and is being delivered into store in a small way for 75c. to 80c. per bag of 90 lbs. Reds are scarce and in good demand at a fraction below above prices.

Eggs.—Merchants are in a quandary as to this market. It was thought that if prices went higher, it would be possible to import eggs from the U. S., but this seems to be a fallacy. Duty on the latter would be 3c. per doz., and freight 1c. from New York. Meantime, dealers have been paying fully 22c. per dozen in the country, west, and 22 1/2c. at near-by points. These are being sold here at 23c. for No. 1 candled, and 24c. for straight receipts, selects bringing 26c. and over.

Butter.—This market has been excited for some time past, and week by week prices register further advances. Last week, prices in the country took a further jump, and 28c. to 28 1/2c. was paid in the Townships for fresh creamery. Some claimed that the higher figure was the result of personal feeling, but no one predicts that the stock will be obtained later on at lower prices. Notwithstanding predictions that Australian butter could be imported, should higher prices result here, now that the advance has taken place it is stated that Australians cannot yet be brought in. They would cost, at least, 28c. here, and would not sell at nearly so much as Canadians. Sales of held butter are being made at 28c. here, but dealers say they are not going to accept that figure any more, as they could not replace the stock at that price. For freshest makes, they are demanding 28 1/2c. to 29c. This is in 50-package lots. Export to England for week ending Oct. 12th amounted to 1,000 packages.

Cheese.—This market has shared in the strength of the butter market. Demand from England is good. It is unlikely that there will be any lower prices this season. Dealers are demanding 13c.

per lb. for Quebec cheese, 13c. to 13 1/2c. for Townships, and 13 1/2c. to 13 3/4c. for Ontarios.

Grain.—Oats have been on the easy side during the past week, and prices have registered a slight decline. Locally, only Quebec and Ontario oats are being dealt in to any extent, prices being 57c. per bushel for No. 3 Quebecs, and 58c. for No. 2, Ontarios being possibly 1c. more, and Manitobas, 2c. or 3c. over Ontarios. There is also a good demand for peas, for export, and bids have been received which have justified exporters in bidding on a basis of 94c. and probably 95c. for No. 2 peas, Montreal. Wheat has not been in such active request, but there has been a fair demand, and equal to \$1.32, c. i. f., London, has been refused for December and January shipment.

Flour and Feed.—The market was firm last week; prices \$5.50 to \$7.50 per bbl., in bags, for Manitoba strong bakers', or second patents, and \$6.10 to \$6.30 for first patents. Ontario winter wheat patent was \$6, and straight rollers, \$5.75. Millfeed is as strong and as scarce as ever, and prices are firm at \$23 per ton for Manitoba bran, in bags, and \$25 to \$28 for shorts, Ontario bran being \$24 to \$25, and shorts, \$25 to \$26.

Hay.—Market continues very firm and rather higher prices are quoted. Purchases, for delivery in the course of a few weeks, may be made here at \$16.50 to \$17 per ton for No. 1 timothy, \$15.50 to \$16 for No. 2, and \$14.50 to \$15 for clover mixture. Some ask 50c. more, while, for spot goods, yet higher must be paid. There is little export, though dealers say that the Glasgow market is now getting into shape. Heavier deliveries are expected shortly.

Hides.—Dealers paying 6c., 7c. and 8c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1 hides, and selling to tanners at 4c. more; 8c. for No. 2 calf skins, and 10c. for No. 1; 75c. to 80c. each for sheep skins. Horse hides are \$1.75 each for No. 2, and \$2.25 for No. 1; tallow being 1c. to 3 1/2c. per lb. for rough, and 6c. to 6 1/2c. for refined.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—London cables, 10c. to 12c. per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 10c. to 10 1/2c. per lb.

At the Perth, Scotland, combination sale of Clydesdale mares last month, the fifteen head contributed by Mr. J. Ernest Kerr made an average of £149 17s. (\$755). The highest price, 345 guineas (\$1,810), was paid for the four-year-old unbeaten prizewinning mare, Veronique, by Mr. Stewart, Crieff. The three from the Bullion stud of Mr. Robertson averaged £107, and one from Pillandie made £199. The 74 sold made an average of \$415. Three choice mares of Mr. Kerr's offering were purchased for Mr. T. B. Macaulay, of Montreal.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

Oct. 24th.—H. J. Spencely, Box Grove, Ont., Clydesdales and Hackneys.
Oct. 30th.—At Woodstock, Ont., J. R. Johnson, Springfield, Ont., 40 imported Clydesdales.
Oct. 30th.—Estate of I. Devitt & Son, Freeman, Ont., Clydesdales and Short-horns.
Oct. 31st.—F. & N. Howe, Crampton, Ont., Holsteins.
Nov. 6th.—Dalgaty Bros., imported Clydesdale mares, at London.
Nov. 7th.—R. Moore & Sons, Nottingham, Eng., imported Shires, at London, Ont.
Jan. 6th, 1908.—Estate of Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton, Ont., Shorthorns and grades.

At an auction sale by the Woods Investment Company, at South Omaha, Nebraska, on Oct. 2nd, a consignment of 38 head of Shorthorn cattle, most of which were purchased in Canada a few months ago, the average realized for the entire number was \$230. Six bulls sold for an average of \$393. The highest price, \$1,050, was secured for the roan yearling Matchless bull, The Dreamer, bred by J. A. Watt, Salem, Ont., and sired by Mildred's Royal, taken by G. H. White, of Iowa. The highest price for a female was \$385, for Imp. Bessy 15th. The roan two-year-old bull, Heatherman, bred by H. Cargill & Son, Cargill, Ont., sold for \$500.