

all round with a few Christmas cattle bringing higher prices.

Export Cattle.—Choice lots of these sold at \$4.50 to \$4.80, and light ones at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Heavy export bulls sold at \$3.80 to \$4.35, and light ones at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Butcher's Cattle.—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters but not so heavy, sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Good cattle at \$3.70 to \$3.85; medium at \$3.35 to \$3.50; common at \$3 to \$3.20, and inferior \$2.60 to \$2.80 per cwt.

Feeders.—Choice well-bred steers, weighing 1,050 to 1,200 lbs. each, were scarce with prices firm at \$3.75 to \$3.85 and \$4 for short-keepers. Rough steers of the same weights were more plentiful and sold at \$3.40 to \$3.60 per cwt. Light steers, weighing 800 to 900 lbs. each, sold at \$3.20 to \$3.40 per cwt. Feeding bulls for the byres sold at \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Stockers.—Supplies of Canadian stockers at Buffalo have been smaller of late and the market has ruled stronger and higher. At Toronto market on Friday yearling steers, weighing 500 to 600 lbs. each, were easy at \$2.60 to \$2.75, while heifers and black and white steers of the same weight sold at \$2 to \$2.60 per cwt.

Milk Cows.—The cows offered on Friday were generally of fair quality. Prices were firm and ranged from \$30 to \$50 each.

Calves.—Receipts have been light at Buffalo during the week and values rule high, there not being enough coming forward to overstock the market. At this season of the year there is a usual decline, but this season, on account of light offerings, a good demand exists. Prices at Toronto market on Friday ranged from \$4 to \$10 each.

Sheep and Lambs.

Erick Bros., live stock commission, East Buffalo, in their weekly market circular, have this to say in regard to Canadian lambs:

"On Monday the good to choice lambs sold at \$5.40 to \$5.50, with the bucky and coarse lambs at \$5.25 to \$5.30; since then values have strengthened fully 10 to 15 cents a hundred and to-day the bulk of the good Canadas sold at \$5.65. The buck lambs are strong at \$5 to \$5.25 and the feeling at the close was firm with a good clearance affected. There has been a good export demand for heavy lambs, but now that the weather has turned cool the trade will want the lambs a little heavier here, and I believe that shippers will not make any mistake by shipping their lambs to the market.

As far as the future is concerned, would say that the outlook is favorable; within the next two or three weeks I think the bulk of the Canada lambs will be marketed and from that period on we will have higher prices."

At Toronto market on Friday prices were easier for lambs at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. with a few choice export ewes and wethers selling at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Prices for sheep are firm at \$3 to \$3.25 for ewes and \$2.50 per cwt. for bucks. Butcher's sheep bring \$2 to \$3 each.

Hogs.

The deliveries were heavy on Friday with prices firmer. Best select bacon hogs, weighing not less than 160 nor more than 200 lbs. each, unfed and unmatured (off cars) sold at \$4.37½, an advance of 12½ cents over last week's quotations, and thick and light fats at \$4 per cwt. Unculled car lots sold at \$4.20 to \$4.25 and Essex and Kent hogs at \$4 per cwt. Too many thick fat hogs are coming forward. The leading grades of hogs sold at Chicago during the week at \$3.90 to \$4.17½ per cwt. At Montreal packers are paying \$4.25 for all light average hogs. The *Trade Bulletin's* London cable of December 7th re Canadian bacon reads thus:

"The market for Canadian bacon is firmer and is higher, and at the improved value there is a good demand. Pea-fed lean sides 39 to 42½."

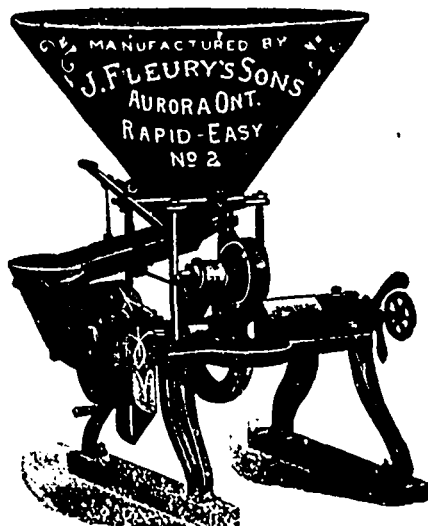
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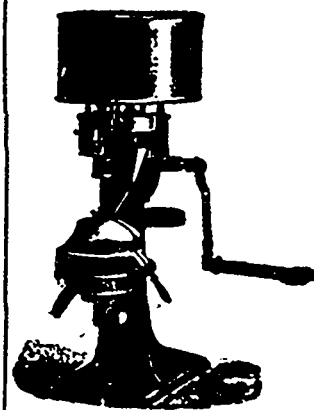
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