

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, June 7—We had again an overcrowded market here to-day, and prices were considerably off. The export demand was only moderate, as drovers are holding out for higher prices than the condition of the British markets justifies shippers in buying at, and export stuff was off from 15 to 30c per cwt. The market was a dull one: when trade is brisk the market is often sold out by 11 o'clock, but to-day it was close on that hour before anything was put on the scales, and there seemed no spirit in the trade. Butchers' cattle were also weaker and for anything but the best a decline of 25 to 50c per cwt. was general. During the recent hot spell butchers almost ceased to sell any meat, and now they are buying with extreme caution, and barely enough for immediate and certain requirements. We had all told quite 70 loads of stuff, including nearly 1,500 hogs, 165 lambs and sheep, and about 50 calves. Had there been a heavier run, prices would have made a bad break; as it was they weakened all around, and while it is inadvisable to say anything about trade prospects it is certain that prices are being paid in the country, which the quotations not only now prevailing, but likely to prevail, apparently for some time, will not at all justify.

Export cattle—All the regular shippers were on the market and were purchasing, but trade dragged all the while and 5c was the best price given, and it had to be uncommon good stuff to bring that. Among the sales were these: A couple of loads, averaging 1,225 lbs, sold at 4 1/2c per pound; a lot of 11, averaging 1,186 lbs sold at 4 1/2c per pound; a lot of 18, aggregating 19,330 lbs, sold at \$4.45 per cwt.; a load averaging 1,100 lbs sold at \$4.50 per cwt.; a load averaging 1,050 lbs sold at \$4 per cwt.; a load of 20 averaging 1,260 lbs sold at 4 1/2c per lb; a load of 23, averaging 1,200 sold at 4 1/2c per lb; and a load of 21, averaging 1,800 lbs sold at 4 1/2c per lb.

Butchers' cattle—The supply was small, but the demand was light, and while choice cattle could sell at 4c, there was not much that fetched this figure. Among the sales are these: A load, averaging 1,000 lbs sold at 4c; 19 averaging 1,000 sold at \$4.10 per cwt.; 23 averaging 1,070 lbs sold at \$4.40 per cwt.; a lot of 8, aggregating 7,800 lbs, at 3 1/2c per lb; a small lot of cows and heifers averaging 1,000 lbs, at 3c per lb; 5 averaging 1,080 lbs, at \$45 each; one load averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 4c and \$5 off.

Some of the cattle sold here to-day have been over a week in these yards.

Sheep and lambs—Spring lambs were in light supply, and 50 or 60 more would have found a ready sale. Good lambs were worth from \$4 to \$4.75 each. A bunch of 30 sold at \$4.50 each. Butchers' sheep are worth from \$3 to \$4 each. Export sheep are wanted at from \$3.50 to \$4.50 each. All the lambs and sheep sold.

Milkers are unchanged and in fair demand. Little doing in stockers, which are nominal at from 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c per lb.

Hogs—Prices were a shade weaker to-day. The top figure was \$4.60 for hogs weighed off cars, and \$4.50 was about the average. Fat brought \$4.40, stores \$4.40 to \$4.50 per cwt. Of course these are top prices, and grade down as to quality. All grades will sell, but prospects are for weak or for lower prices.

East Buffalo, June 7—Receipts of sale cattle were only four cars and two held over, the market was quiet, but a stronger tone prevailed. Hogs—On sale 7,500 head; the market was stronger, with a fairly good demand for good weight and quality Yorkers and feeders, and the close was firm; mediums, heavy and choice Yorkers brought \$4.50 to \$4.80; mixed packers, \$4.60 to \$4.65; roughs, \$3.90 to \$4.20; pigs, \$4.25 to \$4.35. Sheep and lambs—Offerings were 3,800 head; the market was very dull and slow again, and the volume of trade was very light; top wethers sold at \$4 to \$4.35; fair to good mixed sheep \$3 to \$3.50; common to fair \$2.75 to \$3.25; fancy yearlings \$4.50 to \$4.75; fair to good, \$3.75 to \$4; spring lambs, \$4 to \$6.

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