

Rye, according to freights outside, No. 2, \$1.40 to \$1.42.

American corn (track, Toronto), No. 3, yellow, \$1.14, subject to embargo.

Flour.—Ontario winter wheat, \$7.10 to \$7.20, in bags, track, Toronto. Manitoba flour, first patents, in jute bags, \$9.50; second patents, \$9; strong bakers', \$8.60.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay, extra No. 2, per ton, \$12 to \$12.50; mixed, per ton, \$9 to \$11.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$9.

Brans.—Per ton, \$35; shorts, \$41; feed flour, per bag, \$2.70 to \$2.80.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter remained stationary in price on the wholesales during the past week. Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, selling at 44c. to 46c. per lb.; creamery solids, 40c. to 41c. per lb.; dairy, 33c. to 34c. per lb.; separator dairy, 38c. to 40c. per lb.

Eggs.—Eggs also remained unchanged on the wholesales, selling as follows: New laid in cartons, 55c. per dozen; new-laid in case lots selling at 53c. to 54c. per doz.; cold storage selects, 45c. per dozen, and fresh case lots, 42c. per dozen.

Beans.—Hand-picked, \$6 per bushel; prime white, \$5.40 per bushel; Lima, 10c. per lb.

Cheese.—June, per lb., 26c.; twins, 26½c.

Honey.—6 lb.-tins selling at 12c. per lb.; glass jars, \$1 to \$2 per dozen; combs, \$2.50 to \$3 per dozen.

Poultry.—Live-weight prices, chickens, 18c. per lb.; ducks, 15c. per lb.; turkeys, 25c. per lb.; fowl, 4 lbs. and over, 18c. per lb.; fowl, under 4 lbs., 16c. per lb.; squabs, dressed, \$3.50 to \$4 per dozen.

Hides and Skins.

City hides, flat, 20c.; country hides, cured, 20c.; country hides, part cured, 18c.; country hides, green, 17½c.; calf skins, 25c.; kip skins, 20c.; sheep skins, city, \$2.50 to \$3.50; sheep skins, country, \$1.50 to \$3; lamb skins and pelts, \$1.50 to \$2; horse hair, per lb., 38c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$7 to \$8; No. 2, \$6 to \$7; wool, washed, 44c. to 47c. per lb.; wool, rejections, 35c. to 38c. per lb.; wool, unwashed, 34c. to 37c.; tallow, No. 1, cake, per lb., 9c. to 10c.; tallow, solids, 8c. to 9c. per lb.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Both fruits and vegetables showed a firming tendency during the past week, as the old vegetables are becoming scarce, and heavy frosts in the Southern States, Florida especially, seriously affected both fruits and vegetables.

Navel oranges advanced slightly and were quite firm at \$3 to \$3.50 per case, and still higher prices are expected. The Floridas also went up, selling at \$3.50 to \$4 per case, and are expected to go to \$4.25 the beginning of the week.

Tangerines have been rather scarce and now bring \$3 per case.

Grapefruit, like the other fruits, also advanced, the Florida variety selling at \$4 to \$4.50 per case; Porto Rico at \$3 to \$3.75 per case; Cuban, \$3 to \$4 per case.

Pineapples have been especially scarce, the Porto Ricos selling at \$5 to \$5.50 per case, and Cubans at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per case.

Outside grown Florida tomatoes are now coming in, but will not be plentiful this season, as they are seriously affected by the frosts, the first car lot for this year selling at \$5.50 to \$6 per six-basket crate (about 40 lbs.).

Hot-house tomatoes have only been shipped in very lightly, No. 1's selling at 25c. to 30c. per lb., and No. 2's at 20c. to 25c. per lb.

New Brunswick Delaware potatoes are still climbing; now selling at \$2.25 to \$2.35 per bag; Ontarios going at \$3.

All old vegetables have been firmer in price. Carrots selling at \$1.75 to \$1.85 per bag; beets, \$2 per bag; parsnips, \$2 to \$2.25 per bag; turnips, at 85c. per bag.

New cabbage came in during the week, selling at \$4 per hamper and \$7 per crate. The small quantity of old going at \$5 per bbl.

Both California and Florida celery have been received; the California selling at \$7.50, \$8 and \$8.50 per case; the Florida selling at \$4.50 per case.

Montreal.

Considerable difficulty now exists in getting supplies of cattle and other live stock to the market. To begin with, is the impassable condition of some of the country roads; after this comes

the shortage of cars and rolling stock and finally difficulties in connection with the haulage and operation of trains. As a consequence offerings have been light and the tone of the market has been firm. Cattle were higher last week than at any other time, quality for quality, save before Christmas and similar periods. Choice steers were practically unobtainable but good quality may be had and holders were demanding as high as 10½c. to 10¾c. per lb., while even the lower grades would bring 8½c. to 9¼c. per lb. Butchers' cows sold at 7¼c. to 8½c. per lb., and bulls at 8¼c. to 9½c. per lb. Sheep and lambs were also very scarce and dear. Lambs were selling as high as 13¼c. to 14¼c. per lb., while sheep ranged from 9c. to 9¾c. per lb. Calves are becoming scarcer every day and the quality of the stock has not been very good. Prices ranged from 6c. to 8½c. per lb., for ordinary stock. Hogs were also very firm and deliveries were light; select hogs were selling at 14½c. to 15¼c. per lb., weighed off cars.

Horses.—The recent snow storms seem to have culminated in a slightly better demand for horses, this being due largely to requirements for cartage purposes. The market showed little or no change in price, being \$200 to \$250 each for heavy draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs.; light draft, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each; small horses \$100 to \$125 each and culls \$50 to \$75 each. Choice saddle and carriage horses were \$200 to \$275 each.

Poultry.—Offerings of poultry were also being affected to a considerable extent by the difficulties in making deliveries. Demand continued good. Choice turkeys were selling as high as 31c. per lb., with ordinary ranging about 5c. less. Chickens were firm at 20c. to 25c. per lb., and fowl at 15c. to 20c., covering all qualities. Ducks, when obtainable, were about the same price as chickens, and geese were about 4c. less.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs were very firm, in sympathy with the market for live and prices about ¼c. higher than the week previous. Fresh-killed abattoir hogs were quoted at 21½c. per lb., while country dressed hogs were 20½c. per lb. for light weights and 19c. to 20c. per lb. for heavies.

Potatoes.—Prices continued to advance, the difficulty in obtaining stock being greater than ever. Prices were 25c. per bag, higher than for the week previous, being \$3.25 for Green Mountains per 80 lbs., ex-store, while Quebecs were \$2.75 to \$3.00 in a wholesale way.

Maple Syrup and Honey.—Demand for honey was light and prices were about steady, at 15c. for white clover comb, 12½c. for white extracted and brown clover comb, and 10½c. for brown extracted, with 9c. for buckwheat honey. Maple syrup was very quiet, prices being 95c. each for 8-lb. tins, \$1.10 for 10-lb. tins and \$1.25 to \$1.50 for 13-lb. tins.

Eggs.—The market holds very firm and, as in the case of other products, deliveries were light. New laid were quoted at 60c., fall fresh, 55c. to 58c., No. 1 selected, 48c., No. 1 candled, 45c. and No. 2 candled, 38c. to 40c.

Butter.—The market for creamery was quite firm and prices were fractionally higher, 42½c. to 43c. per lb. for finest fall made and ¼c. to 1c. less for fine quality. Winter grades were to be had at 40½c. to 41c. per lb. for dressed and 39c. to 40c. per lb. for undergrades. Dairy butter ranged from 36c. to 38c. per lb.

Cheese.—The market was quite firm and moderately active. Finest Western was quoted at 26c. to 26½c. per lb., finest Eastern at 25c. to 25½c. per lb., and winter-made 22c. to 24c. per lb.

Grain.—The market for oats was firm, deliveries being exceedingly light. No. 3 Canadian Western oats sold up to 72c. and 73c. per bushel, while No. 1 feed was 71c. and No. 2 feed 70c. per bushel, ex-store.

Flour.—No change took place in this market. Manitoba first patents were quoted at \$9.60 per barrel, in bags, seconds being \$9.10 and strong bakers', \$8.90. Ontario 90% patents were \$8.50 to \$8.80 per barrel, in wood, and \$4.10 to \$4.25 per bag.

Mill Feed.—Demand was brisk and prices firm at \$33 to \$34 per ton for mixed cars of bran; \$36 to \$38 for shorts; \$38.00 to \$40 for middlings; mixed mouille \$43, and pure grain mouille \$45 to \$48 per ton, including bags.

Baled Hay.—The price of this product held steady at \$13 per ton for No. 2, car loads ex-track; \$11.50 for No. 3 and \$10.50 for clover mixed.

Hides.—The market for hides was very steady the past week. No changes took place in price. Beef hides were quoted at 25c., 24c. and 23c. per lb., for No's. 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Calf skins were 38c. and 36c. for No's. 1 and 2 respectively, per lb. Lamb skins were steady at \$3.90 each, while horse hides were unchanged at \$7.50 each. Tallow was being dealt in at 3c. to 5c. per lb. for rough and 8c. to 9c. per lb. for rendered.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Buffalo made a new market for shipping cattle last week, when \$12.10 was paid for a load of Ohio steers, of fairly good finish, averaging 1,330 lbs., being taken on order from Boston. Never within the history of the market—since the Civil War, more than half a century ago—have live stock prices been as high on the Buffalo market. Steers of the medium kind, running from \$10.50 to \$11 are about as high as any class of cattle. Handy butchering steers are selling up to \$10.50 to \$11, and this price would be exceeded for anything real prime in the yearling line. All classes of fat cows and heifers sold higher, fat cows ranging up to \$8.50, with fancy fat heifers up to \$10 to \$11. Medium kinds of cows, running from \$6.00 to \$7, however sold to better advantage. Cannery and cutters sold full strong. The general market on fat cattle was a quarter above the week before, which showed an advance. Very few stockers and feeding cattle coming, these selling high, along with bulls, which are ranging up to \$8.50 to \$9.25. Milk cows and springers were selling strong again. All classes of cattle find ready sale. More Canadians than are coming could be disposed of to good advantage. Receipts for the past week totaled 2,750 head, as against 3,500 for the preceding week and 5,300 head for the corresponding week last year. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$11.25 to \$12.10; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11; plain, \$10 to \$10.25; very coarse and common, \$9.50 to \$9.75; best heavy Canadians, \$10.75 to \$11; fair to good, \$9.75 to \$10.50; common and plain, \$9 to \$9.50.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$10.75 to \$11.50; fair to good, \$9.75 to \$10.50; best handy, \$10.25 to \$10.60; fair to good, \$9.50 to \$10; light and common, \$8 to \$9; yearlings, prime, \$11 to \$11.50; fair to good, \$10 to \$10.75.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$9 to \$9.75; best butchering heifers, \$8.50 to \$9; fair butchering heifers, \$7.75 to \$8.25; light and common, \$6.50 to \$7.50; best heavy fat cows, \$7.50 to \$8.50; good butchering cows, \$6.75 to \$7.25; medium to fair, \$5.75 to \$6.50; cutters, \$5.25 to \$5.50; canners, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$8.50 to \$9.25; good butchering, \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$7.50 to \$8; common to fair, \$6.25 to \$7; best stockers, \$7 to \$7.50; common to good, \$6 to \$7.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small loads, \$9.00 to \$11.00; in car lots, \$75.00 to \$85.00; medium to fair, in small lots, \$60.00 to \$70.00; in car loads, \$55.00 to \$60.00 common, \$40.00 to \$50.00.

Hogs.—Prices were on the decline last week. Monday, when there was a drop of 15 cents to 20 cents, top was \$13.20 and other sales ranged from \$13.00 to \$13.15, bulk going at \$13.10. Tuesday nothing sold above \$13.15, with bulk landing at \$13.00 and \$13.10. Wednesday a further decline of 10 cents to 20 cents was noted on the better grades and Thursday top was \$13.05, bulk sold at \$13.00 and Yorkers ranged on down to \$12.90. Friday prices were still lower and while a few decks brought \$13.00, general range was from \$12.75 to \$12.90. The first two days of last week pigs sold at \$11.50 and \$11.75 and the next three days they ranged from \$11 to \$11.50, as to weight. Roughts the fore part of the week sold mostly at \$12.25, and during the low time they landed at \$12.00, with stags \$10.50 down. Receipts last week were 27,300 head, as against 15,497 head for the week before and 40,700 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and lambs.—Buffalo continued to make new American records for sheep,

yearlings and lambs last week. Monday top lambs sold at \$15.50 and \$15.60 and Wednesday and Thursday three loads made \$15.65. Cull lambs brought up to \$14.75, yearling wethers sold up to \$14.50, wether sheep in full car lots scored \$12.60 and ewes in small bunches sold up to \$12.00 for the past week receipts were 14,200 head, as against 10,313 head for the week before and 20,500 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Prices were held to a high level again. Demand was good and market was little changed from day to day. Tops sold from \$15.50 to \$16.00, latter price taking the bulk, medium or fair fleshed grades sold from \$13.50 to \$15.00 and culls went from \$13.00 down. Receipts last week reached around 1,950 head, as compared with 1,272 head for the week previous and 2,575 head for the same week a year ago.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beefes, \$7.85 to \$12; stockers and feeders, \$6.25 to \$9.20; cows and heifers, \$5.20 to \$10.40; calves, \$9.75 to \$14.

Hogs.—Five cents to 10 cents higher; light, \$11.65 to \$12.35; mixed, \$12.05 to \$12.50; heavy, \$12 to \$12.50; rough, \$12 to \$12.15; pigs, \$9.40 to \$10.75. Sheep.—Lambs, native, \$12.40 to \$14.75.

Cheese Markets.

Montreal, finest westerns, 26c. to 26½c.; finest easterns, 25c. to 25½c. New York, specials, 26c.; average fancy, 25½c. to 25¾c.

Gossip.

Coming Events.

Feb. 28 to March 2.—Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Ontario, Toronto.

The fire in the plant of the Chapman Engine & Mfg. Co., Ltd., Dundas, on February 4, was not so serious as was thought. The stock of finished goods was unharmed.

If you are interested in Holstein-Friesian cattle, you should read the advertisement of W. B. Poole, in this issue. At his auction sale on March 14 he will sell 22 females, 7 bulls, of serviceable age, and a few bull calves.

It was expected that catalogues of the Clydesdale sale, to be held by Wm. Dunlop, Ayr, Scotland, on March 6, would reach this office in good time for early distribution. However, they have failed to arrive, for reasons which we cannot explain, and hence we are unable to satisfy enquirers in this regard.

We wish to draw the attention of those who are following the advertisement of the Ontario Provincial Sale of Pure-bred Cattle, which has been running in this paper, to the fact that the sale will commence at 12.30, instead of at one o'clock, as advertised. Get catalogues and further particulars from J. M. Duff, Secretary, Guelph, Ontario.

Sale Dates.

Feb. 27.—Oliver Blake, R. 2, Tavistock, Ont.; Leicester sheep.

Feb. 28.—Lambton County Pure-Bred Stock Association, Petrolia; Pure-Breds. March 1.—I. N. Howe, R. No. 2, Mossley, Ont.; Holsteins.

March 6.—Wm. Dunlop, Dunure Mains, Ayr, Scotland; Clydesdales.

March 7.—Guelph Fat Stock Club, Guelph; Pure-breds, J. M. Duff, Secretary.

March 9.—W. J. Abernethy, Beeton, Ont.; Shorthorns, Oxford Down sheep.

March 14.—W. B. Poole, R. R., Ingersoll, Ont.; Holsteins.

March 14.—Menie District Ayrshire Breeders' Club, Campbellford, Ont.; Ayrshires.

March 15.—Elias Snyder, Burgessville, Ont.; Holsteins.

March 15.—Union Stock Yards, Toronto, Ont.; Horses.

March 28.—Oxford District Holstein Breeders' Club, Woodstock, Ont.; Holsteins.

March 28.—Western Ontario Consignment Sale Co., London, Ont.; Shorthorns.

April 4.—Belleville District Holstein Breeders' Club, Belleville; Holsteins.