Live Stock Notes.

Begin to improve the stock by improving the grass land.

An Arab proverb says, "The two greatest enemies of the horse are rest and fat."

Keeping good stock, and giving them good keep, are the secrets of successful stock farming.

The economical, profitable feeding of stock is almost a science. Make a careful study of it while practising this winter.

The best manure machines are ewes used for winter lamb-rearing on the high pressure system. One load of this sheep manure is worth three of the ordinary barn-yard kind.

It is believed that a cow kept by herself will give a better result than if kept in a herd with others. The single cow will be better fed and more butter obtained from the milk.

I have seen two or three articles about kicking cows. I send you the following remedy, which I have tried and found successful. Take a strong cord or small rope, make a slip-noose in one end and draw tight round the cow, just front of the udder; I was told this by an old man. I had a large heifer that kicked badly, I applied the rope as above and sat right down and milked without any further trouble. I only applied it three times and she never kicked afterward. This is a simple remedy and worth knowing.

The sale of Clydesdale horses recently made by the Clydesdale Horse Company at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, while not as satisfactory as might have been desired, shows there are still some men who have money and are willing to invest it in good stock. Sixty-two horses sold for $22,200. The highest price paid was $1,355, for Queen of Quality. Nancy Lee, purchased by the Galbraith Bros. of Janesville, Wisconsin, brought $1,155. From $75 to $900 was the range of price paid for the other animals.

Live Stock & Kindred Markets.

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This week's cables report no change in the British markets for live cattle. Supplies have not been so large and trade is steady at the decline of last week.

Quotations at Liverpool on Monday, being calculated at $4.80 in the £, were:

Cattle—	$ c.		$ c.	
Prime Canadian steers	0 12½	to	0 00	per lb.
Fair to choice grades	0 12	to	0 00	"
Poor to medium	0 11	to	0 00	"
Inferior and bulls	0 08	to	0 9½	"

TORONTO.

The local live stock continues quiet as is to be expected at this season of the year. There has been a little more activity this week but the total amount of business is still small. Values on the whole remain steady and unchanged; excepting in the case of hogs where they are slightly firmer. Next week will probably see a larger business but it is not likely that there will be any change in prices unless caused by an over-supply.

CATTLE.—Shippers were in fair demand but no loads were offered; one dealer succeeded in picking up a load at 4 to 5c. per lb. and of an average weight of 1,375 lb. These were all that were bought for export; outlook for next week is not good. About 100 head of butchers' were offered; they were generally of very fair quality and all sold at 3 to 4c. per lb.; the demand was not large and the offerings were quite sufficient; two loads were taken for shipment to Montreal; among the sales were 22 head averaging 1,000 lbs. each, at 4c. per lb.; 20 do., 950 lbs., at $30 each; 21 do., 1,100 lbs., at $39 each and 21 do., 925 lbs., at $31 each. Milch cows were quiet and unchanged; the demand was fair and prices were firm.

SHEEP.—For export there were none wanted yesterday and for the butchers' trade there is also almost no demand; the few that were sold were in bunches with lambs.

LAMBS.—Only a few were offered yesterday; the demand is light and likely to continue so for a while; choice lambs are worth $3.25 to $3.50 per head and extra at $3.75 per head; one very choice bunch averaging close to 100 lbs. each was sold at $3.50.

CALVES.—Nominal; only one or two inferior were offered; none are wanted.

HOGS.—Are somewhat firmer; demand is good and supply light; one bunch of choice light fat averaging 140 lbs. sold at $4.10 per cwt., yesterday. Mixed are quoted at $3.75 to $4 per cwt. and heavy fat at $3.75; stores are in good demand and scarce at $4 to $4.25 per cwt.

POULTRY.—Nominal, with turkeys at 9c. and geese at 6½c.

Quotations are:

Cattle, export, 1,200 lbs. and upwards, heifers and steers, choice	4	to 5	per lb.
" Mixed	3½	to 4	"
" Butchers' choice	3¾	to 4	"
" " good	3¼	to 3½	"
" " inferior to common	2½	to 3	"
" Milch cows, per head		$25 to $50	
" Stockers, heavy	2¾	to 3½	per lb.
" " light	2	to 2½	"
" Bulls	2	to 3	"
" Springers, per head		$25 to $45	
Sheep, export, choice	3¼	to 3½	per lb
" inferior and rams	2¾	to 3	"
" Butchers' per head		$2.50 to $3.75	
" Lambs, choice, per head		$3.00 to $3.50	
" " inferior to common per head		$2 25 to $2.75	
Hogs, heavy fat, weighed off the car	3½	to 3¾	per lb.
" Light fat, " " "	4	to 4⅛	"
" Store " " "	4	to 4¼	"
Calves, per head, choice		$5.00 to $8.00	
" Common		$2.00 upwards.	

The receipts of live stock at the Western market here for the week ending last Saturday, with comparisons, were as follows:

	Cattle.	Sheep and Lambs.	Hogs.
Week ending Dec. 26	172	341	14[illegible]
Week ending Dec. 19	1,555	1,187	564
Cor. week 1884	36	45	33
Cor. week 1883	203	135	320
Total to date	57,497	64,028	18,712
To same date 1884	42,228	60,416	13,903
To same date 1883	34,807	49,015	11,619

MONTREAL.

Dec. 28.—The following were the receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles by the Grand Trunk Railway:

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Calves.	Hogs.
Week ended Dec. 26	510	1,505	80	451
Previous week	1,460	3,769	45	520
Since May 1	72,415	57,076	4,589	13,139

The cattle market has ruled quiet, as might be expected after the activity incident to the Christmas trade has passed, and as butchers have considerable supplies left over from recent purchases. Receipts have fallen away, but the offerings were more than sufficient to fill all wants. There was no demand from exporters. The market Monday was dull and inactive, with prices somewhat nominal. The best butchers' cattle were quoted at 4c. per lb., live weight, with inferior down to 2c. There were fair offerings of sheep, but demand was slow. Prices, however, were steady at 3 to 3½c. per lb., live weight. Lambs were quoted at 4 to 4¼c. Live hogs were quiet and steady at 4½c. per lb.

EAST BUFFALO.

Dec. 28.—Cattle—Receipts very light for Monday, only 80 cars all told. There was an early prospect of a brisk market and strong prices, and a few sales that were bargained for yesterday and this morning early went at free strong ¼ to ⅜c. higher than last Monday, but as buyers were very light in attendance, both from adjoining country towns and eastern points, salesmen were only able to advance prices on the bulk of sales of good cattle, from 15 to 25c. per cwt. on last Monday's prices, while in commoner grades the advance was about 15 to 20c. Although the New York markets are reported strong, with but 130 cars on sale, regular New York buyers stationed here had no orders to purchase. Offerings ranged fair; a moderately good supply of good stock—all that the market demanded, and a fair average amount of medium to good grades, with the usual supply of common thin stuff. There were no fresh offerings in stockers; a few loads held over from last week, for which the demand was very light, $2.50 to $3 being the range for fair to best lots; cows were in only fair enquiry. No eastern buyers here. About 120 loads were offered; sales ranging from $35 to $50 for common to fair milkers, and $38 to $45 for springers; veals ruled steady. Sheep and lambs—The market opened fairly and active; 42 cars were on sale, the demand being principally from eastern buyers, of whom the attendance was good, and as New York reports were more favorable, being rated at ¼c. stronger than the close of last week, sales were readily made at the following range:—Choice to extra sheep, $4.25 to $4 60; good 90 to 100 lbs. $3.92 to $4.25; medium to good grades, $3.75 to $4; Western lambs, choice, $5.50 to $6; fair lots, $4 75 to $5.50; common grades, $3.50 to $4; Canada lambs, in light supply, selling at $6 to $6.25 for prime; a few Eastern at $6.50; offerings, as a whole, were of a fair quality, and the bulk of the stock changed hands. Hogs—The market opened active and strong, with 42 cars on sale; on account of the light run and fair demand the bulk of the offerings changed hands early at the following range: Yorkers, good light mixed to best, late, $4 to $4.15; medium graded, $4.10 to $4.15, a few selected bringing $4.25; good ends, $3.25 to $4.10; common ends, $3.25 to $3.35; market closed weak.

PRODUCE.

The holiday season has cast its usual damper on trade since our last. None have been anxious either to buy or to sell; indeed, they seem very willingly to have accepted the holidays as an excuse for stopping trade for a few days to see in what way the markets were tending. Holders of grain have generally been very firm and unwilling to push sales. Stocks have consequently gone on increasing and stood on Monday morning as follows: Flour, 500 barrels; fall wheat, 142,762 bu.; spring wheat, 78,506 bu.; mixed wheat, 3,946 bu.; oats, 700 bu.; barley, 156,643 bu.; peas, 6,734 bu.; rye, nil; corn, 8,985 bu. Wheat in transit for England had increased on the 23rd inst. to 1,775,000 quarters, against 1,700,000 in the preceding week. In the States the visible supply of wheat stood at 58,431,000 bushels on the 26th inst., against 58,761,000 in the preceding week.

PRICES AT LIVERPOOL ON DATES INDICATED.

	Dec. 22.		Dec. 29.	
Flour	0s.	0d.	0s.	0d.
R. Wheat	7s.	2d.	7s.	2d.
R. Winter	7s.	2d.	7s.	2d.
No. 1 Cal	7s.	2d.	7s.	2d.
No. 2 Cal	6s.	11d.	6s.	11d.
Corn	4s.	8d.	4s.	8d.
Barley	0s.	0d.	0s.	0d.
Oats	0s.	0d.	0s.	0d.
Peas	5s.	6d.	5s.	6d.
Pork	49s.	0d.	[illegible]	0d.
Lard	31s.	6d.	31s.	6d.
Bacon	29s.	6d.	29s.	6d.
Tallow	26s.	6d.	26s.	6d.
Cheese	47s.	0d.	48s.	0d.

FLOUR.—*The previous dulness and inactivity have remained unabated, while prices have been increasingly weak.* Superior extra has sold at equal to $3.65 and $3.70, and extra at equal to $3.60 here, closing with more offered at the *latter figures.*

BRAN.—Scarce and could have found buyers at $11.75 to $12.

OATMEAL.—Inactive at $3.75 to $3.85 for car lots and $4 to $4.25 for small lots.

WHEAT.—Inactive, but held steadily with offerings very small. No. 2 fall has been held at 85c. with buyers at 84c. f.o.c., and last week offered for May delivery at 91c., with 90c. bid, but bids *refused in both cases; but a sale made on* Tuesday at 90¼c. Spring very scarce and almost nominal at 85 to 86c. for No. 2, but scarcely any obtainable. On street good fall and spring have sold at 82 to 84c., but inferior spring has gone off as low as *65c.; goose closed, 69* to 70c.

OATS.—Seem in rather better supply and somewhat easy with sales of cars of mixed on track at 32½ to 33½c., closing at 33c.; and of milling at 34c. *Street prices, 34 to 35c.*

BARLEY.—Very little doing; higher grades scarce and firm, but lower, abundant and weak. No. 1 seemed worth 92 to 93c., and No. 2 from 80 to 81c., f.o.c., with extra No. 3 about 70c., and No. 3 offered at 58c., *but not wanted.* Street receipts small and prices steady at 58 to 92½c., anything over 90c. being for No. 1 only.

PEAS.—Seem rather easy at about 60c. for car lots, at which figure some seem to have been sold. Street prices, 58 to 61c.

SEEDS.—Nothing moving except alsike; good to choice firm at $6.50 to $7, but this is very scarce; medium and inferior abundant, but some going down to $4.50 per bushel.

HAY.—Pressed rather easy at $12 to $13 for cars of timothy. Market receipts large and sufficient at $10.50 to $12.50 for clover and $13 to $14 for timothy, with a very few at $15.

STRAW.—Offerings equal to the demand, but prices fairly steady at $7 to $8 for loose and $10.50 to $12 for sheaf.

POTATOES.—Cars *inactive with sellers at 50c. Street* receipts quiet and unchanged at 60 to 65c.

APPLES.—Quiet; a car of golden russets sold at $2; and on street prices have ranged from $1.50 to $2.25.