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Tuesday and Wednesday, however, receipts were light and the market slow but on Thursday the market closed in a brisk and strong condition. Choice heavy steers and choice feeders weighing around eleven hundred pounds, were the best sellers, although all common classes of cattle met with a good demand both on local and eastern account. One steer fourteen hundred pounds in weight sold at \$12.50 per hundred, and six head averaging twelve hundred and fifty pounds realized \$11, while the bulk of the heavy butcher stock sold from \$9.50 to \$10.75. Steers one thousand to twelve hundred pounds in weight, were in demand and sold at strong prices, twenty head averaging eleven hundred and ninety pounds bringing \$11; the bulk of the choice brought from \$8.75 to \$10 and those of medium quality from \$7.60 to \$8.50. Light butcher steers of from seven hundred to one thousand pounds continue to be in good demand both by local packers and eastern buyers. The best sell from \$8 to \$10 per hundred, and medium from \$7 to \$7.75. Butcher heifers were steady, and those of choice quality brought from \$7.80 to \$9, medium from \$6.80 to \$7.50, and common classes from \$5.80 to \$6.50.

Sheep and lambs held steady with a fair run during the week. Best lambs sold from \$14.50 to \$15.50 per hundred and common lambs, from \$8.50 to \$9.25. The bulk of the sheep sold from \$11 to \$12.20, although a few of extra quality topped the market at \$12.50. Common lambs and bucks sold from \$7 to \$8.25.

The run of hogs continued light and the market was erratic. On Monday selects sold at \$17.25, on a fed and watered basis and advanced by 25-cents on Tuesday. The market opened 25 cents lower on Thursday, but made gains during the day and closed at \$17.50. Heavy hogs sold from \$15 to \$16; lights \$15.50 to \$17; sows \$14 to \$15, and stags \$9.50 to \$11.

Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending September 20th, Canadian packing houses bought 131 calves 4,167 butcher cattle, 1,898 hogs, and 985 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 156 calves, 581 butcher cattle, 291 hogs and 408 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 2 calves, 115 butcher cattle, 959 stockers, and 407 feeders. Shipments to United States points were made up of 1,577 butcher cattle, 968 stockers, 567 feeders and 276 sheep and lambs.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1st to September 20th, inclusive, were: 120,058 cattle, 5,998 calves, 7,638 sheep and 195,684 hogs; compared to 69,385 cattle, 6,963 calves, 10,966 sheep and 245,659 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Excessive cattle receipts at all of the principal American markets last week, resulted in values declining at all points. Buffalo showing a take-off on shipping steers of from a quarter to half a dollar. Jewish holidays were being observed and this had its effect on the meat trade. There were in the approximately 300-car supply or around 7,500 head for the opening day last week, around a hundred cars of Canadians. Canadian shipping steers topped the market ranging from \$13 to \$13.75, top price being paid for the heavy weight ones. In the handy butchering steer line receipts were limited, but the supply of fat heifers

was large and these took the place of handy steers mainly with the local killers, this end of the trade showing a full quarter decline, some cases more. Offerings for the week totaled 7,275 head, as against 6,750 for the preceding week and 5,850 for the corresponding week last year. Quotations:

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$14 to \$15; fair to good, \$13 to \$13.50; plain, \$11.50 to \$12.25; very coarse and common, \$10 to \$10.75; best grass Canadians, \$12.25 to \$13; fair to good, \$11 to \$12; common and plain, \$10 to \$10.75.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$11.75 to \$12.50; fair to good, \$11 to \$11.50; best handy, \$11.25 to \$12; fair to good, \$10 to \$10.75; light and common, \$8.50 to \$9.50; yearlings, choice to prime, \$13 to \$13.50; fair to good, \$12.25 to \$12.75.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$10 to \$11; best butchering heifers, \$9 to \$9.50; fair butchering heifers, \$8 to \$8.75; light and common, \$6.75 to \$7.75; very fancy fat cows, \$9.50 to \$9.75; best heavy fat cows, \$8.50 to \$9.25; good butchering cows, \$7.50 to \$8.25; medium to fair, \$6.75 to \$7.25; cutters, \$6 to \$6.50; canners, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$9 to \$9.50; good butchering, 7.50 to \$8.25.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$8 to \$8.50; common to fair, \$7 to \$7.50; best stockers, \$7.50 to \$8; common to good, \$6.50 to \$7.25.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, in small lots, \$90 to \$130; in car loads, \$85 to \$100.

Hogs.—Prices showed a steady advance last week. Monday, which was the low day, top was \$19.40, however, good hogs were scarce and the general run was from \$19 to \$19.25, with pigs selling mostly at \$18. The next four days prices were higher, and before the week was out, or on Friday, best weight grades sold up to \$20 and on this day nothing, outside of lights and pigs, fell below \$19.50, latter grades taking a range of from \$18.25 to \$19. Roughts brought from \$18.25 to \$18.50, with some fancy ones as high as \$19, and stags downward from \$17.50. Monday's range on good Canadian hogs was from \$18.85 to \$19, and Thursday a load of good Canadians reached \$19.25. Receipts last week were 14,600 head, as compared with 14,408 head for the week before and 27,400 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Market on lambs occupied an unfavorable position last week. The week started out with tops selling generally at \$17.25; however, several decks had to be carried over unsold, and the next three days the market on tops was slow at \$17. Friday prices were a little stronger than Thursday or about steady with the opening day of the week. Cull lambs sold anywhere from \$10 to \$15, and some ewe and wether throwouts were taken by feeder buyers as high as \$15.50 and \$16.75. Canadian lambs undersold the best natives by from 75 cents to \$1.00 per cwt., and coarse weighty Canadian buck lambs were not worth any more than the good native culls. Sheep were active and steady all week. Wethers sold up to \$12 and ewes from \$11.50 down. Receipts last week were 10,250 head, as against 14,629 head for the week previous, and 17,900 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Approximately 2,125 head were marketed last week, being against 2,255 head for the week previous, and 2,250 head for the same week a year ago. Market was slow all week. Monday was the high day, when bulk sold at \$16.50. The next three days tops were hard to sell above \$16, and Friday the market for choice lots was \$16 and \$16.25. Good light culls were worth up to \$15, some weighty calves on the vealy order sold up to \$14, weighty rough calves were hard to sell at a range of from \$8 to \$10, and grassers showed a spread of from \$6 to \$8.

Toronto Produce.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, Monday, Oct. 1, consisted of 259 cars, 4,821 cattle, 216 calves, 2,417 hogs, 3,435 sheep and lambs. Good cattle of all grades strong; common cattle steady. Lambs 15 to 25 cents higher. Sheep, strong. Calves, steady. Hogs \$19, fed and watered.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario No. 2, winter, per car lot, \$2.17 to \$2.20. Manitoba (in store, Fort William)—No. 1 northern, \$2.23; No. 2 northern, \$2.20; No. 3 northern, \$2.17; No. 4 wheat, \$2.09½, nominal.

Oats.—Ontario, according to freights outside, No. 2 white, 62c., nominal; No. 3 white, 59c., nominal; Manitoba oats (in store, Fort William)—No. 2 C. W., 68c., nominal.

Barley.—Malting, new crop, \$1.18 to \$1.20.

Peas.—Nominal.

Corn.—No. 3 yellow, nominal.

Flour.—Manitoba first patents in jute bags, \$11.50; second patents, in jute bags, \$11.00; strong bakers', \$10.60; Ontario winter wheat flour, according to sample in bags, \$10.20.

Hay and Millfeeds.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, No. 1, new, per ton, \$11 to \$11.50; mixed, per ton, \$8 to \$9.50.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50.

Bran.—Per ton, \$35.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$42; middlings, per ton, \$45 to \$46. Good feed flour, per bag, \$3.25.

Hides and Wool.

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flats, 20c.; calf skins, green, flat, 25c.; veal kip, 20c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$5.50; city lamb skins, shearings and pelts, \$1.50 to \$2.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 20c. to 21c.; deacons or bob calf, \$1.75 to \$2.50 each; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2 to \$2.50. Horse hair, farmers' stock, \$25.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 13c. to 14c.; country solid, in barrels, No. 1, 12c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 14c. to 16c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 70c.; coarse, 65c.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Although butter kept stationary in price on the wholesales during the past week there was a firming tendency, and we may look for an advance this week. Creamery fresh-made pound squares, 44c. to 45c. per lb.; creamery solids at 43c. to 44c. per lb.; separator dairy at 42c. per lb.; and dairy at 37c. to 38c. per lb.

Eggs.—Fresh gathered eggs also remained unchanged in price, selling as follows, wholesale: No. 1s, 47c. per doz.; selects, 50c. per doz.; in cartons, 54c. per doz.

Cheese.—New, large, 24c.; twins, 24½c.; old, 30c. to 31c.; twins, 31c.

Beans.—India, hand-picked, \$6.50 per bushel; prime, \$8.75.

Poultry.—Spring chickens, 22c. per lb.; ducklings, 17c. per lb.; old ducks, 10c. per lb.; roosters, 16c. per lb.; fowl, 4 lbs. and under, 18c. per lb.; fowl, over 4 lbs., 22c. per lb. Quotations all live weight.

Honey.—Honey is quite scarce, and advanced slightly in price wholesale, selling as follows: strained, 5-lb. pails, 18½c. per lb.; 10-lb. pails, 18c. per lb.; 60-lb. pails, 17½c. per lb.; the sections of comb honey selling at \$3 to \$3.25 per dozen.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Peaches were the feature on the wholesale fruit market during the past week; arriving in very large quantities and gradually improving in quality; the demand, however, held pretty well, so there was not any great slump in prices; 6-qt. flats selling at 25c. to 45c.; 6-qt. lenos at 30c. to 70c.; 11-qt. flats at 30c. to 75c., and 11-qt. lenos at 40c. to \$1.25.

Apples.—The demand for apples decreased, and the bulk of those shipped in were low grade, selling at 25c. to 60c. per 11-qt. basket and \$4.50 to \$6 per bbl.

Plums.—Prices kept fairly firm at 35c. to 45c. per 6-qt. flats; 50c. to 65c. per 6-qt. lenos and 65c. to \$1.25 per 11-qt. flats.

Pears.—Pears remained practically unchanged in price, selling at 30c. to 50c. per 6-qt. basket and 40c. to 75c. per 11-qt. basket; an odd one of extra choice quality bringing \$1.

Tomatoes.—After being scarce and high priced, tomatoes came in freely and declined materially, selling at 25c. to 40c. per 11-qt. basket, and 15c. to 25c. per 6 qts.

Beans.—Beans also declined, principally because the bulk were very poor quality, selling at 40c. to 60c. per 11-qt. basket.

Potatoes declined, selling at \$1.25 to \$1.35 per bag.

Montreal Produce.

Dressed Hogs.—Live hogs sold locally at 17½c. to 18½c. per lb. for selects, weighed off cars, while dressed brought as high as 25c. to 25½c. per lb., this being for abattoir-killed.

Potatoes.—The report is heard that the Food Controller may fix the price of potatoes at \$1.25 per bag. Officially, bags contain 90 lbs., though 80 lbs. has been the accepted bag in this market. Meantime, \$1.65 per bag of 80 lbs. is being quoted ex-store, while car lots are \$1.55 per 90 lbs., ex-track.

Honey and Maple Syrup.—The market for honey was steady, and supplies of new stock are light. White clover comb was quoted at 15c.; brown 14c.; white extracted 14c., and buckwheat 11c., the range being to about ½c. above the figures mentioned. Maple syrup was firm and in fair demand at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.80 per gallon of 13 lbs., according to quality. Sugar was about 15c. per lb.

Eggs.—No change in prices of eggs took place last week. The market continued very firm, however, and it is understood Great Britain is looking for further supplies. Strictly new-laid eggs were 53c. to 54c. per doz.; selects 47c. to 48c.; No. 1 candled, 43c. to 44c.; and No. 2 candled 40c. to 41c.

Butter.—The market for creamery was very firm last week, and advances took place both here and throughout the country. Finest creamery was quoted at 44½c. to 45c. per lb., and fine at 43½c. to 44c. Finest dairy was 38c. to 38½c., and fine to lower grades at 37c. to 36c.

Cheese.—Prices paid by the commission for cheese were as follows: No. 1 cheese, 21½c.; No. 2 cheese, 21¼c.; No. 3 cheese 20¾c., per lb.

Grain.—A slightly firmer tone developed in the market for oats during last week. No. 2 Canadian Western were quoted at 77½c. per bushel; No. 3, 76½c.; extra No. 1 feed, 76c.; and No. 1 feed 74½c. Ontario and Quebec No. 2 white oats sold at 71c., while No. 3 white are 70c. per bushel, ex-store. Car lots of Manitoba feed and rejected barley sold at \$1.29 per bushel, ex-store.

Flour.—Little change took place, though it has been stated that there is some price-cutting. Manitoba first patents were \$11.60; seconds \$11.10, and strong bakers' \$10.90 per barrel, in bags. Ontario 90 per cent. patents were \$5.50 to \$5.75 per bag, and \$11.30 to \$11.80 per barrel, in wood.

Mill Feed.—Bran continued to change hands at \$34 to \$35 per ton, while shorts sold at \$40 to \$41; middlings at \$48 to \$50, and pure grain mouille at \$58 to \$60. Mixed mouille was \$55 to \$56 per ton, in bags.

Hay.—Demand for export to the United States continued and prices were steady at \$11.50 to \$11 per ton, for No. 2 baled hay; \$9.50 to \$10 for No. 3, ex-track.

Cheese Markets.

Mont Joli, 20 15-16c.; Montreal, finest westerns, 21½c.; finest easterns, 21¼c.; Belleville, 21¼c.; London, 21¼c.; St. Hyacinthe, 21¼c.

Jersey and Sheep Sale at Brampton

About two miles from Brampton station, at the farm of James R. Fallis, on the 17th of October, dairymen will have a splendid opportunity to purchase good Jerseys, while anyone wanting sheep will find 300 to select from. One-third of these are registered Ox-fords, 80 of which are ewes and ewe lambs, the remainder being largely ram lambs. One hundred of this flock are ewes of an Oxford and Shropshire cross, the remaining hundred are grade ewes.

Cowieson's Dispersion Sale.

J. B. Cowieson will sell at his farm at Queensville, on Monday, October 8, his entire stock without reserve. This includes Standardbred horses, Jersey cattle, Shropshire sheep, Yorkshire and Tamworth swine. The Jerseys are a well-bred lot and have been headed by Kirkfield's Choice, a son of Beulah's Raleigh and Meadowgrass 2nd, that well known matron of the breed which has won five firsts at Toronto Exhibition and also has four grand championship ribbons. Twenty Shropshire breeding ewes, five ram lambs and two two-shear lambs will be sold.