

\$2,525; 1895, \$2,628; 1896, \$3,491. This year the cash prizes offered are increased by over \$600, upwards of \$4,000 being offered in the cattle, sheep and swine departments this year. The exhibition is open to all comers. It is hoped that a number of American exhibitors will be present this year. Entries close November 25th. Prize lists and entry forms may be had by applying to the secretary, F. W. Hodson, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

MARKET REVIEW AND FORECAST.

Office of FARMING,
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General business during the week has been good. The broken weather has interfered some with certain lines of business, but greatly helped other lines. Collections through the country have been good, and there seems to be a feeling that general business will be quite brisk until the holiday season is over.

Wheat

The long unbroken drouth which has prevailed over the great fall wheat growing districts has made this fall a particularly unfavorable one for the growing of wheat. In many cases the seed has decayed in the ground. On account of the shortage in this year's crop it was the intention of a great many farmers to sow more wheat, but on account of the drouth it is doubtful if as many acres were sown as there were harvested this season. Thus on account of the dry weather the wheat that was put in has not made a good growth, so that altogether the prospects for next year's wheat crop are not bright. In view of this and of an active demand for wheat for milling purposes, as well as for export, it was thought that the price of wheat would remain at a good figure. However, slight rains have fallen throughout the wheat-growing districts, and a cable report of an increase in India wheat, and that the world's visible supply showed an increase of over two million and a quarter bushels, caused prices to decline early in the week. At Toronto the demand has been fairly steady all week, although prices have declined below the figures of two weeks ago. Cars sold at 82c, middle freight, and 81c, north and west. Most holders are refusing to sell at 81c. Manitoba wheat is also easier at 93c, afloat at Fort William, and 90c, at Goderich and Midland.

Barley and Oats.

There has been practically no change in the barley market. It is dull at Montreal. This year's crop is quoted at 32c. to 36c. for feed. At Toronto it is quoted at 24c. for feed outside, and 30c. for No. 2. Good malting barley of last year's growth is bringing 52c. to 59c. at Montreal.

Oats have remained steady all week at from 22c. to 22½c. for cars north and west. At Montreal they are about 26c.

Peas and Corn

The market for peas has been steady at 43c, middle freight, and 42c, north and west.

Corn has declined a little, but is steady at 26½c. to 27c. for yellow west. At Montreal it is worth 33c. to 34c. afloat.

Buckwheat and Rye.

Buckwheat is fairly steady at 29c., middle freight, Toronto. 37½c. to 38c. at Montreal.

Rye has been in good demand for export at 52c. to 53c. Montreal, or 43c. middle freight, 42c. north and west at Toronto.

Milfeed.

There has been a good demand for bran all fall. Montreal quotes Manitoba bran as having been sold in bags on the tracks at \$11.25 to \$11.50, and can possibly be obtained for \$11. Ontario bran is worth in Montreal from \$10.50 to \$11 in bulk. Ontario shorts \$12.50 to \$13, and Manitoba shorts \$13 to \$13.50. At Toronto milfeed is dull at \$11 for shorts and \$7.75 for bran, middle freight.

Potatoes.

There has been a fair enquiry for potatoes in car lots, and some have sold at 50c. per bag for good lots, while choice lots are held at 52½c. An advance of from five to ten cents is being asked by western holders.

Eggs.

The market at Montreal for strictly guaranteed new laid stock is firm with sales in round lots at 17c. to 18c. Lined eggs are quoted at 13c. to 13½c. At Toronto the market is steady at 15c. to 15½c. for fresh and 13½c. for lined.

Honey.

Choice Ontario white clover comb honey is scarce and firm at 14c. to 15c. per section. Extracted honey has sold at 8c. to 9c. for white and 6c. to 7c. for dark.

Apples.

Apples continue firm at the prices quoted last week. An English buyer has been in Montreal this week buying extensively for the old country market. Good, sound stock arriving in good condition have been sold at Liverpool at prices which netted the shippers in the west from \$3.42 to \$4.62, while other sales of inferior fruit have netted only \$1.20 to \$2. Everything points to a continuance of good, profitable figures during the present season, because of the unprecedented shortage. Still prices may be pushed too far. No. 1 apples are quoted at Montreal at \$3.50 to \$5 per bbl.; No. 2 at \$1.50 to \$3. Dried apples 2½c. to 3¼c., and evaporated apples at 5½c. to 6c. per pound.

Cheese.

The receipts of cheese at Montreal for the past week were 93,888 boxes against 73,111 for the week previous. The receipts are too large to insure a change to a more healthy tone in the market. Still there was some business being done, but at somewhat lower rates. The ruling price seems to be from 8½c. to 8¾c. for Septembers and Octobers.

Butter.

The fall pastures in England have been good and the make of butter large. Ireland is sending forward considerable butter, and the usual foreign supplies coming in have all tended to keep down the price of butter. There is still some June butter in store which comes out as opportunity offers, so that the trade in England has been quiet. In spite of this, however, Canadian butter has held a good price all the way through. As high as the highest Danish has been paid for choice lots of Canadian. That the English market has not all gone to pieces may be gathered from the fact that American July butter, stored in bond in Montreal, has been ordered forward by an English buyer who refused a price for it in New York that would have cleared him 2½c. a pound at Montreal. Sales of October make have been made at 18½c., of September at 18c., and of August at 17½c., but the best factories are holding for 18½c. and 19c. and some refuse to put a price on it. Prices rule about 18½c. to 18¾c. for finest October.

At Toronto there is a good demand for dairy butter and the market is firm at 15c. to 16c. for choice pails and tubs.

Cattle.

The demand for export cattle continues very dull, and reports from the old country are very discouraging. The offerings at Toronto on Friday were very large and prices fell away. The best export bringing 3c. a pound less than the best last week. Some were sold at 3½c., but the ruling price was from 3½c. to 3¾c. per pound. In butchers' cattle there were heavy offerings and prices were down. Picked lots were sold for 3½c., others for 3½c., and a carload for 3c.; a number of deals were made at 3½c. Common stuff sold very low. Stockers and feeders were a little easier, the demand from Buffalo being somewhat quieter. Light stockers bring \$2.70 to \$3.30 per cwt., and feeders from 3½c. to 3¾c. per pound. Choice veal calves are in demand and at good figures.

Good prime stuff is wanted at Buffalo at \$5.15 to \$5.25, for which there is a pretty steady demand. Feeders bring from \$3.50 to \$4.25. Stockers \$3.25 to \$3.90.

Sheep and Lambs.

The demand from Buffalo has not been quite so strong, and prices have declined a little. From \$4 to \$4.10 or perhaps a trifle better, are the ruling prices for good lambs. They still bring from \$5 to \$5.75 on the Buffalo market. Sheep for export are dull at 3c.; young ewes for breeding purposes are bringing from \$3 to \$3.50 a head.

Hogs.

Prices have declined somewhat during the week. The offerings have been heavy, and the prospects are that prices will go still lower. Choice bacon hogs are bringing from \$4 to

\$4.25, light fat hogs \$4 to \$4.10, and thick fat hogs, \$3.90 to \$3.95 per cwt.

There is a good demand for hogs in the United States, and if prices go much lower for Canadian hogs there will be two markets open for them. At present, however, the best prices are still about 35c. lower than Canadian prices.

Hay and Straw.

The hay market continues dull at \$8 to \$8.50 per ton. Straw is quiet and unchanged at \$5 on the tracks.

Publishers' Desk.

Guernsey Cattle Club.—The annual meeting of the American Guernsey Cattle Club will be held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, Wednesday, December 8th, 1897, at 10 30 o'clock a.m. It is hoped that all members who can will be present. Among the questions to be brought before the Club will be that of conducting home tests of Guernsey cows.

Dairy Instruction.—We were favored the other day by a visit from Mr. T. B. Millar, chief instructor for the Western Butter and Cheese Association. Mr. Millar has recently been visiting the ex-students of the Provincial Dairy School, at Guelph, in order to report upon the practical work they are doing in the factories. Students at the Dairy School are not given a diploma until their practical work for a season has been thoroughly tested. In connection with his regular work as instructor, Mr. Millar has visited thirty-four different factories. Thirty-two of these received four visits each, making the total number of days spent in this work 128. He reports considerable improvement in the quality of the cheese made this year over other years, and also that the practice of tampering with milk supplied to cheese factories is on the decrease.

Christmas Fat Stock and Poultry Show.—The Guelph Fat Stock Club, assisted by the Guelph Poultry Association, intend holding their sixteenth annual Christmas Fat Stock and Poultry Show in the Victoria Curling and Skating Rink on Thursday and Friday, December 9th and 10th, 1897. A very good prize list has been secured. The prizes for cattle are fairly good, and a sweepstakes prize for the best fat animal on the ground, called the Queen's Jubilee Sweepstakes, consists of a purse containing twelve English sovereigns. The prizes for sheep, swine, and dressed poultry are also very good, also with a number of good specials. The Guelph Poultry Association are offering premiums of one dollar for first awards and fifty cents for second awards for cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet. The prize list includes a very full list of the breeds of turkeys, geese, ducks, hens, pigeons, and rabbits.

The Apollo Harp.—This unique instrument has been called the Musical Wonder; and, considering its great capability and the simplicity of its arrangement for playing, the title is not a misnomer. It is strictly an up-to-date, nineteenth century invention, and introduces some entirely new musical features. One difficulty with a great many of our music-loving readers is that early in life they either had not the opportunity or the inclination to take a musical training, and so find themselves without the ability to perform on any high-grade musical instrument. To such, the Apollo Harp comes as a benediction. While the expert on other instruments will be able easily to execute combinations on this remarkable harp that would require long practice on the larger and more expensive instruments, the novice, if he has a good ear for music, in one week's time, will be able to play simple notes in any key sweetly, and to get all chords, and all chromatics, and positively no discords or picking of dead strings. For a birthday or Christmas present, we know of nothing in the musical line better for the money, and can heartily recommend the Apollo Harp.

Stock Notes.

Geo. Latsen, Freeport, Ont., established his herd of Jerseys some six years ago, and has been very successful with them. His herd now numbers some seventeen head in all, fourteen females and three males. He has now the famous Jersey bull, Eagle of St. Lambert, 3755, A.J.C.C. This bull took first at the West shows last year and again this year. He is right royally bred, being a grandson of the noted Canada's John Bull. His sire is Neil's John Bull, whose dam has a milk record of 45 lbs. in one day at a two-year-old. The dam of Eagle is Fama Page of Grimsby, with a milk record of 53 lbs. in one day.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, Ont., writes us to say: "We have now, not only the finest lot of young Shorthorn bulls we have ever offered, but we have two of the very best individuals we have ever bred or imported. One a Duchess of Gloster by the old bull—a beautiful rich roan. They are all (15 in number) in the finest form—big healthy fellows, and full of flesh, as well as character and finish. They are not overloaded with fat, but in splendid condition. There is not a middling one in the whole fifteen. We also have seventeen capital, and capably bred heifer calves, full of flesh, full of quality, and magnificent coats of soft glossy hair. Our yearling heifers are equally good, and equally well bred. We sell what our customers want if we have it. No pets here. We have a grand lot of young Berkshires for sale of purest breeding—deep, lengthy pigs. See our change in advertisement."

The sixth annual ram sale held by the Lincoln Long Wool Ram Society came off on the 3rd of September, 1897. A grand sale it was in all respects. The demand was strong and good throughout, and many very high prices were realized. There were present a large contingent of buyers from Argentina as well as from home districts and the competition for the best rams was most keen. The home buyers, however, with the exception of two of Messrs. Wright's breeding, succeeded in keeping the best for use at home. The whole sale, compared with that of 1896, has somewhat a lower average, occasioned no doubt by the large number of rams disposed of, however this is very small, being only some 13 a head. The test of course, can best be applied to those leading consignments wherein both the export and home buyer competed; therefore, taking the leading lots of both years, we find that in 1896 there were sixteen lots that went over 115 per ram, but in the present year there were seventeen lots made over that sum. The record price of last year, 350 guineas, was not beaten, for 350 guineas twice paid was the highest record made, this being paid for lot 2 of Messrs. S. E. Dean & Sons excellent lot by Mr. H. Dudding, and for lot 1 of Mr. T. Casswell's herd, a well brought out lot by Mr. H. Smith Jr., 210 guineas was Mr. H. Dudding's highest price made, for which a really grand and excellent sheep was secured by Mr. Langley for Buenos Ayres, a sheep that will be a credit alike to his breeder and purchaser. The proud position of heading the average list again this year falls to Mr. H. Dudding, whose twelve grand, selected rams in every way worthy of that well known and leading flock stood clear ahead at the satisfactory average of £81 12s. Next came a particularly level and excellent lot of rams from Mr. J. E. Casswell, a well-known breeder, whose sheep on this occasion certainly did his flock every credit, with a well-paying price of £65 4s. 1d. for twenty. Next were that well-known firm of Messrs. Wright, whose Royal winner and a mate went to Buenos Ayres, at the first-class price of 200 guineas and 100 guineas respectively to Messrs. Kralbe. The flock of Messrs. S. E. Dean & Sons followed next, being of a capital level character, well grown, with great size; these made an average of £53 17s. 8d. Then we come to Mr. Tom Casswell's lot, whose old flock well maintained its known high repute for quality, type, and size. The demand for these sheep was a good one, and their average price being such as must, we feel fully assured, be satisfactory, namely, £49 11s. 2d. Mr. Taylor Sharp was the next highest average for a well brought out lot of rams numbering fifteen; these made an average of £40 17s. 2d. Next came Mr. J. Pears with a very good average of £33 16s. 2d. These are the highest averages. The demand was strong, and many clients went away unsatisfied.

Maple Cliff Ayrshire Sale.

Mr. R. Robertson, Compton, Que., is to be congratulated on the excellent prices obtained at his sale of the Maple Cliff herd of Ayrshires on October 28th. It was one of the most successful ever held in Canada. There was a goodly number of the proper sort of buyers present, and the weather being excellent enticed a large number of spectators to attend. The sales were as follows:

Bulls.—Matchless, 7560, \$255, to T. D. McCallum, Danville, Q.; manager for J. N. Greenshields; Matchless Again, 8757, \$65, to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa; Victor of Maple Cliff, 8753, \$34, to D. Cummings, Lancaster, Ont.; bull calf, 16 days old, dam Silver Maid, \$65, to J. D. Morrison; Topsy's calf, 10 days old, \$21, to D. Drummond, Petite Cote, Q.; bull calf, two weeks old, \$20, to S. A. Baldwin, Norton Mills, Vt.

Cows.—Little Wonder, 6339, \$77, to J. Blue, Capleton, Que.; Wilhelmina of Burnside, 6260, \$115, to R. Reid & Co., Hintonburg, Ont.; Daisy of Burnside, 6011, \$120, to P. Ryan, Compton; Lady Maggie, 6011, \$150, to R. Reid & Co.; Eva of Burnside, 6242, \$160, to A. E. Schryer, North Nation Mills, manager for W. C. Edwards; Bud of Burnside, 6259, \$75, to J. G. Clark, Ottawa; Nannie 3884, \$67, to J. G. Clark; Village Belle, 6562, \$63, to M. S. Campbell, Augusta, Me.; Queen of Burnside, 6253, \$50, to R. Reid & Co.; Silver Maid of Howick, 7043, \$500, to Mr. Schryer; Jessie Brown, 8747, \$31, to D. Cummings; Blossom of Burnside, 5887, \$63, to M. S. Campbell; Lady Nannie, 6245, \$130, to D. Drummond; Lady Topsy, 8756, \$71, to M. S. Campbell; Emergency of Burnside, 8755, \$151, to R. Reid & Co.; Primrose of Havlock, 5354, \$76, to R. Reid & Co.; Villa of H., 7612, \$100, to Mr. Schryer; Belle of Brome, 7288, \$60, to S. A. Baldwin; Spot of B., 7894, \$30, to T. D. McCallum; Lucinda of Maple Cliff, 8748, \$42, to T. D. McCallum; Lady Wonder, 7993, \$30, to D. Cummings; Beauty of Compton, 7808, \$30, to John Mills, Compton, Que.; Daisy of Compton, 7807, \$35, to T. D. McCallum; Gipsy Maid of C., 8249, \$45, to T. D. McCallum; Lady C., 8248, \$45, to T. D. McCallum; Lizette of Maple Cliff, 8758, \$44, to J. Blue; Girlie of Maple Cliff, 8750, \$47, to R. R. New, Howick, Que.; Lady Jean, 8560, \$100, to T. D. McCallum; Eveline of Maple Cliff, 8751, \$34, to J. Blue; Mina of Maple Cliff, 8661, \$24, to T. Ward, Waterville, Que.; Louie of Maple Cliff, 8762, \$30, to J. Blue; Duchess of Maple Cliff, 8754, \$30, to T. D. McCallum; Maggie of Compton, 8752, \$25, to J. G. Clark.

Grade Dairy Cows.—Spot, \$50, to Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst; Daisy, \$55, and Shifty, \$52, to S. A. Baldwin, Norton Mills.

The average price for thirty-eight in all was \$72.25. When it is remembered that of the thirty-eight head thirteen were under one year old, some just a few days old, and five under two years old, the prices paid were very good indeed. Ayrshire cattle are in demand, and will bring good prices even at an auction sale. Mr. Robertson leaves in a few days to take charge of the Experimental Farm at Napan, N.S.