

Local trade dull. Some 1,000 heads were feeding at U. C. P. R. yards, and 140 cars were received at the Grand Trunk yards from Saturday evening to nine o'clock this morning with 34 cars more expected before evening. The first mentioned yard was full; but the Grand Trunk was completely blocked up, cattle being allowed to remain on the track owing to the lack of better accommodation. A great number of the cattle are not in the best condition. If the markets have taken a downward turn, and it would appear that they have, the shippers who are now rushing their cattle forward will, no doubt, come to the conclusion before another two weeks have passed that it would have paid them better to have left their stock on grass for a few weeks longer. Space is very scarce both for this and next week, and shippers in consequence are doing no buying here, many finding it difficult to get space for what they already have on hand. At the East End abattoir Monday morning there were offered 500 cattle, 550 sheep and lambs, 250 calves and 50 lean hogs. The attendance of butchers was small and the few present showed no disposition to buy heavily. A few of the best cattle brought 4½c, but the range for tops was 3½ to 4½c, fair medium stock selling at 3½ to 3¾c. Common dry and lean o'd cows sold at prices ranging from \$14 to \$25 or from 2 to 3c per pound.

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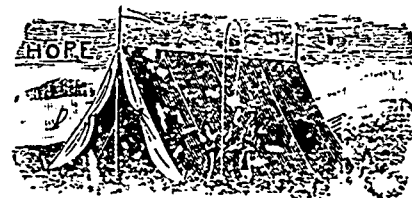
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