

## TORONTO JUNCTION

Receipts at the Union Stock Yards have been large. The quality of the cattle offered on Monday last was good, trade steady, and everything sold. Exporters sold at from \$4.75 to \$4.80 per cwt. Prices ranged from this down to \$4.35. Choice butchers' cattle sold at \$4.50, and good ones at from \$4.25 to \$4.35 per cwt.

## MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, April 8, 1904.

The last few days have been very fine and warm, and business at once felt the benefit of the change. Up to a week ago the season has been cold and backward and trade generally has been late in opening up. There is still a good deal of ice on the rivers and lakes, but a continuation of the present weather for a few days will work a great change. Halifax and St. John markets are firm for all classes of produce. The price of eggs has kept up remarkably well and this article is still jobbing at 18 to 20c, but the warm weather is causing an accumulation at country points which must bring down the price during the next week. The local butter factories are starting up, and arrangements are being made for converting the bulk of the early milk into butter instead of cheese. It is not likely there will be much fodder cheese made in the Maritime Provinces this season, as cheese stocks are quite liberal and the article is not moving out very briskly.

There is a good deal of activity at Halifax in re-shipping P. E. Island potatoes to the United States, where a good demand and fair prices prevail. The local demand for Island produce is not very active, but there will be no surplus owing to the good export demand. Oats are keeping up well, sales being at 48 to 49c. Island potatoes are quoted at 55 cents per bushel. There has been a good deal of activity in hay in this Province this spring owing to the short crop in several important districts last year. The price has been kept within bounds by liberal importations from New Brunswick and Quebec.

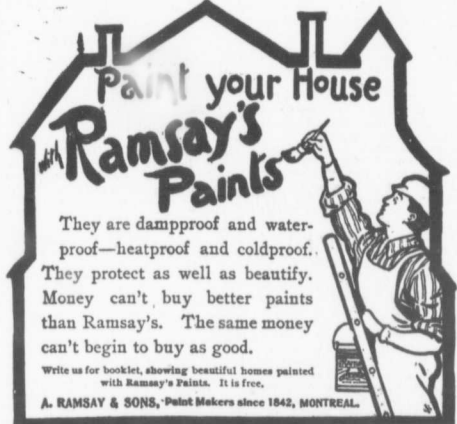
The London apple market has eased off and this has caused a decline in shipments. There are probably 20,000 barrels in the Annapolis Valley still to go forward. Horticultural plantings this season promise to be the largest in any single year in the history of the Province. We have now 100 acre orchards and the number of these will be increased. It is predicted that a 200 acre orchard in the Annapolis Valley under one management, will be realized within ten years. Chas. Sheffield, of Canard, last year sold \$1600 worth of apples from four acres. That orchard is valued at \$1,000 an acre. Abundance of land can be bought for \$50 an acre, which, planted in orchard, in ten years time would be just as valuable.

A cattle train of thirty cars was wrecked near St. John last week. Twenty cars left the rails. Only 150 cattle escaped injury. The entire damage is estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000. The dead and wounded animals were sold by auction and were bought for the sake of the hides and the fat contained in the carcasses.

## Ottawa Shorthorn Sale

The Provincial auction sale of Shorthorn cattle, held in Ottawa on the 6th inst., did not prove as successful as anticipated nor as in former ventures of the kind. This was, in a large measure, due to the bad condition of the country roads and also to the fact that the advertising did not seem to have reached where it was most wanted.

Prices as a result were below the average, there being little competition among those present. The quality of the animals offered was, with one or two exceptions, exceedingly good, and as a result the buyers profited. The highest price received for bulls was \$110, and the lowest,



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