

Markets.

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quoted at 23c. to 23 1/4c. On the New York market, whole-milk flats, average run, sold at 23c., and whole-milk twins, average run, at 24c. to 26c.

Toronto Produce.

Breadstuffs. Manitoba Wheat.—No. 1 northern, \$2.36 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$2.35 1/2; No. 3 northern, \$2.27 1/2; No. 4 northern, \$2.21 3/4; Manitoba Oats.—No. 2 C. W., 73 1/4c.; No. 3 C. W., 67 1/4c.; extra No. 1 feed, 67 1/4c.; No. 1 feed, 66 1/4c.; No. 2 feed, 62 1/4c. Manitoba Barley.—No. 3 C. W., \$1.20; No. 4 C. W., \$1.16; rejected, 85c.; feed, 85c.

The above in store, Fort William. Ontario Wheat.—F. o. b. shipping points, according to freight; No. 2 winter, \$2.05 to \$2.15; No. 2 spring, \$2 to \$2.10. American Corn.—Prompt shipment, No. 2 yellow, track, Toronto, \$1.30. Ontario Oats.—No. 3 white, 67c. to 71c., according to freight outside. Barley.—Malting, \$1.12 to \$1.17, according to freights outside. Ontario Flour.—Winter, in jute bags, prompt shipment. Straight-run bulk, seaboard, \$9 to \$9.15. Buckwheat.—No. 2, nominal. Manitoba Flour.—Track, Toronto, cash prices: First patents, \$12.40; second patents, \$11.90; first clears, \$11.30. Rye.—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, \$1.65, according to freights outside. Millfeed.—Car lots, delivered, Toronto, freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$40; shorts, per ton, \$45; feed flour, \$3.25.

Hides and Wool.

Country Hides, delivered Toronto.—Beef hides, flat cured, 10c.; green hides, 8c.; deacon or bob calf, 25c. to 50c.; horse hides, country take-off, \$3 to \$4; No. 1 sheep skins, \$1 to \$1.50; shearing and spring lamb, 25c. to 50c.; horse hair, farmers' stock, 30c. to 38c. City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flats, 10c.; calf skins, green flats, 10c.; veal kip, 8c.; horsehides, city take-off, \$4 to \$5. Tallow.—City rendered, solids in barrels 9c. to 10c.; country solids in barrels, No. 1, 8c. to 9c.; cakes No. 1, 13c. to 14c. Wool.—Unwashed, coarse, 15c.; medium 22c.; fine, 30c.

Poultry.

Following the holiday, trade in poultry was slow and prices suffered a big decline. Dealers state that the warm weather was mostly responsible for the poor demand. Crate-fed chickens and large hens had the best call during the week. Live weight prices were: Crate-fed chickens, 20c. to 23c.; chickens good farm stock 18c. to 20c.; hens over 6 lbs. each 26c.; hens over 5 lbs. each 24c.; hens 4 to 5 lbs. 20c.; roosters 14c. to 16c.; choice ducks over 5 lbs. 20c.; choice ducks under 5 lbs. 17c. Dressed Poultry.—Crate-fed chickens, picked clean, 32c. to 35c. per lb.; chickens, good farm stock, 20c. to 25c.; choice ducks, heads off, over 5 lbs., 30c.; under 5 lbs., 25c. per lb.; old hens, over 6 lbs., 26c.; over 5 lbs., 25c.; 4 to 5 lbs., 22c.; roosters, 18c. to 20c. per lb.

Farm Produce.

The weakness of butter was the big feature of the week on the Toronto produce market. Most dealers stated that they were off the market and were not sending out quotations, while others were quoting 52c. to 54c. per lb. for choice creamery pound-prints at country points. Wholesale prices to the retail trade were: Choice creamery pound prints 58c. to 60c.; medium creamery, 56c. to 58c., and best dairy 49c. to 50c. per lb. Eggs were firm, No. 1's selling at 62c. to 64c., and selects at 69c. to 71c. per doz.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Receipts of fruits and vegetables were much smaller than those of the previous week, and trade was generally steady at unchanged quotations.

Apples were a slightly improved trade; that is to say, the enquiry was larger and sales more numerous but prices were no higher.

Potatoes were steady, most dealers quoting \$1.50 to \$1.65 per bag. A couple of dealers were asking \$1.75, but they are being sold retail at this figure.

Beets, carrots and parsnips were slow, but steady and unchanged.

Grapes were a strong trade at 40c. to 50c. per 6-qt. basket. Chestnuts were received in fairly large quantities, dealers quoting 22c. to 24c. per pound to farmers.

Apples.—20c. to 30c. per 6-qt., 30c. to

60c. per 11-qt. basket, \$1 to \$2 per bushel, \$3 to \$6 per bbl.

B. C. apples \$4 per box. Crabapples—50c. to 60c. per 11-qt. basket.

Cranberries—\$14 to \$14.50 per bbl. Grapes.—Blue or green, 40c. to 50c. per 6-qt., 75c. to \$1 per 11-qt. basket.

Pears—25c. to 50c. per 6 qts., and 50c. to \$1 per 11-qt. basket. Plums—25c. to 30c. per 6 qts., 35c. to 50c. per 11-qt. basket.

Prune Plums.—75c. to \$1.50 per 6-qt., \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket. Peaches—50c. to 75c. per 6 qts., 65c. to \$1.25 per 11-qt. basket.

Tomatoes—Outside-grown 50c. to 75c. per 11-qt. basket; hothouse, 15c. to 20c. per lb. Beets—\$1 to \$1.25 per bag.

Cabbage—40c. to 75c. per doz., \$1 per bbl. Carrots—75c. per bag. Cauliflower—50c. to \$2.50 per doz.

Celery—50c. to \$1 per doz. Corn—15c. to 20c. per dozen. Cucumbers—90c. to \$1 per 11-qt. basket.

Gherkins—\$1 to \$2.50 per 11-qt. basket. Lettuce—Leaf, 30c. to 35c. per doz. Canadian head, 75c. to \$1.50 per doz.

Onions—\$2 per 100-lb. sack; pickling yellow, 50c. per 11-qt.; white, \$1 to \$1.50 per 11-qt. basket.

Peppers—Green, hot, 50c. to 60c. per 11 qts.; sweet, 75c. to \$1 per 11 qts.; red sweet, 75c. to \$1 per 11-qt.; red hot, 65c. to 75c. per 11-qt. basket.

Potatoes.—\$1.50 to \$1.65 per bag. Spinach—\$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. Squash—75c. to \$1.50 per doz.

Pumpkins—75c. to \$1.50 per doz. Turnips—60c. to 75c. per bag.

Hay and Straw—Farmers' Market. New hay, No. 1, per ton, \$37 to \$39; mixed, \$30 to \$32; straw, rye, per ton, \$25 to \$28; straw, loose, per ton, \$13 to \$14; straw, oat, bundled, \$18 to \$20.

Clover Seed.

Dealers quote clover seed at country points as follows—Alsike, No. 1 fancy, \$14.50 to \$15.50; No. 1, bush., \$13.50 to \$14.50; No. 2, bush., \$12.50 to \$13.50; No. 3 bush., \$11.50 to \$12.50; rejected, \$9 to \$11.50.

Monday's Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, October 25 Cattle.—Receipts, 4,937. The cattle market opened draggy. Good heavy cattle and choice butchers were about steady. Twenty-one steers, averaging 1,320 lbs., sold for \$13.60. One load of good heifers, averaging 855 lbs., sold for \$11.25. Canners were a quarter lower. Bulls were steady. Common grades of cattle were a slow sale. Real good feeders, weighing around 1,100 lbs., sold at \$10.25. Choice stockers sold steady. Quotations: Heavy beef steers, \$13.50 to \$14.50; butcher steers, choice, \$11.50 to \$12.50; good, \$10.50 to \$11.50; medium, \$7.50 to \$9; common, \$6 to \$6.75. Butcher heifers, choice, \$11 to \$12; medium, \$7.50 to \$9; common, \$6 to \$6.75. Butcher cows, choice, \$9 to \$10; medium, \$7 to \$9. Canners and cutters, \$3 to \$6. Butcher bulls, good, \$9.50 to \$10; common, \$5 to \$6. Feeder steers, good, \$10 to \$11; fair, \$9 to \$9.50. Stockers, good, \$8.50 to \$9.50; fair, \$6.75 to \$8. The calf trade was very slow and prices looked like \$1 to \$1.50 lower. Quotations: Choice, \$17 to \$18; medium, \$14 to \$16; common, \$8 to \$12. Milch cows: Choice, \$100 to \$160; springers, choice, \$125 to \$165.

Sheep.—Receipts, 2,815. The lamb market was stronger by 50 to 75 cents. Sheep were steady to strong. Yearlings, \$8 to \$9; fat sheep, \$5 to \$7; lambs sold for \$11 to \$12.50.

Hogs.—Receipts, 1,858. Fed and watered hogs sold at \$19.25. Quotations: Fed and watered basis, selects, \$19.25; lights, \$17.25; heavies, \$18.25; sows, \$14.25 to \$16.25.

Montreal, October 25. Cattle.—Receipts, 2,345. The market was sluggish with good cattle lower. Top sales of fairly good butcher cattle were reported around \$9. Very light, common butcher cattle were about steady at \$6. Light and mediumweight bulls were up to \$4.50.

Quotations: Butcher steers, medium, \$8 to \$8.50; common, \$6 to \$7.75. Butcher heifers, medium, \$7. Canners, \$3 to \$3.50; cutters, \$4 to \$4.50. Butcher bulls, common, \$4 to \$5.

Calves.—Receipts, 1,107. Grass calves generally sold at \$5 to \$5.50, for common grades. Good veal was steady.

Sheep.—Receipts, 7,312. Lambs generally were poorer in quality, and the market was down and uneven at \$11 to \$12 for the best lots, according to quality. Quotations: Ewes, \$3 to \$6.50; lambs, good, \$11 to \$12; common, \$8 to \$10.

Hogs.—Receipts, 2,054. Selects were 50 cents lower. Quotations, off car weights: Selects, \$18.60 to \$19; sows, \$14.50 to \$15.

Buffalo, October 25. Cattle.—Receipts, 2,900. The market was a half lower on shipping steers, and 25 to 50 cents higher on butchering grades. Best Canadians were \$13.50; yearlings sold at \$15.50.

Hogs.—Receipts, 16,000. Hogs were a quarter lower. A few sold for \$13.85; the bulk went at \$13.75. Pigs sold for \$13.25.

Sheep.—Receipts, 9,000. Lambs were a quarter to a half higher; tops went at \$13.50; handy ewes sold at \$6.

Calves.—Receipts, 1,900. Calves were slow and 50 cents lower. Tops mostly were \$15.50.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—A very bad situation prevailed in the cattle division of the trade last week at all of the American markets. To start with, with commodities generally dropping to lower levels and including not a few food products, the public is clamoring for cheaper meat prices, and the big killers, with the packing season on, are inclined to work cattle prices to a lower level, in order that the demand for dressed beef may be enlarged, as the policy of all American packers is that the larger the volume of business the better the results, and, with abnormally high cattle prices, the demand for beef has materially lessened. Another phase against the maintenance of high prices is that hides have taken a decided drop, and other big products have shown declines. These bearish features have contributed to a very weak market of late weeks, and the past week was about the worst of any previous week for some months, prices not only showing a substantial decline, but, even at the take-off, the market being in a very draggy and slow position all week. Prices were generally a half to a dollar and a half lower, and practically all classes of cattle were affected. Bulls sold a dollar lower. Stocker and feeder trade was weak. Only the very best milk cows and springers bringing satisfactory prices, these selling firm. Immediate prospects are not favorable for the trade. Offerings for the week totaled 4,975 head, as against 4,775 head for the previous week, and as compared with 7,650 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Canadian offerings figured pretty close to half of the week's run and the Dominion supplied the top steers at \$14.50. Quotations: Steers—Canadians—Best, \$13.50 to \$14.50; fair to good, \$12.50 to \$13; common and plain, \$11 to \$11.50. Butchering Steers—Yearlings, good to prime, \$15.50 to \$17; choice heavy, \$12.50 to \$13; best handy, \$11 to \$11.50; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$10.75; light and common, \$8.50 to \$9.50. Cows and Heifers.—Heavy heifers, \$10.50 to \$11; best butchering heifers, \$9.50 to \$10; good butchering heifers, \$7.50 to \$8.50; light, common, \$5.50 to \$6; very fancy fat cows, \$9 to \$9.50; best heavy fat cows, \$8.25 to \$8.50; medium to good, \$7 to \$8; cutters, \$4.50 to \$5; canners, good, \$3 to \$3.50. Stockers and Feeders—Best feeders, \$8 to \$9; common to fair, \$7.25 to \$7.75; best stockers, \$7.25 to \$7.50; fair to good, \$6.75 to \$7; common, \$5.50 to \$6. Bulls—Best heavy, \$9 to \$9.50; good butchering, \$8 to \$8.50; sausage, \$5.50 to \$6.50; light bulls, \$5 to \$5.50. Milkers and Springers—Best, \$85 to \$110; medium to good, \$75 to \$80; common, \$50 to \$65. Hogs.—Hog prices were given a hard jolt at all marketing points last week, a take-off of from \$2.50 to \$2.75 being noted at Buffalo within a period of five days. Monday the top was \$16.25, and while a few decks brought \$16.10, the bulk of the good hogs had to take \$16, with pigs landing at \$15.50. Friday good hogs sold a dollar lower, top being \$14.25, with bulk \$14, and pigs, which were off a quarter, landed mostly at \$13.50. Sheep and lambs.—The first half of

last week showed best lambs selling at \$12, with culls \$9 down, and the next two days the bulk went at \$12.50, with culls bringing up to \$9.50. Sheep were little changed all week. Best yearling wethers were quoted from \$7.50 to \$8.50, top wether sheep \$6 to \$6.50, best ewes brought from \$5 to \$5.75, few up to \$5.75, and cull sheep ranged from \$2 to \$3.50. The week's receipts totaled 21,500 head, as compared with 27,046 head for the week before and 22,800 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Calf market showed some declines last week. Monday tops sold at \$18.50, with culls bringing up to \$16, and before the week was out on Friday buyers got best veals down to \$16.50 and culls ranged downward from \$14. Weighty calves and grassy kinds were a drug on the market, few of the latter kinds selling above \$6. Receipts for the week were 4,000 head the week before there were 3,568 head and for the same week a year ago 3,150 head.

Montreal.

The market for horses continued quiet and no changes are reported in prices. Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,600 lbs. were quoted at \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$250 each; light horses, \$175 to \$225; culls, \$50 to \$75, and fine saddle and carriage animals, \$250 to \$300 each.

Dressed Hogs.—The trade in dressed hogs was quiet due mainly to the continued mild weather which is at present prevailing. The tone of the market was consequently displaying an easier tone with abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed stock quoted at 29c. per lb.

Potatoes.—There is a good demand for good potatoes, with small offerings, and prices are, therefore, steady. Car lots of Quebec stock were quoted at \$1.40 per bag of 90 lbs., ex-track, while in a wholesale jobbing way the quotation was \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag of 90 lbs., ex-store. There is a fairly liberal supply of poor potatoes, but demand is small and very low prices have to be accepted in order to clear them.

Maple Products.—Business in maple products is slow, buyers having sufficient supplies on hand to meet their immediate requirements. Maple syrup was quoted at \$1.90 to \$2 per gallon in wood, and \$2.10 to \$2.20 per tin of one gallon. Maple sugar was 26c. to 28c. per lb., according to quality.

Eggs.—A steady demand continued for the best grade of eggs for local consumption, and as supplies are none to large to meet requirements the undertone of the market was firm. Demand for undergrades was slow, and very little business was done. Quotations—Special grades, 75c. to 77c. per dozen; extras, 68c. to 69c.; firsts, 58 to 59c., and seconds, 50c. to 51c. per dozen.

Butter.—No improvement is reported in the demand for butter and the market was quiet, with the undertone easy. Quotations—Pasteurized creamery, 51 1/2c. to 52c. per lb.; finest creamery, 51c. to 51 1/2c., and fine creamery, 49 1/2c. to 50c. In a wholesale jobbing way finest creamery butter was selling at 56c. per lb., in solid packages, and at 57c. in 1-lb. blocks.

Cheese.—A better demand is reported for cheese for export account, and a fair amount of business is passing over the cable. At one of the country boards transactions have taken place at 22 1/2c. per lb. f.o.b., which is the lowest price so far accepted this season at any country board.

Grain.—A good demand continued for American corn for local account, and quite a large volume of business is being done, sales being reported of 75 to 100 cars for prompt and December-January shipment from Chicago. No. 2 yellow sold as low as \$1.10 per bushel, ex-track here, American funds. The market for oats is quiet with prices unchanged. No. 2 Canadian Western were quoted at 96c.; No. 3 Canadian Western 88c.; No. 1 feed at 87c., and No. 2 feed at 84 1/2c. per bushel, ex-store. Car lots of Ontario No. 3 white, in transit were quoted at 89c.

Flour.—A steady business is reported in spring wheat grades of flour at firm prices. First patents were quoted at \$13; seconds at \$12.50, and strong bakers at \$12.30 per barrel, in jute bags, ex-track, less 10c. per barrel for spot cash.

Millfeed.—There is no change in the market for millfeed. Bran was quoted at \$40.25, and shorts at \$45.25 per ton, Continued on page 1878.

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