

FARMERS' BUSINESS



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with its 102 Branches in Ontario, 32 Branches in Quebec, 19 Branches in Manitoba, 21 Branches in Saskatchewan, 53 Branches in Alberta, and 8 Branches in British Columbia serves Rural Canada most effectively.
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Shipments to United States points consisted of 196 calves.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 15, inclusive, were: 23,773 cattle, 50,510 calves, 41,307 hogs and 14,309 sheep; compared with 23,655 cattle, 43,303 calves, 53,472 hogs, and 12,747 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 15, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 595 calves, 1,981 butcher cattle, 1,501 hogs and 776 sheep. Canadian shipments consisted of 36 milch cows. Shipments to United States' points consisted of 98 calves.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 15, inclusive, were: 22,010 cattle, 37,899 calves, 26,233 hogs and 12,041 sheep; compared with 25,679 cattle, 34,290 calves, 29,204 hogs, and 11,933 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Canadian steers made a record price on the Buffalo market last week, selling up to \$17.75, being, so far as is known here, the highest price ever obtained for market cattle out of the Dominion. Other loads of Canadians sold at \$16.50 to \$17.50 and anything in the shipping steer line from across the river sold readily at a quarter advance, as compared with the previous week. Supply of Canadian cattle was liberal, there being close around eighty-five cars, most of which ran to straight loads of steers, with some mixed cow and heifer stuff, which also sold 15 to 25 cents above the preceding week. Offerings on a medium and common kind of butchering stuff moved slowly, canners and cutters in some instances ruling shade lower than for the preceding week. Stocker and feeder trade generally showed a better feeling, good feeders especially selling higher, best here the past week reaching \$10.50 to \$10.85. Bull market ruled about steady, with a somewhat weaker close for the week on milk cows and springers. Offerings for the week totaled 6,525 head, as against 6,050 for the previous week and as compared with 6,000 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers—Natives—Choice to prime, \$17.75 to \$18; fair to good, \$17 to \$17.25; plain and medium, \$14 to \$16; coarse and common, \$12 to \$13.

Butchering Steers—Choice heavy, \$16.50 to \$17; fair to good, \$15.25 to \$16; best handy, \$14.75 to \$15.50; fair to good, \$12 to \$13.50; light and common, \$9 to \$10; yearlings, choice to prime, \$16 to \$16.50; fair to good, \$13 to \$15.

Cows and Heifers—Best heavy heifers, \$14 to \$15; fair to good, \$11.25 to \$12; good butchering heifers, \$11 to \$12; fair butchering heifers, \$9 to \$10; common, \$7 to \$8.50; very fancy fat cows, \$11.50 to \$13; best heavy fat cows, \$9.50 to \$10.50; good butchering cows, \$8.25 to \$9; medium to fair, \$7.50 to \$8; cutters, \$6.75 to \$7; canners, \$5 to \$6.50.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$11 to \$12; good butchering, \$10 to \$10.50; sausage, \$8 to \$9.25; light bulls, \$7 to \$8; oxen, \$7 to \$12.

Stockers and Feeders—Best feeders, \$9.50 to \$10.50; common to fair, \$8 to \$9; best stockers, \$8.75 to \$9.25; fair to good, \$8.25 to \$8.75; common, \$7 to \$8.

Milchers and Springers—Good to best (small lots) \$100 to \$135; in carloads, \$90 to \$100; medium to fair (small lots), \$80 to \$85; in carloads, \$70 to \$75; common, \$50 to \$55.

Hogs.—Prices made a big gain the first half of last week. Monday, when values on good hogs ruled 25 to 40 cents over the previous week's close, the market opened with heavies selling at \$20.40 to \$20.50 and the more desirable grades moved at \$20.60 to \$20.65. The late trade was stronger, some handy grades being placed up to \$20.75 and some weighing better than 240 pounds brought \$20.60. Pigs generally \$20, roughs mostly \$17.25 and stags \$15 down. Tuesday prices showed another advance, heavies bringing from \$20.50 to \$20.75 and handier grades landed at \$20.75 and \$20.80, few \$20.85. Wednesday the bulk of the crop, which was on the mixed order, brought \$20.90 and Thursday's top was registered at \$21. Friday the trade was steady. Handy grades ranged from \$20.85 to \$21, and the better weights brought from \$20.75 to \$20.90. Pigs and lights \$20 to \$20.50, roughs, \$17.50 and \$18 and stags \$15 down. The past week's receipts totaled 14,213 head, as compared with 12,793 head for the week before and 8,000 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs—Market on lambs occupied a more favorable position the past week. Monday tops sold at \$18, Tuesday one bunch reached \$18.35, Wednesday, only a few holdovers were here and they sold at \$18.12½, Thursday's top was \$18.25, and Friday bulk moved at \$18.50. Inferior to good cull lambs ranged from \$10 to \$15. Best yearlings were quoted from \$14.50 to \$15 and choice wether sheep from \$13.50 to \$13.75. Most of the sheep receipts were ewes and the good ones brought from \$12.50 to \$13. The past week's receipts were 3,814 head, as compared with 3,645 head for the week previous and 3,750 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves—The first four days of last week showed top veals selling from \$18.50 to \$19, and Friday, under a red-hot demand, prices were jumped \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt. On the fifth day of the week choice veals were placed from \$20.50 to \$21. The latter price equaled the record, made at Buffalo last March. Cull grades the fore part of the week sold from \$17 down and Friday they brought up to \$18. Heavy fat calves were ranged from \$12 to \$15 and the rough ones from \$7 to \$10. Offerings for the past week aggregated 2,114 head, being against 3,370 head for the week before and 2,600 head for the same week a year ago.

Toronto Produce.

Live stock receipts at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, August 26, consisted of 201 cars, 3,856 cattle, 211 calves, 1,464 hogs, 1,712 sheep and lambs. Heavy steers strong; top \$15.70. Butcher steers and heifers steady; cows 15 to 25 cents higher; bulls, stockers and feeders steady; milkers and springer strong. Sheep and calves steady; lambs \$2 lower; choice \$18 to \$19. Hogs steady.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2, winter, per car lot, \$2.22; (basis in store Montreal). Manitoba wheat, in store Ft. William—

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97 BRANCHES IN CANADA

Savings Bank Department at all Branches

including 2½¢ tax.—No. 1 northern, \$2.23½; No. 2 northern, \$2.20½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10½.

Oats.—(According to freights outside) Ontario, No. 2 white, (new crop), 77c. to 79c.; No. 3 white, (new crop), 76c. Manitoba oats, No. 2 C. W., 92½¢; No. 3 C. W., 88½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 88½¢; No. 3, C. W., 87½¢, (in store, Fort William); No. 1 feed, 84½¢.

Barley.—New crop, \$1.03 to \$1.05.

Peas.—According to freights outside, No. 2, nominal.

Corn.—American (track, Toronto), No. 3 yellow kiln dried, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, nominal.

Rye.—No. 2, nominal.

Flour.—Manitoba flour, war quality, \$10.95. Ontario flour, war quality, \$10.85, in bags, Montreal; \$10.85, in bags, Toronto.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, No. 1, \$18 to \$19 per ton; mixed, per ton, \$16 to \$17 per ton.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$8 to \$8.50, track, Toronto.

Bran.—Per ton, \$35.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$40.

Hides and Skins.

Prices delivered, Toronto:
City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flat, 13½¢; calf skins, green, flat, 30c.; veal kip, 22c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$6 to \$7; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 15c. to 17c.; green, 12c. to 13c.; deacons or bob calf, \$2.25 to \$2.75 each; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$5; horse hair, farmers' stock, \$25.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 16c. to 17c.; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 15c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 18c. to 19c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool, as to quality, fine, 60c. to 65c.; washed wool, fine, 80c. to 90c.

Farm Produce.

Butter.—All classes of butter again remained fairly stationary in price, selling as follows on the wholesales: Creamery, fresh-made, pound squares, at 46c. to 47c. per lb.; creamery solids, at 45c. to 46c. per lb.; dairy, 40c. to 42c. per lb.

Oleomargarine.—32c. to 33c. per lb.

Eggs.—Eggs also sold at unchanged prices, wholesale, selling as follows: No. 1's selling at 48c. to 49c. per doz.; and selects at 50c. to 52c. per doz.

Cheese.—Cheese sold at unchanged prices during the past week: Old and new

cheese selling at 25c. per lb. wholesale, and twins at 25½¢ per lb.

Poultry.—The following prices were quoted for live weight: Spring chickens, 35c. per lb.; roosters, 22c. per lb.; fowl, 4 lbs. and under, 25c. per lb.; over 4 lbs., 28c. per lb.; ducklings, per lb., 25c.; turkeys, per lb., 30c.; turkeys, old, per lb., 25c.

Honey.—Five, 10 and 60-lb. pails, per lb., 26c. to 27c. Comb, per dozen, \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Montreal.

Horses.—It is said that shortage of labor will this winter interfere with operations in the woods and should this be the case there will be less demand than usual for horses for lumbering operations. Up to the present, there is no enquiry. Heavy draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light horses, \$125 to \$175; culls, \$50 to \$75 each; fine saddle and carriage horses, \$175 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs.—No change has taken place in the market for dressed hogs. There is a good demand for them and prices were steady at 29½¢, to 30c. per lb.

Potatoes.—Offerings were not large and demand was good, so that the market held firm. Sales of 80-lb. bags, ex-store, were taking place at \$1.65 to \$1.75. This was for local stock. The crop is said to be very good.

Maple Syrup. The market was steady and \$1.90 to \$2.00 per gallon for syrup in wood and \$2.10 to \$2.25 for gallon-tins. Sugar was 22c. to 25c.

Eggs.—All sorts of prices were being paid for eggs, but there was no question that the market was very firm throughout. Prices showed little change, being 51c. to 52c. per dozen for select new laid stock, and 47c. to 48c. for No. 1 and 45c. to 46c. per doz. for No. 2 stock.

Butter.—The hot weather is now nearly at an end and there are prospects for an improvement in the quality of the make of the butter. Meantime, prices were steady at 43½¢ to 43¾¢ for finest creamery; 43c. to 43¼¢ for fine, and 36c. to 38½¢ for dairy.

Cheese.—No. 1 cheese, 28c.; No. 2, 22½¢; No. 3, 22c. per lb.

Grain.—The market for oats was firm. No. 2 Canadian Western was \$1.02 to \$1.03 per bushel, in car lots; No. No. 3 C. W. and extra No. 1 feed 99c. to \$1; No. 1 feed, 96c. to 97c.; No. 2 feed, 92c. to 93c.; Ontario No. 3 white, 89½¢ to 90c. per bushel, ex-store. No. 4 yellow

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