

MARKETS.

Toronto.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock during the past week at the City and Junction markets have been large. The quality of fat cattle was the best of many weeks, owing to the fact that there were many loads of Christmas cattle among them. Trade was brisk at each market, as prime cattle are none too plentiful.

Exporters.—Trade in shipping cattle has been dull, owing to dealers having little space, and prices low on the British markets. Prices ranged from \$4.30 to \$4.90, the bulk selling at \$4.50 to \$4.60. Bulls sold at \$3.50 to \$4.25, with a few prime-quality animals at \$4.50 per cwt.

Butchers.—Christmas cattle of prime quality sold at \$4.80 to \$5.50 per cwt., only a few lots bringing the latter price, the bulk selling at \$5.00 to \$5.25 per cwt., by the car lot. Urban Schmidt, of Mildmay, topped the market with a three-year-old steer, 1,500 lbs., at \$6.50 per cwt. Loads of good butchers' sold at \$4 to \$4.25; medium butchers', \$3.60 to \$3.90; common, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cows, \$2.25 to \$3.75 per cwt.; canners, \$1 to \$2 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Deliveries moderate; quality medium, with prices ranging from \$30 to \$55 each, only one or two bringing the latter price.

Feeders and Stockers.—A limited supply met a moderate demand. Steers, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs. each, sold at \$3.50 to \$3.85; feeding bulls at \$2.25 to \$2.85; stockers, \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.

Veal Calves.—Good to choice vealers are in demand at firm prices, but the inferior sell at low quotations. Prices range from \$2.50 to \$7 per cwt., several new-milk-fed calves selling readily at the latter price.

Sheep and Lambs.—Deliveries moderate; market strong, at firmer prices for lambs. Export sheep sold at \$4.75 per cwt.; culls and rams, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.75 to \$6.25 per cwt., with a few extra lots at \$6.30 per cwt.

Hogs.—Deliveries moderate. Prices unchanged at \$6.40 per cwt. for selects, and \$6.15 for lights and fats; sows, \$4 to \$5; stags, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt. All these quotations are on the fed-and-watered basis.

Horses.—Considering the season of the year, there was a fair trade in horses this week, although the dealers say that prices are not quite as good as at this time last year. There is a fair demand for good heavy-draft horses, as well as expressers and good carriage horses. The sales held at the Exchange and Repository were well attended by dealers from all over the Province. Burns & Sheppard report prices as follows: Single roadsters, \$125 to \$160; single cobs and carriage horses, \$135 to \$165; matched pairs of carriage horses, \$300 to \$500; delivery horses, \$130 to \$165; general-purpose and express horses, \$150 to \$175; draft horses, \$160 to \$185; second-hand workers, \$60 to \$75; second-hand drivers, \$60 to \$80.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts fair. Good to choice quality firm at steady prices; common to medium grades slow of sale at easy prices. Creamery prints, 27c. to 29c.; creamery boxes, 25c. to 26c.; dairy pound rolls, 25c. to 26c.; tub, 23c. to 24c.; bakers' tub, 17c. to 18c.

Cheese.—Market steady. Large, 13c. to 14c.; twins, 14c. to 14c.

Honey.—Receipts light; prices firm at 11c. to 12c. per lb. for strained; comb, \$1.75 to \$2.60 per dozen sections.

Eggs.—New-laid, 30c. to 35c. per doz.; cold-storage, 22c.

Poultry.—It looks as though every family would be able to have turkey for Christmas this season, as heavy receipts have caused lower prices. Turkeys, 11c. to 13c.; geese, 9c. to 10c.; ducks, 9c. to 10c.; chickens, 9c. to 10c.; old fowl, 7c. to 8c. Inferior lots sell 1c. to 2c. lower than these quotations.

Potatoes.—Prices easier. J. J. Ryan, wholesale dealer, reports New Brunswick Delawares as selling at 75c. to 80c. per bag, car lots, on track, at Toronto. Ontario potatoes, per car lot, at 65c. to 70c. per bag, per car lot, on track.

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Hay.—Baled hay scarce, on account of car shortage. No. 1 timothy, \$11 to \$12 per ton; No. 2 timothy, \$9 to \$10 per ton, per car lots, on track, at Toronto.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, on track, at Toronto, at \$6 to \$7 per ton. Bran.—Prices firm at \$17 to \$17.50, at city mills, at Toronto; shorts, \$20.

BREADSTUFFS.

Grain.—Wheat—Red and white winter, 69c.; No. 2, mixed, 69c.; Goose, No. 2, 65c. Manitoba, No. 1 Hard, no quotations; No. 1 Northern, 80c.; No. 3, 77c.

Barley.—No. 2, 51c.; No. 3X, 49c.; No. 3, 46c.

Rye.—70c. bid; sellers, 71c.

Oats.—No. 2, white, 36c.; No. 2, mixed, sellers asking 38c., at Toronto.

Peas.—No. 2, 81c. bid, sellers, 82c.

Corn.—No. 3, yellow, sellers, 51c., at Toronto.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, \$3.75, track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$2.70 bid for export; Manitoba special brands, \$4.50; strong bakers', \$4.

HIDES AND WOOL.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 Front St., Toronto, have been paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1 steers and cows, 11c.; inspected hides, No. 2 steers and cows, 10c.; country hides, cured, 10c. to 10c.; country hides, green, 9c. to 9c.; calf skins, No. 1 city, 12c.; calf skins, No. 1, country, 11c.; lamb skins, each, \$1 to \$1.10; horse hides, \$3.50 to \$3.75; horse hair, No. 1, per lb., 30c.; tallow, per lb., 5c.

SEEDS.

The William Rennie & Sons report the clover-seed market quiet, with prices steady at the following quotations: Alsike, fancy, \$6.30 to \$6.60; alsike, No. 1, \$6 to \$6.20; alsike, No. 2, \$5.25 to \$5.40; alsike, No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.80; red clover, new, \$7.25 to \$7.50; red clover, old, \$6.50 to \$6.90; timothy, No. 1, \$1.50 to \$1.80; timothy, No. 2, \$1.20 to \$1.40.

TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET.

Wheat.—Fall, 72c.; Goose, 68c.

Rye.—76c.

Barley.—54c. to 55c.

Peas.—81c. to 82c.

Oats.—38c. to 40c.

Hay.—Timothy, \$14 to \$16 per ton; mixed hay, \$10 to \$11 per ton.

Straw.—Loads of bundled or sheaf oat straw, \$16 per ton; loads of loose straw, \$7 to \$8 per ton.

Apples.—Fall apples, \$2 to \$2.50 per bbl.; winter apples, \$2.50 to \$3.50, the latter price being for choice Spies.

Potatoes.—Farmers' loads, 70c. to 75c. per bag.

Dressed Hogs.—Prices steady at \$8.25 to \$8.85 per cwt., the latter price being for choice, light huts, fatting.

Butter.—Baskets of choice dairy rolls sell at 28c. to 29c. per lb.

Eggs.—New-laid eggs, not more than a week old, 50c. per doz.; eggs held for two to three weeks, 40c. to 45c. per doz.

British Cattle Market.

London.—Canadian cattle in the British markets are quoted at 9c. to 12c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8c. to 8c. per lb.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—Shipments of stock are now taking place via St. John, N. B., and Portland, Me., 3,168 cattle and 161 sheep having left by the former port since the closing of navigation, and 2,035 cattle and 1,326 sheep by the latter. The market for cattle in Montreal was rather stronger. Receipts light, particularly choice stock. Choicest, 4c. to 4c.; good, 3c. to 4c., and medium, 3c. to 3c. Of the entire receipts, however, it is claimed, the bulk consisted of common stock, which sold between 1c. and 2c. or 2c. per pound. Market for lambs firm, receipts having been light of late, and demand good. Lambs, 5c. to 6c. per lb. Sheep in good demand at 3c. to 4c. Calves scarce, 2c. to 3c. for common, and 4c. to 5c. for fine. Fair quality of hogs offering, but prices held steady, and all the select stock was absorbed at a range of 6c. to 6c. per pound.

Horses.—There has been some call lately for a rather low grade of horse, possibly from those who intend to use them for carting the heavy snow which has covered the streets. Lumbermen are also calling for a few fine large horses. On the whole, however, there is no actual activity, though a fair trade has been passing. Heavy-draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs. each, \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft or coal-carters, weighing 1,460 to 1,500 lbs. each, \$200 to \$250 each; express horses, 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., \$150 to \$260; common drivers, \$100 to \$150 each; old, broken-down horses, \$50 to \$100, and choice saddle and carriage horses, \$350 to \$500 each.

Dressed Hogs, Provisions, etc.—Dressed hogs are in excellent demand. They are not offering very freely, yet there is no scarcity. Country dressed, 8c. to 8c., according to quality. The fresh-killed abattoir hogs, being unfrozen, are wanted for the choicest trade, and prices range from 5c. to 9c. per lb. Poultry.—The market for poultry has increased interest this week, owing to the approach of Christmas and New Years. The market is beginning to show strength, and, doubtless, before long somewhat higher prices will be experienced. Fine to finest turkeys, 13c. to 14c. per lb., in a large way, while choice chickens sell at 10c., and even 10c., when extra good. Old fowl are bringing hands in considerable quantities at 7c. to 8c.; mixed fowl and chickens, 6c. to 9c. per lb. There has been hardly anything doing in ducks, and merchants seem to have different ideas of their value. It would seem that 12c. is for best ducks, some quoting below this figure and some rather higher. Very little has yet been done in geese, but prices range from 9c. to 10c., and perhaps a fraction more in some cases.

Hides, Tallow and Wool.—Market conditions and prices throughout these markets remain the same as stated in last report.

Cheese.—There seems to be some inquiry from the other side, but dealers claim that it is at too low a figure to lead to any business. However, the trade is encouraged to have any communication at all at this time of year. Nothing is being done in the better grades of cheese. November Easterns are quoted at 11c. to 11c., Westerns 11c.

12c. to 12c. October cheese 1c. more than these figures.

Butter.—The market for butter is active and firm. Shipments are being constantly made to outside points, and quite a quantity of creamery has been shipped both to Winnipeg and Vancouver. Meantime, the production in the country is falling off rapidly, and there is evidence that the make during the coming winter will be smaller than usual. The season is starting with small stocks, so that everything points to a strong market. Prices are about 25c. to 25c. for good to fine Townships creamery, and 25c. to 26c. for choicest, the latter being for fancy.

Eggs.—There is always a very fair demand for eggs at this period, and this activity is being experienced at the present moment. Yet prices do not advance. Some think that this is due to a feeling that somewhere or other there is a very considerable quantity of eggs laid by, the receipts having been so heavy and the shipments so light. Of course, the supply may have gone into consumption. Meantime, cold-storage stock ranges from 20c. to 23c. per doz., and selects made from these range from 24c. to 27c. Pickled stock sells at 20c. to 21c. Some dealers talk of fresh eggs being obtained at 30c. per doz., but these are not the choice, fresh-laid stock for which all kinds of prices are paid.

Potatoes.—Market very firm, owing to the extra expense incurred in the heating of the cars in order to keep the stock from freezing. It is said there is a carload here now, which is practically all frozen, and that it has been offered at \$100, the ordinary price being around \$350 per car. Quebec stock is quotable at around 65c. to 70c. per 90 lbs., carloads, on track, and is being sold in a jobbing way at 80c. to 85c. per bag of 90 lbs., delivered into store. Green Mountains range from 75c. to 78c. for choicest, on track, and are being sold in a jobbing way at 85c. to 90c. per bag of 90 lbs., delivered.

Milled.—Market for bran and shorts very active, and prices for bran have advanced \$1 per ton, being quoted at \$21, in bulk. Shorts, \$22.

Grain.—The market is dull on all lines, although the movement in oats continues steady. In store, No. 1 oats are quoted at 42c.; No. 2, 41c. to 42c., and No. 3, 40c. to 41c. There is very little doing in peas, and prices are 9c. per bush, store. Manitoba wheat is now on an all-rail basis, and is quoted at 87c. per bush, for No. 1 Northern. Ontario white winter is 80c.

Hay.—There are many stories going around regarding the value of hay, some saying that very high prices have been paid in the country. Dealers quote No. 1 timothy, \$15; No. 2, \$14, and clover, \$13. Ottawa is buying from St. John's, Que., at \$13 and \$14, f. o. b.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Common to prime steers, \$4 to \$7.40; cows, \$2.65 to \$4.75; heifers, \$2.60 to \$5; bulls, \$2.40 to \$4.50; calves, \$2.75 to \$8; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.50.

Hogs.—Choice heavy, \$6.20 to \$6.25; light butchers', \$6.15 to \$6.25; choice light, \$6.10 to \$6.15; light, mixed, \$6.10 to \$6.15; packing, \$5.90 to \$6.15; pigs, \$6 to \$6.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$3 to \$6.25; yearlings, \$4.70 to \$6.25; lambs, \$5.75 to \$7.75.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$5.75 to \$6.35; shipping, \$4.85 to \$5.65; butchers', \$4.25 to \$5.25.

Veals.—\$4.50 to \$9.50.

Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$6.35 to \$6.40; pigs, \$6.50; roughs, \$5.50 to \$5.75; stags, \$4.50 to \$5.

Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$8; ewes, \$5.25 to \$5.50; Canada lambs, \$7.50 to \$7.75.

We call attention of our readers to a new advertisement in this issue of Messrs. Campbell & Argue, Plantagenet, Ont., expert well-drillers, and dealers in pumps, piping and pump fittings. We advise those whose wants are in this line to look up the advertisement.

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