

per cwt. Feeding bulls being from \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. Stockers are in fair demand 2-year-old steers, 400 to 700 lbs. each, bring \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt., and inferior lots \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt. Calves and springers sell from \$40 to \$60 each. Calves of the right kind are firm and wanted.

Sheep and lambs run fairly firm, though the run has been heavy. Sheep were a little easier towards the end of the week at \$2.50 to \$3.40 per cwt for ewes, and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for bucks. Spring lambs sold at \$4 to \$4.20 per cwt. Hogs have taken another drop and it looks as if things might go still lower. The English bacon market is reported to be demoralized and the outlook at the moment is not at all bright. The usual fall "slump" has evidently gone a notch or two lower this fall. Select bacon hogs are quoted at \$4.85, and lights and fats at \$4.60 per cwt.

HORSES

The horse market has ruled a little quiet of late. Good heavy draft and general purpose horses are scarce and hard to get. For these prices rule firm. At Grand's last sale, Peter Mar's heavy stock was sold. Prices were fair, ranging from \$60 up to \$450 for a good pair of carriage horses. Seagram's big sale of thoroughbreds, held at Grand's on Nov. 18th, was one of the best sales of thoroughbreds ever held at the Repository here. Thirty-one horses were sold and out of these 11 were yearlings. The whole lot averaged \$140 each, a pretty good record considering that there was such a large percentage of young stock.

TORONTO JUNCTION

The New Union Stock Yards at Toronto Junction continue to get their usual supply and do good export trade in cattle. Export cattle are quoted at \$4 to \$4.65 per cwt. and butchers' cattle at from \$2.50 to \$4.25 as quality. Other prices rule about the same as at the city market.

On Friday, Dec. 11, the Union Stock Yards Company will hold their first annual Fat Stock Show, which it is hoped to develop into large proportions in time. About \$150 is being given in prizes for all classes of market stock in cattle and sheep. The yards will be open free to the public on the day of the show.

MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 25th, 1903. Farmers are now extremely busy with the marketing of their season's products, and as prices generally are ruling firm they have reason to feel satisfied with the returns. The apple growers of the Annapolis Valley will at least one and a half million dollars for the apples shipped to the English market, which will be in excess of a half million barrels. Up to November 15th, 220,000 barrels had been shipped from Halifax and Annapolis and a considerable quantity from the port of Montreal. Prices of apples rule high locally, and even the lower grades, when offered in the city at auction, often bring upwards of three dollars per barrel.

Arrivals of P. E. Island produce by schooners have been very heavy in the last ten days but the quotations have been remarkably well sustained. No sales of potatoes ex. vessel have been made under 35 cents per bushel, and quite a quantity were sold at 38 cents. Quite a quantity of turnips have been offered, but buyers here do not take to them kindly this season as so much phosphate has been used as a fertilizer that their table quality has been impaired. Oats have sold at 30 cents ex. vessel and at 42 cents out of store.

The product of all the cheese factories has now been disposed of and prices for late made goods decline. The open season enabled the factories to continue operations quite late into the year that a much larger quantity of poor quality goods was placed upon the market than dealers anticipated. Eggs have advanced another cent and are now selling at 22 cents. A quantity of lined eggs have been taken out of store and sold at 20 cents. Among the latter was a lot which were worthless and was a complete loss to the holder as the yolks were hardened to about the consistency of cheese. There has been no change in the hay, feed and flour markets, which keep firm. Owing to the high price of choice Porto Rico molasses, a blended mixture has been selling at a slight reduction and a good many merchants have bought it without a knowledge of its character.

Canned tomatoes have been advanced to \$1.25. Some American tomatoes are offered here at \$1.20.

Business is very brisk at the waterfront. The grain elevator was in operation today for the first time in its history, and 40,000 bushels of wheat was put aboard the Allan liner Pretorian. She arrived on Saturday, and 75 car loads of cargo for the West went out from here on Monday and Tuesday. There are five ocean steamers now loading at this port. In addition to the grain, the Pretorian will take cattle, lumber and pulp, having had no trouble in securing a full cargo.

The New York Horse Show

For some reason or other the New York Horse Show held a week ago has not come up to previous records. There was a falling off of several hundred in the number of entries and such a lack of interest in the procurement of boxes and reserved seats that the public sale of seats was practically abandoned. At the opening the attendance was woefully small, though later the crowds began to gather, the ladies, with their fine toggery, predominating.

The show of horses was of the usual type. No Canadian breeders had any horses entered, the increasing stringency in the U. S. regulations preventing entries from being made. Some of the large Canadian dealers were present with good turnouts, including George Pepper and Crow & Murray, of Toronto, and Adam Beck of London. These showed high jumpers and hunters. Sweet Lavender, owned by Crow & Murray, won first in the jumping class, and Pepper's Myopia second. In qualified heavy weight hunters, Adam Beck's Dublin had first, and Pepper's Kingfish third. All three Canadians attained a good measure of success.

Turkeys May be High

Poultry shippers in London district say there is a very lively demand for turkeys and prices are going to be high. Birds at all fit for shipment to the Old Country bring nine to ten cents a pound and eleven and twelve cents have been paid for dressed turkeys. It is expected that 40,000 turkeys will be shipped from the London district during the next few weeks.

Results of Seed Analysis

The Seed Division at Ottawa has done good work testing the quality and purity of seeds sold in Canada. Last Spring 1012 samples of different seeds were secured from merchants in all parts of Canada. In addition, 122 samples of grass and clover seeds were analyzed for farmers and seed merchants. The prices paid by farmers for grass and clover seeds were no guide to the actual value of the samples. In Ontario first grade Timothy sold at \$5.80

per cwt.; second grade at \$6.24, and lower grades at \$5.52. In Quebec first grade red clover averaged \$15.50; second grade, \$12.55, and lower grades \$15.15. In the same Province, Alsike of the best grade sold for an average of \$17.00; second grade \$16.25, and lower grades at \$16.45 per cwt.

There were analyzed 206 samples of Timothy seed. Of these 84 contained 90 per cent. or over of pure and germinable seed. Out of 136 samples of Alsike analyzed only 130 contained 90 per cent. or over of pure and germinable seed. Of red clover, 206 samples were obtained from small dealers, and of these 80 samples contained 90 per cent. or over of pure and germinable seeds. The larger number of these samples were purchased from irresponsible dealers in villages and towns. A comparatively small number of samples was obtained from the reliable seed houses, which retail large quantities of high-class seeds, or the result would have been different.

Seven samples of Alsike and fourteen of red clover seeds were obtained from retail seedmen in Great Britain. Of these three of Alsike and five of red clover were said to be Canadian grown. The Canadian Alsike averaged 95.6 per cent. the three English grown, 94.27 per cent., and one German sample \$4.72 per cent. of pure and germinable seeds. The red clover seed obtained in Great Britain averaged 98.6 per cent. in purity and 92.3 in germination. The Canadian grown samples were slightly lower in purity than those grown in England and Chilt.

According to the foregoing, it would seem as if our best reclaimed Alsike and red clover seed is exported. While it is important that only the best should be exported, yet there should be enough of this quality kept at home for the Canadian farmer. The way to produce good seed is to sow good seed. If all the best is exported and the worst left for our farmers to sow it will not be long till there is no good seed to export. From this standpoint alone, only good seed should be sown. But there is a more important side to it. It is only by sowing good, pure seed with a large percentage of germination that our farmers can hope to secure maximum yields of the best quality of crops.

There is no more important question for the farmer of to-day than that of pure seeds and whether by legislation or otherwise some effort should be made to raise the average standard of seeds sold in Canada.

Ottawa Winter Fair

At a meeting of the directors of the Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show last week, it was decided to hold a fat stock show, a sale of registered stock and a poultry show in Ottawa from March 8th to 12th. Mr. J. C. Smith, of Hintonburgh, was elected President. The new building will be ready for the show.

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