

per hundred, which was about \$1.00 per hundred more than the prices paid for the same grade of calves during the previous week.

Few sheep and lambs were on sale. Prices were unchanged since the previous week.

Hog prices remain around \$21 per hundred, off cars, and while there are some predictions of an easier market, this does not seem to be borne out by the light receipts of hogs at the present time.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending April 18th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 3,083 calves, 46 canners and cutters, 61 bulls, 619 butcher cattle, 1,274 hogs and 28 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 38 milch cows and 24 butcher cattle. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to April 18th, inclusive, were 9,759 cattle, 13,725 calves, 19,975 hogs and 5,093 sheep, compared to 11,125 cattle, 16,395 calves, 20,474 hogs and 4,698 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending April 18th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,560 calves, 447 butcher cattle, 778 hogs and 25 sheep and lambs. Shipments to United States consisted of 703 calves.

The total receipts from January 1st to April 18th, inclusive, were 8,922 cattle, 12,260 calves, 11,653 hogs and 4,848 sheep; compared to 12,134 cattle, 13,846 calves, 15,733 hogs and 6,020 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—With receipts rather liberal last week, trade on all classes of steers was a full half dollar to seventy-five cents a hundred above the preceding week, making the Buffalo market the highest within its history, shipping steers selling up to \$17 to \$17.25, with Canadian steers ranging up to \$15.75 to \$16, highest prices ever paid on the Buffalo market. Best heavy fat cows and heifers ruled a full quarter to half higher, best heifers selling up to \$14.50, with best fat cows around \$13.50. Medium and commoner grades of butchering cattle were lower but choice handy steers and heifers were a quarter higher, best ranging up to \$16, with yearlings bringing that price. Canner and cutter stuff ruled about steady. Stockers and feeders were higher, bulls sold a full half dollar higher, while trade on milk cows and springers ruled about steady. Offerings for the week totalled 5,900 head, as against 3,650 for the preceding week, and as against 4,975 head for the corresponding week a year ago.

Quotations: Shipping Steers.—Natives, choice to prime, \$16.50 to \$17.25; fair to good, \$15.75 to \$16.25; medium and common, \$14 to \$15; coarse and common, \$13 to \$13.50.

Shipping Steers.—Canadians, best, \$15.50 to \$16; fair to good, \$14.50 to \$15.25; common and plain, \$13 to \$13.50.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$16 to \$16.50; fair to good, \$15.25 to \$15.75; best handy, \$15 to \$16; fair to good, \$14 to \$14.75; light and common, \$12 to \$13; yearlings, choice to prime, \$15.25 to \$16; fair to good, \$13.50 to \$14.75.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$10.50 to \$11; common to fair, \$9 to \$9.75; best stockers, \$9.50 to \$10; fair to good, \$8.75 to \$9.25; common, \$7.50 to \$8.

Hogs.—Prices, as a result of liberal receipts, were quite a bit lower last week. Monday, when the decline figured anywhere from a dime to twenty-five cents, heavy hogs sold from \$18.25 to \$18.50, bulk of the light hogs moved at \$18.65, few \$18.75, and lights and pigs, which were on top, brought \$18.65 and \$18.75. Tuesday the top dropped to \$18.50, bulk sold at \$18.40, with pigs \$18.15 and \$18.25. Wednesday nothing brought above \$18.20, and heavies ranged on down to \$17.90, and Thursday's market was strong to a dime higher than Wednesday. Friday's trade also ruled a little stronger. Yorkers and lights sold up to \$18.25 and \$18.35, bulk of the packers' kinds moved at \$18.25, with heavies ranging on down to \$18, and pigs ranged from \$18 to \$18.25. Roughs, \$16 to \$16.25, and stags \$13.50 down. Receipts for the past week were 27,100 head, as compared with 21,264 head for the week before, and 18,200 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Prices held to a high level again last week. Only a few wool lambs were here, and they sold from

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\$22 to \$22.25, with one bunch at \$22.50. The week started with best shorn lambs selling at \$19, few \$19.15; Tuesday's and Wednesday's top was \$19; Thursday the quality was not very good and none sold above \$18.75, and Friday the bulk landed at \$19. Cull lambs without fleeces went from \$16.50 down, skips going as low as \$11. Sheep were steady all week. Shorn yearlings brought up to \$17.25, wether sheep were quoted from \$15 to \$15.50 and ewes from \$14.50 down. The past week's receipts totaled 12,700 head, as against 13,260 head for the week previous, and 13,300 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—Receipts last week were the largest of the season, grand total being approximately 6,800 head. Offerings were against 5,710 head for the week before, and 4,900 head for the same week a year ago. Monday top veals opened at \$15.50, and late sales were made mostly at \$15. Tuesday and Wednesday the bulk landed at \$14.50; Thursday the majority landed at \$15, and Friday's range was the same as Monday, being from \$15 to \$15.50. Cull grades ranged from \$13 down, a couple of decks of very common, light Canadian calves selling Friday as low as \$10.

Toronto Produce.

Live stock receipts at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, April 29, consisted of 183 cars, 3,736 cattle, 1,196 calves, 1,307 hogs and 49 sheep and lambs. The market was strong. All classes of butcher cattle were steady at last week's closing prices. The top for straight loads \$14.75. Sheep and lambs strong. Good calves strong; others weak and one dollar lower. Hogs \$20.25, fed and watered.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario (basis in store Montreal) No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$2.22. Manitoba wheat (in store, Fort William, including 2½% tax) No. 1 northern, \$2.23½; No. 2 northern, \$2.20½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10½. Ont. Manitoba (in store, Fort William) No. 2 C.W., 91½; No. 3 C.W., 88½; extra No. 1 feed, 88½; No. 1 feed, 85½.

Oats.—Ontario, No. 2 white, 91½ to 92½; No. 3 white, 90½ to 91½, according to freight outside.

Peas (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Barley (according to freights outside)—malting, \$1.52 to \$1.53.

Buckwheat (according to freights outside)—\$1.84 to \$1.86.

Rye (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$2.65.

American corn (track, Toronto)—No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, \$1.90, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, \$1.85, nominal.

Flour.—Ontario (Montreal prompt shipment, new bags). War quality, \$10.80, Montreal; \$10.80, Toronto. Manitoba flour, (Toronto, new bags) war quality, \$11.10.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—No. 1, per ton, car lots, \$17 to \$18, mixed, \$14 to \$16.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$8.50 to \$9. Bran.—Per ton, \$35.40; shorts, per ton, \$40.40.

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered, Toronto: City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flat, 10½; calf skins, green, flat, 20c; veal kip, 18c; horse hides, city take off, \$6 to \$7; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.50.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 11c to 12c; green, 10c to 11c; deacon or bob calf, \$1.75 to \$2.50; 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 solid, 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 85c.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter of all classes kept practically stationary in price, wholesale, selling as follows: Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, 51c to 53c per lb.; creamery solids, 49c to 50c per lb.; dairy, 38c to 45c per lb.

Oleomargarine, 32c to 33c per lb. Eggs.—New-laid eggs kept stationary in price, selling as follows, wholesale: new-laid No. 1, 39c to 40c per dozen; select at 42c to 43c per dozen.

Cheese.—Old, 30c per lb.; new, 24c per lb.; new twins, 21½c per lb.

Poultry.—Receipts were exceptionally light, and prices firm during the past

week. Chickens, milk-fed, 30c per lb.; chickens, ordinary fed, 27c per lb.; fowl, 3½ lbs. and under, 25c per lb.; fowl 3½ lbs. to 5 lbs., 30c per lb.; fowl, 5 lbs. and over, 32c per lb.; ducklings, 30c per lb.; turkeys, young, 30c per lb.; turkeys, old, 25c per lb. (These are the live-weight prices now being paid to the producer.)

Potatoes.—Owing to seeding operations preventing them coming in potatoes had a firming tendency; Ontarios selling at \$1.60 and \$1.65 per bag, and N. B. Delawares at \$1.75 per bag. Cobbler and Green Mountain seed potatoes selling at \$2.25 per bag.

Montreal.

Dressed Hogs.—The market readily absorbs at firm prices all the dressed hogs available on this market, and prices continue firm. Abattoir, fresh-killed stock, sold at 29 cents to 29½ cents per lb.

Eggs.—It was reported that the market for eggs had gone below 40c per dozen, but no confirmation of this was found. Instead, it would seem that the price was firm at around 41c to 42c per doz., for straight-gathered stock and that selects brought about 2c above these prices. It looks as though packing would go on at around this range, and, in this case, lower figures are unlikely.

Butter.—The time of the season has now arrived when lower prices for creamery are likely to develop. Since a week ago, the price of creamery has undoubtedly fallen a couple of cents. The make is now increasing, and quotations were 49½ cents to 50 cents per lb. for finest, while fine was about one cent under these prices. Dairy butter ranged from 42 cents to 45 cents per lb.

Cheese.—The announcement is made by the Dairy Produce Commission that the price of 23c per lb. has been agreed upon for No. 1 grade, f. o. b. steamer, Montreal, being 1¼c higher than 1917.

Grain.—The price of oats declined somewhat during the week, and No. 3 Canadian Western and extra No. 1 feed were quoted at \$1.02, ex-track, Montreal, No. 1 feed being \$1.00½; No. 2 feed, 98c, and Ontario No. 3 white \$1. American corn is \$1.70 to \$2 per bushel.

Flour.—The percentage in Manitoba flour having been increased, the price was correspondingly reduced, and was \$10.95 per bbl., in bags, f. o. b. cars, Montreal, and 10c more delivered to bakers. Ontario winter wheat was steady at \$11.00 to \$11.50 per bbl., in bags, ex-store. Rye flour was firm at \$16.50 per bbl., and corn flour is \$13.00.

Millfeed.—Bran was \$35.40, and shorts \$40.40; pure grain mouille, \$75 per ton, including bags.

Hay.—This is almost the only steady market, No. 2 baled hay was \$17 per ton, No. 3 being \$15.50, and low grades, \$8 to \$10 per ton.

Hay Seed.—The market held steady, being 9c to 14c per lb. for timothy; 35c to 38c for red clover, and 23c to 26c for alsike, f. o. b., Montreal.

Hides.—The market has advanced practically all round. Calfskins were 45c and 48c per lb. Spring lambs were 50c and sheepskins \$4.50 to \$4.75 each, horsehides, \$5 to \$7 each. Steers were 21c per lb., cows, 16c, and bulls 15c, flat, and hides 17c, 18c, and 19c per lb., Montreal inspection. Tallow was 3¼c for scrap fat; 8c for abattoir fat, and 15c to 16½c for rendered.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beef, \$10.10 to \$17.35; stockers and feeders, \$8.25 to \$12.15; cows and heifers, \$7.75 to \$13.80; calves, \$7.50 to \$13.50.

Hogs.—Light, \$17.15 to \$17.75; mixed, \$16.85 to \$17.70; heavy, \$16 to \$17.40; rough, \$16 to \$16.50; pigs, \$13.25 to \$17.35.

Sheep.—Native, \$13 to \$17.15; lambs native, \$16 to \$21.

Cheese Markets.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., 20¾c; Belleville, 22¼c; Montreal, finest westerns, 23c; finest easterns, 22½c; New York, special, 24½c to 25½c; fresh, 22½c to 23c; average run, 23½c to 24½c; Watertown, N.Y., 20¾c to 21¼c.

Sale Dates.

May 21.—The Watt-Gardhouse Short-horn Sale, at Guelph, Ont.

June 11.—Dr. A. A. Farewell, Oshawa, Ont.; Holsteins.



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