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54c. per doz.; cold storage, selects, 58c. per doz.; new lays, 70c. per doz.; new lays, in cartons, 75c. per doz.

Cheese.—Cheese sold at unchanged prices, viz., new, 28c. to 29c. per lb.; new twins, 28½c. to 29¼c. per lb.

Honey.—Five, 10 and 60-lb. pails, per lb., 28c. to 29c.; sections, each, 30c. to 40c.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples.—The market kept stationary on apples, Ontarios selling at \$3.50 to \$7.50 per bbl., and \$1.50 to \$3.25 per box; Western boxed varieties selling at \$2.50 to \$4.

Cranberries.—There was a sharp advance in cranberries owing to their scarcity, the late keepers selling at \$18 to \$20 per bbl.

Grapes.—Spanish Malagas came in freely, were generally of choice quality, and an active sale at \$12 to \$15 per keg.

Grapefruit became more active at slightly advanced prices; Florida selling at \$4.50 to \$6 per case; Cuban at \$3.50 per case.

Lemons.—Prices kept stationary at \$5 to \$5.50, and a very few at \$6 per case.

Oranges.—The California Navals, which arrived during the past week, were exceptionally fine quality; juicy, sweet and well colored, selling at \$4.50 to \$7.50 per case. The Floridas selling at \$5.50 per case, and Pineapple Floridas at \$6 to \$6.50 per case.

Tangerine prices did not vary, ranging from \$4 to \$4.50 per half strap.

Tomatoes.—Hot-house tomatoes have been very scarce and had an active demand at the advanced price of 35c. per lb. for No. 1's; No. 2's selling at 22c. to 25c. per lb.

Beets, carrots, cabbage, onions and turnips continued to be a very slow, draggy sale at unchanged prices: Beets, \$1 per bag; cabbage, \$1 to \$1.50 per bbl.; carrots, 60c. to 75c. per bag; onions, \$1 to \$1.25 per 75-lb. bag, \$1.75 to \$2 per 100-lb. bag; turnips, 60c. to 65c. per bag.

Potatoes.—The market kept stationary, Ontarios selling at \$1.50 to \$1.60 per bag, and N. B. Delawares at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per bag.

Brussels sprouts have become quite scarce and advanced to 18c. to 20c. per box (berry box).

Cauliflower also advanced owing to its scarcity, selling at \$7 per bbl.

Celery.—Thedford celery proved an active sale at \$7 to \$8 per case (California style crate).

Lettuce.—Leaf lettuce put up in bunches (stating the number of dozen bunches) has had a good demand at 25c. to 50c. per dozen bunches, according to size and quality. (It will not sell here by the pound.)

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Canadian cattle topped the market at Buffalo last week at \$18, and the best load of heifers came from the Dominion at \$12.25. While the receipts for the past week were rather liberal, the supply generally ran largely to a medium and fair kind of cattle. Shipping steers generally ran to a less desirable kind, in consequence of which buyers were slow to take hold of them, and then generally at prices a big quarter to half dollar under the preceding week. The load of \$18 Canadians were steers, uneven in weight but very fat and of excellent quality. A load of weighty native steers, fleshy but not overly finished sold at \$17.50, with other sales of shipping steers running from \$15 to \$16.50. Butchering cattle generally were lower, and the supply

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was mainly of the less desirable grades. Feeders sold steady but stockers were slow. Bulls weaker, and the fresh cow and springer trade was not as good as for past weeks. Market was weak throughout the week. Offerings for the week totaled 6,000 head as against 5,275 head for the previous week, and as compared with 3,575 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations:

Shipping Steers, Natives.—Choice to prime, \$17 to \$17.50; fair to good, \$15.25 to \$16; plain and medium, \$11.25 to \$12; coarse and common, \$10 to \$11.

Shipping Steers, Canadians.—Best heavy, \$15.25 to \$15.75; fair to good, \$13 to \$14.75; medium weight, \$12 to \$12.75; common and plain, \$10.50 to \$10.75.

Butchering Steers.—Choice heavy, \$15.50 to \$16; fair to good, \$13.75 to \$14.50; best handy, \$11.75 to \$12.25; fair to good, \$11 to \$11.50; light and common, \$9 to \$10; yearlings, choice to prime, \$16 to \$18; medium to good, \$12 to \$15.50.

Cows and Heifers.—Best heavy heifers, \$11.25 to \$12; fair to good, \$10.50 to \$11; good butchering heifers, \$10 to \$10.50; fair butchering heifers, \$8 to \$9; light common, \$5 to \$7; very fancy fat cows, \$10 to \$11; best heavy fat cows, \$9 to \$10; good butchering cows, \$8.25 to \$8.50; medium to fair, \$7.50 to \$8; good canners, \$5 to \$5.25; cutters, \$5.25 to \$5.75.

Bulls.—Best heavy, \$10 to \$11; good butchering, \$10 to \$10.50; sausage, \$7.50 to \$8; light bulls, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$10.50 to \$11; common to fair, \$8 to \$9.50; best stockers, \$8.75 to \$9.25; fair to good, \$8.25 to \$8.75; common, \$5 to \$7.

Milchers and Springers.—Good to best, small lots, \$100 to \$135; in car loads, \$90 to \$110; medium to fair, small lots, \$80 to \$85; in car loads, \$70 to \$75; common, \$50 to \$55.

Hogs.—Market, considering the supply, was quite satisfactory all of last week. Demand was good, and a fairly good clearance was had from day to day. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the better weight grades sold generally on a basis of \$17.80, and the next two days the bulk landed at the new fixed minimum of \$17.70. Underweight hogs, which consisted of hogs weighing less than 150 pounds, were stronger as the week advanced. Monday the bulk of these sold at \$16.50; Tuesday the majority moved at \$16.75, and the next three days the bulk brought \$17. General price for throwout roughs was \$15.50, and stags ranged from \$13 down. Receipts the past week were 42,000 head, being against 40,534 head for the week before, and 36,600 head for the same week a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs.—Prices on lambs at Buffalo last week showed a big margin over all other marketing points. Monday the best lots brought from \$15.50 to \$15.65; Tuesday and Wednesday the majority went at \$16, few \$16.25; Thursday the best ranged from \$15.75 to \$16, with one load \$16.25, and Friday prices were lower, bulk landing at \$15.75. Cull lambs ranged from \$13.25 to \$14.25, and skips went as low as \$10. Sheep were steady all week. Wethers were quoted from \$9.50 to \$10; good to choice ewes brought from \$8 to \$8.50, and cull sheep sold downward from \$5.50. Receipts for the past week totaled 17,200 head, as compared with 18,750 head for the week preceding, and 15,000 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves.—It was generally a \$19.50 market on top veals for the first four days of

last week, and Friday, under a keen demand, prices were up 50 cents, bulk being landed at \$20. Cull grades sold from \$16 down, according to quality, a grassy class of calves bringing from \$5 to \$7.50. For the past week receipts were 2,200 head, the week before there were 2,449 head, and for the same week a year ago 1,750 head.

Montreal.

A local dealer advertised the beef of a fancy steer at 90c. per lb., retail, the cost of the animal having been 60c., live weight. This certainly marked a new high record for beef, and comes perilously near to a realization of the prediction of a few years ago that beef would go to \$1 per lb. The animal in question was a prize winner and the beef was extra fancy, so that the price cannot be taken as indicating a commercial level. Offerings on the markets were fairly large and quality was not particularly fancy, for the most part, for the period of the year. Generally speaking, 15c. was top for choice steers, live weight. From this, the price ranged down to 11c. for ordinary grades. Canning cattle sold down to around 5c. to 6c. for cows. Lambs sold around 16c. to 16½c., and sheep from 9c. to 11c. Hogs sold at 18½c. for selects and 17¼c. to 18c. for mixed, weighed off cars.

Dressed Hogs.—Demand for dressed hogs continued good, and country dressed sold at 22c. to 22½c. per lb. with abattoir dressed at 24½c. to 25½c. per lb.

Poultry.—The higher temperatures have not been favorable to the market for poultry. Consumers have been delaying making purchases, fearing that the birds would go bad on their hands. At the same time, they have been hoping that this fear would also cause dealers to throw over some stock on the market and cause it to go down. Last week there was no evidence of lower prices, quotations being as follows: Choice turkeys, 40c. per lb., wholesale, with dealers quoting 50c. and more retail; lower grades of turkeys, 38c. to 39c.; chickens, 25c. to 30c. for poor to good, and up to 33c. and 34c. for milk-fed. Fowl sold at 24c. to 28c., geese at 25c. to 26c., and ducks at 32c. to 34c. per lb.

Eggs.—The market for eggs has been showing much strength of late and prices are at the top. The mild weather was not a very great factor, though it would become so if extended through the winter. Fancy, new-laid stock sold at 73c. to 75c. per dozen; strictly new-laid at 70c.; selected fresh, 55c.; cold storage selects, 54c., and cold storage No. 1, 50c.

Butter.—The tone of the market for creamery continued firm, and there was little prospect of a moderation in price for a long time to come. Meantime, finest creamery was quoted at 52½c. to 53½c. per lb.; fine at a range of one cent down, and dairies at 40c. to 45c. per lb.

Grain.—No. 3 Canadian Western oats were quoted at 89c. per bushel; extra No. 1 feed were 89½c.; No. 2 feed, 81½c.; heated No. 1 feed, 78½c.; Ontario No. 2 white, 87½c.; No. 3 white, 86½c.; ex-store No. 3 yellow corn, \$1.62½ to \$1.65; No. 4 yellow, \$1.62 to \$1.62½; No. 6 yellow, \$1.59 to \$1.61½. Ontario extra No. 3 barley, \$1.23; No. 3, \$1.21; Manitoba sample barley, \$1.08, ex-store.

Flour.—Prices of flour showed very little change. Manitoba spring wheat flour was \$11.25 per bbl., in bags, Montreal freights and to city bakers, this being for standard Government grades; Ontario

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winter wheat patents, \$11.10 per bbl., in new cotton bags. Rye flour, \$11 to \$11.25; oat flour, \$11.20; barley flour, \$9.20; corn flour, \$8 to \$10 per bbl.

Millfeed.—Pure grain mouille was quoted at \$60 to \$70 per ton; pure oat mouille, \$64; cornmeal feed, \$60 to \$62; barley feed, \$54 to \$60; mixed mouille, \$48; bran, \$37.50; shorts, \$42.25 per ton.

Hides.—Prices were steady, with cow hides 18c. per lb., bulls 16c., steers 22c. flat; veals, 35c.; grassers, 25c., and kips, 20c. Lamb skins, \$3 each; horse hides, \$5 to \$6.75; tallow, rough, 3½c.; abattoir fat, 8c., and rendered, 16c. to 16½c. per lb.

Chicago.

Hogs.—Butchers', \$17.40 to \$17.65; light, \$16.65 to \$17.40; packing, \$16.50 to \$17.40; throwouts, \$15.50 to \$16.50; pigs, good to choice, \$13.75 to \$14.75. Cattle, compared with a week ago beef steers, 50c. to 75c. lower. Fat cows and heifers steady. Other classes, 50c. to 75c. lower. Bulls, 25c. to 50c. lower. Canners, 25c. higher. Calves, \$2 lower. Stockers and feeders, about steady. Sheep, compared with a week ago, fat lambs 25c. to 50c. lower. Wethers and yearlings, 50c. to 75c. lower. Ewes, steady to 25c. lower. Feeding lambs generally steady.

Sale Dates.

Jan. 15, 1919. — Executors of A. C. Hallman Estate, Breslau, Ont. — Holsteins.

Jan. 15, 1919. — Geo. J. Barron, R. R. 3, Brantford, Ont. — Holsteins.

Jan. 28, 1919. — Victoria County Pure-Bred Stock Association. — Lindsay, Ont.

Jan. 30, 1919. — Peterboro County Short-horn Breeders' Association, Peterboro, Ont.

Feb. 5, 1919. — John Miller, Ashburn, Ont. — Shorthorns.

Feb. 6, 1919. — Thos. L. Mercer, Markdale, Ont. — Shorthorns.

Feb. 6, 1919. — J. J. Elliott, R. R. 4, Guelph, Ont. — Shorthorns.

March 5, 1919. — Guelph Fat Stock Club, Guelph, Ont. — Pure-bred stock. J. M. Duff, Secretary.