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MARKETS.

Toronto.

LIVE STOCK.

At West Toronto, on Monday, December 19th, the receipts of live stock numbered 59 cars, comprising 984 cattle, 565 sheep and lambs, 4 calves. The quality of the cattle was good. Trade good. Prices firm. Prime picked butchers', \$5.75 to \$6; good, \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.50; common, \$1.80 to \$5.25; cows, \$3 to \$5.25; bulls, \$4 to \$5.25; feeders, unchanged; milkers, \$40 to \$50; calves, \$3 to \$8.50. Sheep, \$4.25 to \$4.75; lambs, \$5.75 to \$5.90. Hogs, \$6.75 to \$6.85, fed and watered, and \$6.40 to \$6.50, f. o. b. cars country points.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards for the past week were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	265	290	555
Cattle	4,234	4,725	8,959
Hogs	4,416	1,863	6,279
Sheep	3,323	3,195	6,518
Calves	186	61	247
Horses	1	41	42

The total receipts at the two yards for the corresponding week of 1909 were as follows:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	286	198	484
Cattle	4,234	2,858	7,092
Hogs	4,655	1,922	6,577
Sheep	3,448	3,549	6,997
Calves	256	99	355
Horses	1	113	114

The above figures show an increase in the combined receipts of live stock at the two yards of 71 carloads, 1,867 cattle, but a decrease of 298 hogs, 479 sheep and lambs, 108 calves, and 72 horses, in comparison with the corresponding week of 1909.

The receipts of live stock were large, considering the season of the year. At the Union yards, on Monday, the finest aggregation of live stock ever seen on the Toronto market was on exhibition at the first fat-stock show held in Toronto. Outside of those entered for the prize list were a lot of the finest Christmas cattle seen on any market in the history of the Toronto cattle trade. Trade was brisk, and all offerings were sold before the noon hour. Prices were higher, but not as high as many of the drovers expected.

Exporters.—The American export buyers were not operating, claiming that they could get their cattle at lower prices on the American markets. Many of the cattle of export weights were bought by the local abattoirs for Christmas purposes. Maybee & Wilson bought 150 export steers at \$6 to \$6.50, but only one load at the latter price. These 150 cattle were to fill an order for the London, England, market. The first-prize load of steers, owned by Hall & Robson, of Ayr, sold by auction at \$7.10. This load was pronounced to be the best load of export steers ever seen on a Toronto market. The second-prize load of export cattle, owned by A. S. Walker, Dobbinton, sold at \$6.70; the third-prize load of export steers, owned by P. J. Henry, of Ridgetown, Ont., sold at \$6.70.

Butchers'.—Outside of the prizewinners, prime picked lots of butchers' cattle sold from \$6.25 to \$6.50; loads of good, \$5.80 to \$6; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.75; common, \$4.50 to \$5.15; cows, \$4 to \$5.35; canners, \$2 to \$2.75.

Stockers and Feeders.—Feeding steers sold from \$4.75 to \$5.30; stockers, \$4 to \$4.60.

Milkers and Springers.—A fair supply of milkers and springers sold at \$40 to \$85 each.

Veal Calves.—Prices were firm, at \$3.50 to \$8 per cwt.; a few Christmas calves sold as high as \$9 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Ewes sold at \$4.25 to \$4.75; rams, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.75 to \$6.10 per cwt.

Hogs.—Prices for hogs were firmer at the close of the week than at the commencement. Selects, fed and watered at the market, were firm, at \$6.85, and \$6.50 to drovers, for hogs f. o. b. cars at country points.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, red or mixed, 85c. to 86c. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, 98c.; No. 2 northern, 95½c.; No. 3 northern, 93c., track, lake ports. Rye—No. 2, 59c. to 60c., outside. Peas—No. 3, 80c., outside. Buckwheat—46c. to 47c., outside. Barley—For malting, 57c. to 58c., outside; for feed, 50c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, new, 53½c., Toronto freights; No. 2 yellow, 58½c., on track. Oats—Canadian Western oats, No. 2, 38½c.; No. 3, 31½c., at lake ports; Ontario, No. 2 white, 33c. to 34c., outside; No. 3 white, 32c. to 33c., outside; 35c. to 36c., on track, Toronto. Flour—Ontario 90-per-cent. winter-wheat patent, \$3.60, seaboard. Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90; strong bakers', \$4.70.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots, on track, Toronto, No. 1, \$12.50 to \$13.50; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$10.50.

Straw.—Baled, in car lots, at Toronto, \$6 to \$7.

Bran.—Manitoba, \$19 per ton; shorts, \$21; Ontario bran, \$21, in bags; shorts, \$22, track, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Creamery pound rolls, 27c. to 29c.; creamery solids, 25c.; separator pound rolls, 25c.; store lots, 21c. to 22c.

Eggs.—Strictly new-laid, scarce, at 40c. to 45c.; cold storage, 26c. to 27c.

Cheese.—Prices steady, at 12c. for large, and 12½c. for twins.

Honey.—Extracted, 10c. to 11c.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2 to \$2.50.

Beans.—Market steady, at \$1.80 to \$1.85 per bushel for hand-picked.

Potatoes.—Market firmer, at 70c. to 75c. per bag, for car lots, on track, Toronto.

Poultry.—Turkeys dressed, 18c. to 20c.; geese, 12c. to 13c.; ducks, 14c. to 16c.; chickens, 13c. to 14c.; hens, 11c. to 12c.

HIDES AND WOOL.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, have been paying the following prices: No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 10c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 9c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 8c.; country hides, cured, 8½c. to 9c.; green, 8c.; calf skins, 11c. to 13c.; lamb skins, 50c. to 60c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.75 to \$3.00; horse hair, per lb., 30c.; tallow, No. 1, per lb., 5½c. to 6c.

TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The Wm. Rennie Seed Company report the seed market unchanged, at following quotations: Alsike No. 1, per bushel, \$7 to \$7.50; No. 2, \$6.50 to \$7; No. 3, \$5.50 to \$6. Red clover, per bushel, No. 1, \$7 to \$7.25; No. 2, \$6 to \$6.50; No. 3, \$5 to \$5.50.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Box apples are quoted as follows: No. 1 Spies, \$2.50; No. 2 Spies, \$2; No. 1 Greenings, \$2; No. 2 Greenings, \$1.75; No. 1 Baldwins, \$2; No. 2 Baldwins, \$1.75; Spies, per barrel, \$4.50 to \$6; Greenings, \$4 to \$5; Baldwins, \$4 to \$5; onions, per bag, \$1 to \$1.25; carrots, per bushel, 35c. to 40c.; cabbage, per hundred, \$3.50.

Montreal.

Live Stock.—Purchasing for Christmas trade evidently is on, inasmuch as there was an increased demand on the local cattle market during last week. There was also a slight advance in prices, this being partly due to limited supplies. Some choice, stall-fed Ontario steers sold at 6½c. and over, 7c. being asked for several, and one very choice animal sold at 7½c. per lb. The bulk of the choice steers sold at 6c. to 6½c., fine at 5½c. to 6c., good at 5c. to 5½c., per lb., medium at 4c. to 5c. per lb., and common at 3c. to 4c., cows and bulls being the same price. The market for sheep and lambs was strong, and lambs advanced ½c., at 6½c. to 6¾c. per lb., and sheep advanced to 4½c. to 5c. per lb. The price of calves was firm, and fine stock sold at 7c. to 7½c., while good was 6c. to 6½c. per lb. The market for hogs showed an easier tone, and prices were fractionally lower, being 7c. to a shade higher for select stock, weighed off cars.

Horses.—The market for horses was very dull. There was a slight demand for plugs, but the supply was quite sufficient. Dealers seemed to be of the opinion that there would be a very much better demand if the sleighing were better. There was almost no demand from country sections, and the city was not eager, either. Prices were steady, as follows: Heavy draft horses, from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$350 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$300 each; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$200 each; and old, broken-down animals, \$50 to \$100. Choice saddle and carriage animals, \$350 to \$500.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—The market for dressed hogs showed very little change as compared with a week ago. Fresh-killed, abattoir-dressed hogs sold at 9½c. to 9¾c. per lb., while fresh-killed, country-dressed were 8½c. to about 9c. Salt pork was a fraction lower in price, at \$20.50 to \$27 per barrel. Hams declined in price, and were quoted at 12½c. per lb. for 28 to 40 lb. hams, 14½c. for 20 to 28 lb. hams; 15½c. for smaller, 16c. to 17c. for hams with bone out, rolled, according to quality. The price of bacon was also lower, being 14½c. for brown, English, breakfast, boneless, thick; 15½c. for Windsor skinned backs; 14c. for spiced rolls; 16c. for Wiltshire sides; and 18c. for cottage rolls. Lard was cheaper also, being 10½c. to 12c. per lb. for compound, and 13½c. to 14½c. per lb. for pure.

Poultry.—The market for poultry was the opposite of that for provisions, being very strong. Prices advanced all the way round, owing, no doubt, to the limited supply. Demand was active, in anticipation of the Christmas holidays. Turkeys have advanced to 21c. to 22c. per lb., chickens being 14c. to 16c. a pair being 9c. to 13c., geese being 12c. to 14c., and ducks 15c. to 17c. per lb.

THE Bank of Toronto

Head Office: Toronto, Can.

Record for Year Ending 30th November, 1910, Being the 55th Year of Business.

Deposits, - \$36,985,719
Increase for year, \$2,411,822

Loans & Investments, \$40,605,531
Increase for year, \$3,166,943

Total Assets, - \$50,314,397
Increase for year, \$2,324,794

Capital Paid Up, \$4,000,000
Reserved Funds, 4,944,777

INCORPORATED 1855.

Monday, 19th, prices were 1c. up all round, save on inferior grades.

Potatoes.—There was a rather easier tone to the market for potatoes, and Green Mountains have been purchased to arrive at 82½c. per 90 lbs., carloads, on track. These were changing hands at about 85c., track, between dealers. On Monday, prices were easier.

Apples.—There was very little alteration in the market for apples last week, but offerings would seem to be rather more liberal, quite a number of carloads having been sold. Prices were rather better on some grades—or rather the grades were hardly so desirable. No. 1 apples sold at \$1.50 to \$5 per barrel, No. 2 selling up to \$3.65, from about \$2.45, and No. 3 selling at \$2.25 to \$2.80 per barrel.

Eggs.—The market for fresh-laid eggs was very firm, and prices were disposed to advance. It was said that as high as 55c. per dozen, in case lots, was being paid. Select eggs continue at about 32c. per dozen, and No. 1 candled at about 26c. to 27c. per dozen.

Butter.—There was a very firm market for butter, and the weather was favorable for trade. Prices for creamery range from 24½c. to 25½c. per lb., wholesale, and 26 for single packages. There was a falling off in receipts.

Cheese.—There was very little market, and prices were firm, at about 11½c. to 11¾c. per lb. for whites, and up to 12c. for colored.

Grain.—The market for oats was rather easier, No. 2 Canadian Western being 39½c. to 39¾c., carloads, ex store; No. 1 extra feed being 38½c.; No. 3 Canadian Western 38½c. to 38¾c.; No. 2 local white being 37½c.; No. 3 being 36½c., and No. 4 35½c. No. 4 Manitoba barley was 48c. to 48½c.; No. 3 American yellow corn, 57½c. to 58c.

Flour.—There was no change in the market. Manitoba spring-wheat patents, firsts, were \$5.60 per barrel; seconds, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$4.90; Ontario winter-wheat patents were \$4.75 to \$5, and straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50.

Feed.—The tone of the market was rather firmer. Manitoba shorts were \$21 to \$22 per ton, in bags, and bran \$18 to \$20, while Ontario bran was \$18.50 to \$19, middlings being \$22 to \$22.50, pure grain mouille \$31 to \$32, and mixed mouille \$25 to \$28. Cotton-seed meal was \$37 to \$38.

Seeds.—Dealers were quoting \$7 to \$8 per bushel, country points, for red clover, and \$6 to \$8 for alsike.

Hay.—The market for hay was steady. No. 1 hay was \$11 to \$11.50; No. 2 extra was \$10 to \$10.50; clover, \$7 to \$7.50; clover mixed, \$7.50 to \$8, and No. 2 hay \$9 to \$9.50.

Hides.—The market held about the same. No. 1 hides being 10c.; No. 2, 9c.; and No. 3, 8c. per lb.; No. 1 calf skins, 12c., and No. 2, 10c. Sheep skins held about steady, at 65c. to 70c. each, and horse hides, \$1.75 for No. 2, and \$2.50 for No. 1. Tallow was 1½c. to 4c. per lb. for rough, and 6½c. to 7c. per lb. for rendered.

For Chicago, Buffalo and British Cattle Markets, see page 2058.