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## MARKETS.

### TORONTO. LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the City and Junction markets last week were larger than for the previous two weeks, there being 281 carloads, composed of 4,978 cattle, 2,305 hogs, 507 sheep, 1,119 calves, and 111 horses. The quality of cattle was better than at any market since last Christmas. Trade was brisk, especially at the beginning of the week, with prices higher in all classes, but more especially for cattle prepared for the Easter market, of which there were some fine specimens.

At the Junction market, on Monday, April 13th, receipts numbered 1,114 cattle; generally good; prices steady. Export steers, \$5 to \$6; bulls selling at \$5.50 to \$5.75; export bulls, \$4 to \$4.75; picked butchers', \$5.50 to \$5.75; loads of good, \$5 to \$5.25; medium, \$4 to \$5; common, \$4 to \$4.50; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.40; canners, \$3 to \$3.25; calves, \$5 to \$6 per cwt.; milkers, \$30 to \$50 each. Sheep, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; yearling lambs, \$8 per cwt.; spring lambs, \$5 to \$10 each. Hogs, \$6.50, fed and watered; \$6.25, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Exporters.—Export steers sold last week from \$5 to \$5.60, but a few of the best were bought by the Harris Abattoir Co. for the local trade at \$5.75 to \$6, and one lot of six prime steers at \$6.50, while one two-year-old steer, 1,390 lbs., a pure-bred Shorthorn, was sold at \$7 per cwt. Export bulls sold at \$4 to \$4.75, and a few of prime quality reached \$5 per cwt.

Butchers.—Choice picked lots of prime heifers and steers, 1,050 to 1,200 lbs. each, sold at \$5.50 to \$6; loads of good, \$5.20 to \$5.50; medium, \$4.70 to \$5.10; common, \$4.20 to \$4.60; good cows, \$4.25 to \$4.60; common cows, \$3.50 to \$4; canners, \$2 to \$3; butcher bulls, \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Trade in milkers and springers was strong, owing to two buyers from the East, one from Montreal, and another from Quebec, being on both markets. Prices for medium to good cows ranged from \$35 to \$45, with a very few extra-quality cows at \$50 to \$58 each. Common, light cows sold at \$20 to \$30.

Veal Calves.—Deliveries were much larger than in months, but not greater than the demand. Prices ranged from \$4 for common to \$5 and \$6 per cwt. for medium to good, and choice sold at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts light. Trade brisk, and prices higher. Export ewes, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; rams, \$4 to \$4.75; yearling lambs of common quality, \$6.50 to \$7.50; while prime, picked lots of ewes and wethers, for Easter purposes, at \$8 to \$9 per cwt.; spring lambs sold from \$5 to \$10 each, the bulk selling at \$6 to \$7 each.

Hogs.—The market for hogs has been strong for a couple of weeks, with prices rising almost daily, until selects were quoted at \$6.50, fed and watered at the

market, and \$6.25, f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—J. Herbert Smith, Manager at the Union Horse Exchange, Toronto Junction, reports the horse trade as being good, better than was anticipated. Buyers from Guelph, Elmira, Acton, Oakville, St. Catharines, Bowmanville, as well as many other parts of Ontario, and several from the city. Over 100 horses were sold at the following prices: Drafters, \$155 to \$195; general-purpose, \$150 to \$190; delivery, \$140 to \$180; drivers, \$125 to \$195; and serviceably-sound, \$65 to \$127.50.

### BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—No. 2 white, winter, 89c. to 90c.; No. 2 red, 90c.; No. 2, mixed, 89c.; Goose, 87c.; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, \$1.20; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16; feed wheat, 69c.; No. 2 feed, 64c., on track at Georgian Bay ports. Barley.—No. 2, sellers, 63c.; ibuyers, 60c.

Peas.—No. 2, 88c., outside points. Rye.—No. 2, 85c. to 86c. Buckwheat.—No. 2, 67c. Oats.—No. 2 white, 46c., outside; 49c., on track at Toronto; No. 2, mixed, 44c. Bran.—\$25, for car lots at Toronto. Shorts.—\$26, for car lots at Toronto. Flour.—Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Manitoba patent, special brands, \$6; second patents, \$5.40 to \$5.50; strong bakers', \$5.30.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market steady. Prices unchanged. Creamery, pound rolls, 32c. to 33c.; separator, pound rolls, dairy, 30c. to 31c.; store lots, 26c. to 27c.

Cheese.—Market strong; prices firmer. Large, 14c.; twin, 14c.

Eggs.—Market firmer, at 17c. to 18c. Honey.—Market firm; prices steady. Extracted, 11c. to 12c.; combs, per dozen sections, choice clover, \$2.75 to \$3.

Potatoes.—Market steady. Ontarios, 85c.; New Brunswick Delawares, 90c., for car lots, on track at Toronto.

Beans.—Prices unchanged. Primes, \$1.70 to \$1.75; hand-picked, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

Hay.—Baled, in car lots at Toronto, \$15.

Straw.—Baled, in car lots at Toronto, \$8 to \$9.

Poultry.—Receipts light; prices firmer. Turkeys, 20c. to 24c. per lb., dressed; chickens, 16c. to 20c.; old fowl, 11c. to 12c.; squabs, per doz., \$2 to \$3.

### TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts on the farmers' market were light. Prices easy, at following quotations. Spies, \$2.50 to \$3.50, and \$4 per bbl., asked for those in cold storage; Baldwins, \$2.50 to \$3; Greenings, \$2 to \$2.50; dried apples, 5c. to 5c.; evaporated, 7c. to 7c. Onions, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per bag.

### HIDES AND SKINS.

E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front St., wholesale dealers in wool and hides, were paying the following prices: Inspected hides, No. 1, cows and steers, 54c.; No. 2 inspected cows and steers, 44c.; country hides, 4c.; city calfskins, 10c.; country calf skins, 9c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.50; horse hair, per lb., 23c.; tallow, per lb., 4c. to 5c.; sheep skins, 70c. to 80c.

### TORONTO SEED MARKET.

The Wm. Rennie Company quote the following as their selling prices for seeds: Red clover, No. 1, per bushel, \$14.40; red clover, No. 2, per bushel, \$14.10; alsike clover, No. 1, per bushel, \$12.30; alsike clover, No. 2, per bushel, \$11.10; alfalfa, No. 1, per bushel, \$13.80; timothy, No. 1, per cwt., \$7.75; timothy, No. 2, per cwt., \$7.25.

### CHICAGO.

Cattle.—Steers, \$5.50 to \$7.30; cows, \$3.60 to \$5.75; heifers, \$3.40 to \$6.25; bulls, \$3.50 to \$5.10; calves, \$5 to \$6.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 to \$5.15.

Hogs.—Heavy shipping, \$6.05 to \$6.10; butchers', \$6.10 to \$6.20; light mixed, \$5.95 to \$6; choice light, \$6.05 to \$6.10; packing, \$5 to \$6; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bulk of sales, \$5 to \$6.

Sheep and Lambs.—Sheep, \$4.50 to \$6.25; lambs, \$6.50 to \$7.75; yearlings, \$6.75 to \$7.

### MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—In the local market the offerings of cattle showed a very considerable increase last week. Notwithstanding, the market evinced a strong undertone, and prices advanced by from 10c. to 15c. per 100 lbs. The number of local and outside buyers was fairly large, and the demand, especially from the latter, was satisfactory. Choice cattle are sold at 5c. to 5c. per lb.; fine, 5c. to 5c.; good, 4c. to 5c.; medium, 4c. to 4c., and common, 3c. to 4c. per lb. The supply of sheep and lambs continued very light, and the tone of the market strong. Yearling lambs were in good demand, and sold at 7c. to 7c. for choice, and 6c. to 6c. for good. Spring lambs were scarce, and prices ruled high, at from \$4 to \$8 each. Sheep were also scarce, and dealers were paying 5c. per lb. for them. Notwithstanding the poor quality of the calves offered during the past few weeks, the demand for them was good, and nice stock sold readily at \$4 to \$6 each. A feature of the week was the demand in the hog market. Prices advanced in some cases as much as 1c. a lb., notwithstanding the general condition of the market and the period of the year. Supplies were light, and demand good. Selected lots sold at 7c. to 7c. a lb., 7c. having been paid for choice stock, off cars, both on spot and for future delivery.

Horses.—Heavy-draft, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$300 each; light-draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$225 to \$275 each; good blocks, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$200 to \$225; express, \$150 to \$225; common plugs, \$50 to \$75, and choice saddle and carriage horses, \$300 to \$350 each.

Dressed Hogs.—Strong at marked advances. Sales of abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed stock were made at 10c. a lb. Pure lard, 11c. to 12c., and compound, 8c. to 9c.

Potatoes.—A falling-off in receipts last week, and market considerably stronger. Dealers were paying about 80c. for good red stock per 90 lbs., carloads, on track, whites costing about 90c. These were available in car lots, on track, at an advance of 5c., and in broken lots at an advance of 10c. Smaller lots, delivered into store, \$1.10 per bag.

Eggs.—Prices last week advanced about 2 cents, fresh-laid changing hands at 20c. per dozen. Subsequently, they declined, and prices on Monday, 18th, were reported 17c. to 18c.

Maple Syrup.—New maple syrup was arriving freely last week, the quality being good. Demand was quite active. Sales were made at 6c. per lb. in wood, and at 60c. to 65c. each for tins of about 9 lbs. Sugar is coming along more freely. The quality is good, and sales were made at 8c. to 9c. per lb.

Butter.—Sales, wholesale, at 32c. per lb. Consumption moderate. On Monday, April 13th, stocks were reported scarcer and dearer at 33c. to 34c. for new-milk goods.

Cheese.—Dealers have continued to quote 13c. for best white makes, and 13c. for colored, but practically no sales have been made at these or any other figures.

Grain.—Oats.—Eastern Canada, No. 2 white, 50c. per bush., carloads in store; No. 3, 47c. to 47c.; No. 4, 46c. to 46c., and rejected, 44c. to 44c. per bush.; Manitoba rejected, 47c. to 47c., here or North Bay.

Flour.—No export, and local trade quite moderate. Manitoba patents, \$6.10 per bbl., in bags; seconds, \$5.50; Ontario patents, \$6.30; straight rollers, \$4.75.

Feed.—The demand for bran continued very active, and, while Manitoba millers still quoted \$23 to \$24.50 per ton, in bags, they could sell at considerably more. Shorts, \$25 per ton. Ontario bran and shorts are about the same price as Manitobas, or perhaps 50c. more; ground oil cake, \$33 a ton; gluten meal, \$1.50 per 100 lbs.

Seeds.—Demand continues quite active, and shipments large. Red clover, \$23.50 to \$25 per 100 lbs.; alsike, \$18 to \$21; alfalfa, \$21 to \$22, and timothy, \$6.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs., Montreal.

Hides.—Demand reported fair. Quality continues poor as usual at this time of the year. Dealers have been paying 11c. per lb. for No. 2 calf skins, and 13c. for No. 1; beef hides being 5c., 6c., and 7c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively, and selling to tanners at 4c. advance. Sheep skins, 75c. to 80c. each, and horse

hides, \$1.25 each for No. 2, and \$1.75 for No. 1. Tallow, 1c. to 5c. per lb. for rough, and 5c. to 5c. for rendered.

### BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$6.50 to \$6.85. Veals.—\$5 to \$8.25. Hogs.—Heavy and mixed, \$6.45 to \$6.50; stags, \$4 to \$4.50. Sheep and Lambs.—Lambs, \$5 to \$8.10.

### BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.—London cables, 18c. to 14c. per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 11c. per pound.

### GOSSIP.

#### NEW SHIRE IMPORTATION.

That the Shire horse is rapidly gaining favor with the Canadian public is evidenced by the greatly-increased demand experienced by the importers of this great English draft breed of horses. It is only of comparatively recent date that any organized effort has been made to bring before the notice of Canadian farmers the sterling worth of the "Shire" as an ideal draft horse, possessing all the attributes necessary—great size, strong, flat bone, robust constitution, easy feeding and clean, true action—to particularly well fit him for the purposes for which he is intended, and certain it is that the more that is seen of the Shire horse, and the better he is understood, the more popular he becomes. As is now pretty well known, the great Shire-horse-breeding firm of John Chambers & Sons, of Holdenby, Eng., have established Canadian headquarters at St. Thomas, Ont., under the management of Dr. C. K. Geary. The third importation to their St. Thomas stables arrived a few days ago. In opening permanent headquarters in Canada, for the introduction and sale of their Shire horses, the firm's intention was to send over nothing but a class of horses representative of the breed, as they are in everyday use in England, being convinced that comparison with other breeds of draft horses would stimulate an active demand for Shires in Canada. That they reckoned well is proven by the rapidity with which their former importations were picked up, and the entire satisfaction expressed by their purchasers. One purchaser of a stallion last spring told the writer that from 120 services in 1907, he had 91 colts born. This is only one of many such testimonials. At the present time in their St. Thomas, Ont., stables there are on hand 9 stallions and 4 fillies; but, of these, two stallions were sold the day of our visit: Ouse Bridge Champion, a bay, rising two, weighing 1,620 lbs., by Knowle Orion, dam by Bury Swell, going to Mr. Charles Gardhouse, of Highfield, Ont.; this colt is one of the very best in the country, combining, to a wonderful degree, size, smoothness, style and action, and standing on a faultless bottom. Waundon Duke, a brown, rising eight, by Duke of Worsley, by Lancashire Lad, by the great Lincolnshire Lad, dam by Better Times 4th, goes to J. D. Malott, Ruthven, Ont.; this horse has proven a sire of show stuff in England; he is a big, flashy horse, and fortunate is the district that is favored with his services. On hand for sale are the following: Kuroki 2nd, a chestnut, rising six, by Woodford Harold, by Harold, by Lincolnshire Lad, dam by that great sire of winners, Ridgeway Ranger. Here, without doubt, is one of the richest-bred Shires ever landed in Canada, as well as one of the best individuals. Put up strictly on show lines, he has style and quality galore, and the action of a Hackney. Anyone wanting a Shire stallion should look after this horse, as he is a winner sure. Byford Earle, brown, rising three, by Royal Regent 2nd, by Regent 2nd, by Harold; dam Byford Countess, by Sheriff; is bred on championship-winning lines, and there is no richer-bred Shire stallion living. Regent 2nd and Harold, both many times champions, appear in his lineage; and the dam, Byford Countess, has several championship titles to her credit; while, as an individual he is certainly a coming winner himself, with a beautiful, stylish top, flashy quality, and faultless bottom; he is a mighty desirable kind. Winston Tom, black, rising three, by Xerxes of Hothfield, by Rubicon of Hothfield; dam

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