

Wool.

Wool shows very little change. Though there are signs of improvement in the market, it has not had much effect yet upon prices at Ontario points. Some American buyers are in the field, but the prices they are offering are not considered high enough for those who have wool to sell. Some business has been done at Montreal. Canadian pulled wool is quoted there at 20c., and fleece at 17 to 18c. per lb.

Cattle.

The cattle situation has not improved much during the week. At all the leading American markets trade has been draggy and dull, and the only kinds that sell at all brisk is the very best quality. On the Toronto cattle market on Friday receipts were not large. The quality of the fat cattle was no better than it has been for the past six weeks, very few first-class lots being offered. Trade was slow, except for best qualities. Prices were a little easier. Though few exporters were offered, they were more than were wanted. Space on ocean vessels has become very scarce, owing to the British Government taking several of the cattle boats for transport service, and higher freight rates are being asked.

Export Cattle.—Choice lots of these sold at \$4.50 to \$4.70 per cwt., and light ones at \$3.80 to \$4.25. The bulk of exporters sold at \$4.25 to \$4.60 per cwt. Heavy export aulls sold at \$4 to \$4.12½, and light ones at \$3.40 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice picked lots of these, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1,000 to 1,100 lbs. each, sold at \$4 to \$4.12½; good butchers' cattle at \$3.45 to \$3.60; medium at \$3.35 to \$3.40; common, \$2.75 to \$3; and inferior, \$2.60 to \$2.80 per cwt.

Stockers.—In Buffalo, stockers, yearling steers weighing 500 to 600 lbs. each, were almost unsaleable on Friday at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt., while heifers and white and black steers of the same weights sold at \$2 per cwt.

Feeders.—Heavy feeders are easier. Choice high-grade steers, in good condition, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each for farmers' purposes, while not plentiful, sold at \$3.60 to \$3.80, and rough steers of the same weights, suitable for the byres, sold at \$3.40 to \$3.50 per cwt. Feeding bulls sold at \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Milk Cows.—While the bulk of these sold at \$25 to \$45 each there were several extra choice ones which sold at from \$50 to \$60 each. More good cows are wanted.

Calves.—These have been in moderate supply at Buffalo. The market here on Friday was dull, as poultry is beginning to supply the place of veal. Prices ranged from \$4 to \$8 each.

Sheep and Lambs.

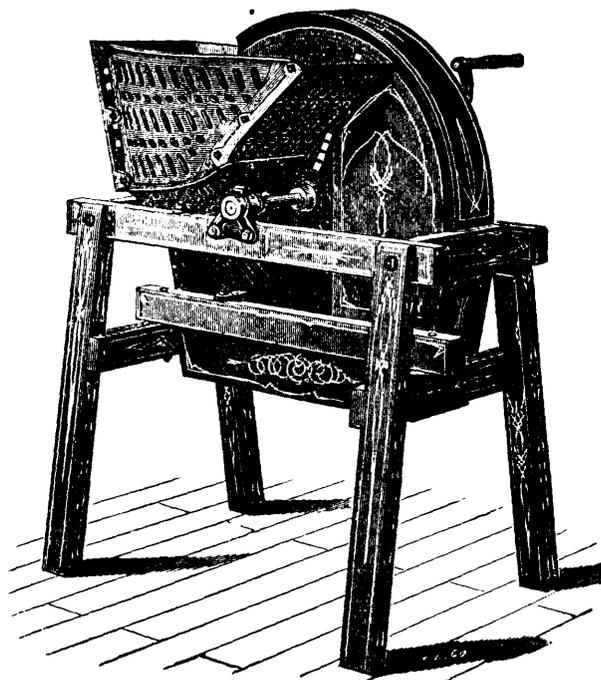
Sheep show some improvement over a week ago. On Friday at Buffalo there was an advance of 10 to 15c. on top grades, and a little advance in Chicago early in the week. On Toronto market on Friday prices were a little firmer for sheep at \$3 to \$3.25 for ewes, and \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt. for bucks. Butchers' sheep sold at \$2.50 to \$3 each. Lambs are not so strong. They sold at \$3.25 for culls, and \$3.40 to \$3.65 for good to choice lambs, while one or two picked lots of ewes and wethers sold at \$3.75 per cwt. Fully 300 lambs were unsold at the close of the market.

Hogs.

There were 2,000 hogs on Toronto market on Friday, which is only a fair number. Prices were steady at \$4.37½ for best bacon hogs of good quality, not less than 160 nor more than 200 lbs. each (off cars), unfed and unwatered, and at \$4 per cwt. for thick and light fats; unculled car lots sold at \$4.25 for the bulk. Essex and Kent corn-fed hogs bring from \$4 to \$4.12½ per cwt. It is reported hogs will be lower in the near future, a statement which is not in keeping with the following cable to the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, re Canadian bacon:

LONDON, Oct. 18, 1899.—“There has been a steadier tone to the market under an improved demand, and prices have advanced 1s.”

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