

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets.

Toronto.

Receipts at Union Stock-yards, West Toronto, on Monday, Dec. 14, were 176 cars, comprising 3,789 cattle, 911 hogs, 788 sheep and lambs, 229 calves, and 38 horses. The supply of cattle was far greater than the demand, and prices were fully 25 cents per cwt. lower. Choice steers, \$8 to \$8.50; good, \$7.75 to \$8; medium, \$6.50 to \$6.75; choice cows, \$6.50 to \$6.75; good cows, \$6.25 to \$6.50; canners and cutters, \$3 to \$4.50; bulls, \$5 to \$7; stockers, \$4 to \$5.25; feeders, \$5.75 to \$6.50; milkers, \$65 to \$95; veal calves, \$4 to \$10. Sheep, \$5 to \$6; lambs, \$7 to \$8.25. Hogs, \$6.90 f. o. b. cars at country points; \$7.25 fed and watered, and \$7.50 weighed off cars.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

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

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	85	656	741
Cattle	1,022	9,325	10,347
Hogs	1,250	13,734	14,984
Sheep	1,365	6,986	8,351
Calves	32	568	600
Horses	—	19	19

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1913 were:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cars	25	508	533
Cattle	436	7,989	8,425
Hogs	73	7,957	8,030
Sheep	522	4,874	5,396
Calves	24	555	579
Horses	59	11	70

The combined receipts of live stock at the two markets for the past week show an increase of 208 carloads, 1,922 cattle, 6,954 hogs, 2,955 sheep and lambs, and 21 calves, but a decrease of 51 horses, compared with the corresponding week of 1913.

Receipts of live stock outside of those exhibited at the Fat-stock Show were again liberal. The quality of the cattle was much the same as it has been for several weeks past, a few good to choice, with the bulk composed of medium, half-fat steers and heifers, and canner cows and bulls. Trade as a rule was active for anything choice in butchers' steers and heifers, as well as the canner cows and bulls, but slow for the medium and common steers and heifers offered in the butchers' classes. One choice load of steers weighing about 1,050 lbs., sold at \$8.75, but they were the best seen here in many weeks. In all other classes of live stock there was an active trade, at steady prices, excepting hogs, which sold at lower values.

Butchers' Cattle.—Prime steers, \$8.50 to \$8.75; choice steers and heifers, \$8 to \$8.40; good steers and heifers, \$7.75 to \$8; medium, \$7 to \$7.75; common, \$6.50 to \$6.75; common light steers and heifers, \$5.75 to \$6.25; choice cows, \$6.75 to \$7.25; good cows, \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium cows, \$5.50 to \$6; canners and cutters, \$3.75 to \$4.65; bulls, \$5 to \$7.25, and a few of prime quality at \$7.40 to \$7.70.

Stockers and Feeders.—The demand for stockers and feeders, which was moderate, was not greater than the supply, and prices remained steady. Good to choice steers, \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium steers, \$5.75 to \$6.25; stockers sold from \$4 up to \$5.50.

Milkers and Springers.—There was a steady demand for choice fresh cows and forward springers, at \$65 to \$107 each, the bulk of these selling from \$70 to \$90 each. Late springers sold from \$40 to \$55 each.

Veal Calves.—Receipts of calves were light, but prices remained steady. Choice veals sold from \$9 to \$10; good at \$8 to \$9; medium, \$7 to \$8; common, \$6 to \$7; inferior, Eastern, grass calves, \$4 to \$5.50.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts were fairly large. Sheep, light ewes, \$5 to \$6; heavy ewes and rams, \$3.50 to \$4; cull sheep, \$2 to \$3; lambs sold all the way from \$7 to \$8.75. Choice Southdown and Shropshire lambs, 80 to 90 lbs. each, sold from \$8 to \$8.75; heavy lambs, from \$7 to \$7.75, and slow sale at these latter prices; cull lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.50.

Hogs.—Prices were lower, and ruled

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TORONTO HORSE MARKET.

There is little or no demand for horses excepting for war purposes, and so exacting are they in regard to inspection that many are rejected. Those selected and bought ranged in price from \$145 to \$190 each.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2, \$1.10 to \$1.12, outside; Manitoba, at bay ports, No. 1 northern, \$1.24; No. 2, \$1.21; No. 3 northern, \$1.16, new crop.

Oats.—Ontario, No. 2 new, white, 50c. to 51c., outside; Canadian Western oats, No. 2 new, 60c.; No. 3 new, 58c., track, bay ports.

Rye.—88c., outside.

Buckwheat.—71c. to 73c., outside.

Barley.—Ontario, No. 2, 68c. to 70c., outside. Manitoba barley, 66c. to 70c., lake ports.

Corn.—No. 2 yellow, old, 81c.; new

No. 3 yellow, 71c.; Canadian corn, 82c., Toronto.

Peas.—No. 3, \$1.60 to \$1.65, car lots, outside.

Rolls Oats.—Per bag of 90 lbs., \$3.10 to \$3.25.

Flour.—Ontario winter wheat, 90 per cent., \$4.70 to \$4.75, seaboard, Montreal or Toronto freights. Manitoba flour—Prices at Toronto were: First patents, \$6.70 in cotton, and \$6.60 in jute; strong bakers', in cotton, \$6.20; in jute, \$6.10.

HAY AND MILLFEED.

Hay.—Baled, car lots, track, Toronto, No. 1, \$16 to \$17; No. 2, \$13.50 to \$14.50.

Straw.—Baled, car lots, \$7.50 to \$8.

Bran.—Manitoba, \$25 to \$26, in bags,

track, Toronto; shorts, \$27 to \$28; middlings, \$29 to \$30.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Receipts have remained about steady; prices steady. Creamery prints, 28c. to 31c.; creamery solids, 28c. to 29c.; separator dairy, 27c. to 28c.

Cheese.—New, 16c. for large, and 16½c. for twins.

Eggs.—New-laid, 50c. per dozen, by the case; cold-storage eggs, 28c. to 29c.

Honey.—Extracted, 11c. to 12c. per lb.; combs, per dozen sections, \$2.50 to \$3.

Beans.—Primes, \$2.75 to \$2.80; hand-picked, \$2.90 to \$3.

Potatoes.—Canadian, car lots, per bag, track, Toronto, 60c. to 65c.; New Bruns-

wicks, 70c. to 75c. per bag, track, Toronto.

Poultry.—Live-weight prices: Turkeys, 12c.; ducks, 10c.; hens, 7c. to 10c. per lb.; spring chickens, 8c. to 11c.; geese, 8c. per lb.

Montreal.

The quality of stock was not choice, but the best stock on the market sold at 7c. per lb., this being for steers; good sold at 6½c., and medium at 5½c. to 6c., while common steers sold down to 5c. Cows ranged generally from 4½c. to 6½c. per lb., and bulls from 4½c. to 5½c. Canners cattle sold as low as 3½c. per lb. Lambs were scarce, and prices slightly higher. Best Ontario stock sold at 8c. per lb., while Quebec stock ranged from 7c. to 7½c., with occasionally slightly more. Sheep were 4½c. to 5c. The market for calves was fairly firm, at \$3 to \$6 for common, and up to \$15 each for best. The tone of the hog market was firm, and selects sold at 7½c. to 7½c. per lb., with heavies at 7½c., weighed off cars.

Horses.—Good general-purpose horses sold at about \$150 to \$175 each. Dealers quoted heavy draft horses weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., at \$225 to \$300 each; light draft, weighing from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., at \$150 to \$200 each, and lighter horses from \$125 to \$150. Broken-down, old animals were quoted at \$75 to \$100 each, and fancy saddle and carriage animals at \$300 to \$400 each.

Dressed Hogs.—The market for dressed hogs was slightly firmer all round. Abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed hogs were quoted at 10½c. to 10½c. per lb. Country-dressed were firmer also, at 9c. to 9½c. for heavyweights, and 9½c. to 10c. for light.

Poultry.—Receipts of poultry have been held off somewhat lately on account of the decline of a couple of weeks ago. Supplies were moderate, and prices continued about the same. Quotations were 14c. to 15c. for turkeys; 12c. to 15c. for chickens; 11c. to 14c. for ducks, and 9c. to 11c. for geese and old fowl.

Potatoes.—The market was rather on the easy side, but prices were much the same as last week. Choice Green Mountains were quoted at 60c. per bag, carloads, ex track, single bags being 70c. to 75c.

Honey and Syrup.—Prices showed no change, and demand was light. Maple syrup was quoted at 60c. in small tins, and up to 80c. in 11-lb. tins. Sugar

was 9c. to 10c. per lb. White-clover comb honey was 16½c. to 17½c. per lb. extracted, 12c. to 13c.; dark comb, 14½c. to 15c., and strained, 7c. to 8c. per lb.

Eggs.—Best eggs were quoted at 48c. to 50c. per dozen, but these were only nominally new laid. Selected cold-storage stock were quoted at 31c. to 32c. per dozen. No. 1 cold-storage stock were firm, at 29c. to 30c., and No. 2 25c. to 26c. per dozen.

Butter.—The market for creamery was about steady, and dealers look for no change just now. Choice stock was quoted at 27c. to 27½c. per lb. here, while fine was 26½c. to 27c., and seconds 25½c. to 26c. Ontario dairy was 25c. to 26c. per lb., and Manitoba 24c. to 25c.

Cheese.—No change has taken place in the cheese market. September Ontario cheese still sold at 15½c. to 15½c. per lb. for either white or colored, and October makes were ½c. below these figures. September Eastern cheese was 15½c. to 15½c., and October a fraction under.

Grain.—Oats were in good demand. Canadian Western were quoted at 60½c. for No. 2; 59c. for No. 3; 58½c. for No. 1 feed, and 57½c. for No. 2 feed, ex store. Ontario and Quebec No. 2 white oats were 54c. per bushel; No. 3 were 53c., and No. 4 were 52c. Argentine corn was 83½c. to 84c.

Flour.—Demand for flour was fairly active, and prices were unchanged. Ontario patents were \$6 per barrel in wood, and straight rollers were \$5.50 to \$5.60, bags being \$2.70. Manitoba first patents were \$6.70; seconds being \$6.20, and strong bakers' \$6 in jute.

Millfeed.—The market showed no change last week, but the tone was firm. Bran was \$25 per ton in bags; shorts, \$27; middlings, \$30, including bags. Mouille sold at \$35 to \$36 per ton for pure, and \$31 to \$32 for mixed.

Hay.—There was a fair demand for hay at steady prices. No. 1 pressed hay, Montreal, ex track, \$20.50 to \$21 per ton; No. 2 extra, \$19.50 to \$20, and No. 2, \$18.50 to \$19.

Hides.—Beef hides were unchanged, at 16c., 17c. and 18c. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively. Calf skins were 16c. and 18c. for Nos. 2 and 1 respectively. Sheep skins were \$1.20 each and horse hides, \$1.50 for No. 2, and \$2.50 each for No. 1. Tallow was 6c. per lb. for refined, and 2c. to 2½c. for crude.

Buffalo.

The past week the best Canadian shipping steers sold from \$8.85 to \$9, a good kind from \$8.50 to \$8.60, with plain and less desirables from \$7.50 to \$7.85. Few handy butchering steers were good enough to bring \$8, and about the best handy heifers offered ranged from \$6.85 to \$7.50. Heavy, fat cows, which have been bringing from \$6 to \$6.50, are down to \$5.75. Receipts for the past week were 5,030 head, as against 4,125 for the previous week, and 6,375 for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations.—Canadian shipping steers—Choice to prime, \$8.75 to \$9; fair to good, \$8.25 to \$8.60. Butchering steers—Choice, heavy, \$8.25 to \$8.50; fair to good, \$7.75 to \$8; yearlings, \$9 to \$9. Cows and heifers—Prime weighty heifers, \$7.75 to \$8; best handy butcher heifers, \$7.25 to \$7.50; common to good, \$6 to \$7; best heavy fat cows, \$6.50 to \$7; good butchering cows, \$5.75 to \$6.25; medium to good, \$4.75 to \$5.50. Cutters, \$4 to \$4.25; canners, fair to best, \$3.50 to \$3.80. Bulls—Best heavy, \$7 to \$7.25; good butchering, \$6.25 to \$6.75.

Week started with an \$8.25 market for Western and Canadian hogs, and before the week was out, prices on Westerns dropped to \$7.40, with Canadas selling at \$7.35. Two loads of Winnipeg pigs sold Thursday at \$7.55, and a load out of this section went Friday at \$7.50. Two decks of Canadian hogs went to the quarantine division Friday to enable a buyer, whose plant did not have Federal inspection, to use them, and they sold up to \$7.80. Roughs the latter part of week ranged from \$6.25 to \$6.40, and stags, \$5.50 to \$6.

See the advertisement in this issue of the Southern Counties Ayrshire Club sale to be held at Ingersoll Dec. 30.