

## Horses

The horse market has ruled about the same. The event of the past week was the big sale of Mexican broncos, sold by W. Harland Smith at the Junction Stock Yards. Prices ranged from \$6 to \$60. Over 100 were sold. It was rumored that these broncos had a bad attack of the mange, but this has been denied by veterinarians who examined them.

## MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, N.S., July 9, 1903.

The country market has been well supplied this week, and in some commodities prices have been easier. Hay is still the gut-girded article, and there is very little to be had at \$14 to \$16 per ton. It is impossible to get a pound of Nova Scotia hay at any price, and the offerings are of New Brunswick and Quebec growth. The provinces have lately enjoyed good growing weather and crop prospects have consequently improved.

American mess port has lately declined heavily, but this has had no effect upon the product of local packers. Owing to the limited supply and the fact that the trade requires a certain amount of domestic mess, the Maritime Province packers are holding their product at about a dollar a barrel above the parity of the American article. There is every probability that prices will be much lower in the autumn as soon as the fall supply of hogs are available. Another company has lately been incorporated to go into pork packing at Sussex, N.B. There is no doubt that there is plenty of business, but the great difficulty is in getting farmers to raise sufficient hogs. In spite of all that has been done to increase the supply, packers declare there is very little improvement apparent. The present price for packing purposes is about 7c. per lb. for dressed hogs.

Potatoes are abnormally high. The supply available here is small, and the price has been forced up to the vicinity of one dollar a bushel. Flour also has advanced 25 to 30c. per barrel, and feeds and all kinds of coarse grains are very firm.

Eggs are very scarce. Prince Edward Island stock are selling here at 14c., but eggs from near by points command 16c., but very few of the latter are offered.

Dairy produce is plentiful and prices easier. Dairy print butter is in heavy supply at 21c. Local dairy tubs are scarce at 17 to 18c. There is much complaint regarding the inferior tubs in which Nova Scotia dairymen market their butter. Anything is accepted so long as they are cheap, and there is no uniformity as to size. Two travelling dairy schools under government direction are now visiting the butter-making sections, and it is hoped that the instruction disseminated will result in the adoption of better methods by our farmers. Creamery prints are worth 22c., and solids 21c. Jobbers are paying 10-14c. for cheese, f.o.b. at factory points, but expect a further decline. All lines of meats are dragging a little just now on the local market. Exporters have opened the price for New Bank codfish at \$3.50 on vessel, but the market is weak at this figure. Nova Scotia strawberries are now beginning to come in at 15 to 17c. per box. The Ontario berries are now out of the market. Business generally continues good throughout the Maritime Provinces, and the wholesale houses in

this city all express great confidence in the outlook for fall trade. There is a great dearth of labor and an idle man in these parts is now rightfully regarded as an object of suspicion. The South Shore Railway is calling for 2,500 employees, and the various towns of the province need men to work on municipal contracts. Miners and mechanics of all kinds are in demand at good wages. A number of miners from Europe have lately come here, but the demand for men is still far from being supplied. Farm laborers are very scarce, operations have been curtailed for this reason.

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A Hollow Star.

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## A Catastrophe

A tomcat lived

On a high board fence

In the back

Of a city yard;

On rats he thrived,

And he grew immense,

Tho, alack!

He was oft hit hard;

And he used to sit

All the livelong day

On the top

Of the fence described,

And he would not quit,

But he sung away—

Nor a stop

Could be begged or bribed.

Meeow! Meeow! I'm happy, any-

how,

And that's more than you can

say!

You may throw your bricks,  
But despite such Irish tricks,  
I am here—meeow! meeow! to  
stay!"

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It happened that,

On a moonlit night,

He had asked

Quite a crowd to dine,

Each smooth-groomed cat

Had his voice just right,

And they basked

In the moonlight fine.

Till a catechist

With a funny bone

Sprang a joke

On the singing crowd—

Said the humorist:

"Now we're here alone,

Why, good folk,

Do you mew so mewed?"

Meeow! Meeow! That started a  
row!

For that was a joke, you see!

And the consequence

Was a morgue-age on the fence—

A complete catastrophe!

—Baltimore News.

## Special Prizes at Ottawa

No fair in Canada has as many special prizes on its list as the Central Canada Exhibition, held annually at the Capital. This year this list is as large if not larger than in previous years. Of these special prizes, 15 will be given in the horse, 13 in the cattle, 6 in the dairy, and several in the sections for fruit, grains, etc. The regular prize list for this year's show has also been greatly augmented, and Canadian pure-bred stock has nearly all the good things in it. Breeders should make a note of this fact, and write early to E. McMahon, Secretary, Ottawa, for a prize list. A good list of special attractions is being provided.



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