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# Weekly Livestock Market Report

OTTAWA, April 26, 1939— SUMMARY

Cattle markets ran into a drab session this week and price cutting was general. Toronto was down about 15c on most sales, while Montreal lost 25c to 35c on steers but was slightly stronger on cow sales. In western Canada most markets were off about 25c, but with Winnipeg showing declines of as much as 50c on killing cattle and from 50c to 75c on shipping steers. The major markets were weaker on calves with Toronto and Winnipeg especially making some sales as much as 50c below last week. After a strong start, the Toronto hog market lost ground and finished 25c lower. Elsewhere hog prices were little disturbed, except in Saskatchewan where gains of 15c to 25c were made. There was little interest in the sheep and lamb trade and with extremely light supplies prices were, as a rule, unchanged.

### Eastern Cattle Markets

Cattle trade was dull on a moderate supply at Toronto and large holders featured the trade from day to day. Most sales were at about 15c below last week's levels but a fair cleanup was made by the close with most of the week ending slowly up to \$7.25 and a few choice heavies at \$7.50. Good butchers were mostly \$6.75 to \$7. Cattle prices were very firm, Montreal with steers dropping 25c to 35c, heifers selling about steady, and cows steady to 25c higher. There were some 150 steers unsold from Monday's offerings by the close of the week. The top of the steer division was \$7.75, with good kinds selling mostly from \$7 up.

### Western Cattle Markets

The Winnipeg market was adversely affected by heavier deliveries and the unfavorable trend of prices at other markets. Trade has been drab throughout with good shipping steers losing 50c to 75c from the high point of the previous week while most killing classes experienced an indifferent to a reduction of 25c to 50c. Buyers were operating cautiously even at the reduced level of prices. Very few shipping steers sold at \$7 and above, while a good percentage went at \$6.25 to \$6.75 and only a few slaughtered steers were required around \$6.50. Stockers and feeders were in sympathy with the lowered trend in fat cattle prices. Other markets were barely steady to 25c lower and in some cases notably in Regina, where reduced on common cattle as much as 50c. Tops at Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver were \$7. Prince Albert \$6, Regina \$6.50, and Saskatoon \$7.25.

### U. S. Market Lower

While average prices paid for Canadian cattle at Buffalo looked about the same as for the previous week, quality considered, prices were generally about 25c down on anything below choice quality. A few loads of Canadian steers made between \$10.25 and \$10.40 out of the bulk of the Canadian contingent crossed the scales at \$8.50 to \$9.50. Some Canadian calves sold from \$8.50 to \$10.50. St. Paul was quoted Canadian steers at \$25 to \$29.25 with the very best offered around \$9.75. Heifers made from \$9 down and cows up to \$7.75.

### Exports to the United States

Exports of the week amounted to 7,025 beef cattle, 207 dairy, and 1,550 calves. Totals to date this year are 77,782 beef cattle, 2,082 dairy, and 19,872 calves, compared with 16,936 beef, 2,632 dairy, and 17,276 calves in the same period last year. The export of 250 cattle in the second quarter of this year are 20,313 head. A release by the United States Treasury Department states that imports into the United States of Canadian cattle, 700 lbs. or more, during the period April 1st to 8th inclusive, totalling 11,193 head or 21.84 per cent of the second quarter quota.

### U. K. Market Remains Unchanged

Prices at Birkenhead remained unchanged, although there was a slightly improved demand for fat cattle, with best steers up to about 15c per lb. dressed weight including offal. Store trade was slow, but best dairy cows continue steady. Glasgow estimated good Canadian feeders at 1 1/2-2c per lb. live weight and bulls 5c. There were no exports to the United Kingdom this week and the total for the year is 350 cattle, practically all dairy, as compared with 11,694 head in the corresponding period of last year.

### Calves Steady to Weaker

Calves were weak to 50c lower in spots at Toronto, with the general top at \$7.50. Montreal was steady at \$7.50, with a few choice heavies at \$7.75. Good veals were \$7 with a few at \$7.50. Winnipeg was easier with the bulk between \$5 and \$7, and an extreme top of \$7.50. Tops at Calgary, Saskatoon, and Vancouver were \$7.50, Edmonton and Moose Jaw \$7, Prince Albert \$6.50, and Regina \$6.

### Hog Prices Vary

The British bacon market dropped 2c Canadian selling from 75s to 68s and Canadian hams from 97s to 98s. Danish bacon was 88s to 94s. Becons opened stronger at Toronto but lost 25c by the close, when the general price was \$8.75 off trucks with last bids down to \$8.50. The bulk of the hams sold at \$9.50 and \$9.75. At Montreal, Winnipeg ranged between \$8.35 and \$8.50 f. and w. while Calgary closed at \$8.10 off trucks and Edmonton at \$8. McKays in Saskatchewan were stronger, with Prince Albert and Saskatoon closing at \$9.25 for hams, off trucks, and Moose Jaw and Regina at \$8.35.

### Lamb Prices Steady

Lambs sold steady at Toronto with westerns and a few Ontario's up to a top of \$9 and a few spring lambs at \$10 each. Moose Jaw lambs at Montreal made \$4 to \$8

each. Winnipeg was also unchanged with best lambs at \$8 and \$9.25, while tops at Calgary made \$7.25, Edmonton \$8, Moose Jaw \$7, and Saskatoon \$7.50.

### CATTLE MARKETS

Toronto was dull on an offering of 4,500 cattle and the bulk of the sales were 15c lower than last week. Weighty steers moved at \$8.25 to \$8.50, some choice heavies \$7.50, and good butcher steers and heifers \$6.75 to \$7, with plain down to \$5.50. Butcher cows brought \$2.75 to \$3, and canners and cutters \$2.50 to \$3.50. Fed calves were mostly \$7 and \$8.50, and a few lots of stockers were sold at \$5 to \$6, and a good number remained unsold. Milksters and springers were steady around \$75 for tops with some up to \$85.

Montreal offered 1,500 cattle with steers down 25c to 35c, heifers steady and cows steady to 25c stronger. Good steers sold from \$7 up to \$8, and a few choice heavies \$7.50 and others down to \$5. Butcher cows were \$3.50 to \$5.50, heifers \$4 to \$7, and bulls \$3.75 to \$5.50.

### CALF MARKETS

Toronto held a general top of \$9 on calves with the bulk selling between \$5 and \$8. Shipments to the United States totalled 900 head. Montreal had an easier trend toward the close of the week. A few 200 lbs. veals topped at \$7.50, good made \$7, and others down to \$5.

### HOG MARKETS

Dominion hog marketings were 72,800, with 171,023 in the same week last year. Totals to date this year 991,422, last year 1,110,092. Toronto hogs opened stronger but dropped to \$8.75 for breeders off trucks by the close with late bids as low as \$8.50. Outside buyers absorbed about 200 tons. Montreal, hogs were mostly \$9.50 f. and w., and \$9.00 off trucks with rail grades \$12.70 to \$13 cold weight and closing at \$13.

### Sheep and Lamb Markets

Toronto sold western lambs and a few Ontario's at \$9, with some culs at \$6.50 to \$8.50. Sheep steady, \$2.50 to \$5.50. Spring lambs slow at \$7 to \$10 each. A good number of lambs at \$4 to \$8 each. Light lambs are not wanted and bring very poor prices. Sheep ranged from \$4 to \$6. A good number of lambs at \$3.50. Last year: Beef cattle 11,557. Dairy cattle 325. Last year 107.

### In Memoriam

#### JANIE ELIZA MCINNIS

The death occurred at her home at Millville on March 10th, of Janie Eliza McInnis in her fourteenth year. She was only sick one day and was tenderly nursed by her parents, assisted by Dr. J. E. Fleming. She is survived by her grief-stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. McInnis, seven brothers and two sisters, namely, Annie and Lillian. A good number of friends and neighbors gathered at the residence on Sunday afternoon March 12th to pay respects and show their sympathy. The service was conducted by Rev. W. A. MacQuarrie, Pastor of Hunter River United Church, and the hymns sung were "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "The Lord is Near Thee" and "Sole in the Arms of Jesus." Interment was made in the Frederick People's Cemetery.

#### SUCCESS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Twelve members and four visitors attended the meeting of Success Women's Institute at the home of Miss Margaret MacLean on Tuesday evening, April 17th. The president, Mrs. W. H. MacLean, called was answered with a Canadian poet and a verse of poetry. Reports from the sick committee were being made and bills presented and ordered paid. Several letters were read and discussed. It was decided to make a house to house canvass in the district for annual memberships for the "control of cancer." It was also decided to have a "Play." A copy of the new Canadian magazine, "Home and Country" was received by the secretary. The programme was made up of interesting papers presented by the members and discussed. Collection was taken amounting to 70c. Lunch was served and a social chat enjoyed.

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"INSTITUTE DANCE - What was considered the best dance of the season was held in the Lower Montague Hall on Friday night, April 14th, under the auspices of the Lower Montague Women's Institute. Lunch was served to a large number of young people.

"The music for the evening was furnished by Mr. Pius Steele, violinist, with Mrs. J. MacBeath and Miss Lillian Jackson of Montague at the piano. A goody sum was realized.

### Personals

"Mrs. Laurie MacLure and little daughter Elaine are visiting Mrs. MacLure's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Ross, of Lower Montague.

"Mr. James MacGowan of Killmuck conducted the service in the United Church of Lower Montague on Sunday, April 23, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Arthur Long.

"Miss Helen Aitken, Lower Montague, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, Georgetown Royalty.

"Her friends are very pleased to report that Mrs. Bert Taylor is making a good recovery at her home in Lower Montague after having been seriously ill with influenza and pneumonia. Her little daughter Shirley Marie is also completely recovered.

"The many friends of Mrs. Ormon Poole are glad to know she is making a successful recovery after having undergone an operation for appendicitis in the Kings County Hospital at Montague.

"Friends and relatives in Lower Montague of Mr. Will Irving of Murray Harbour were grieved to be shocked to hear of his sudden death on Friday, April 21st. Mr. Irving was 67 years of age. His wife, Mrs. Anne M. P. Irving, in-law of the deceased, attended the funeral which was held on Sunday, April 23rd.

"Mrs. Wm. McEachern of Mercur was a recent visitor to Lower Montague visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Wright on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary which they celebrated on Easter Monday, April 10. Mr. and Mrs. Wright received many lovely presents, among them being a pair of beautiful yellow tulips from the Women's Institute. Ben wishes for many more happy anniversaries were extended by friends and neighbors.

### In Memoriam

#### MRS. JAMES VATCHER

The death took place at her home, Lower Montague, on March 31, of Mrs. James Vatcher, widow of the late James Vatcher, who predeceased her in December, 1938. Mrs. Vatcher was born in November, 1854, at Flowers Cove, Newfoundland, where she lived until her husband's death in 1938. She moved to Port Saunders, Newfoundland, coming from there with her husband and family in 1898 to the United States. She lived at their home in Lower Montague where they have since resided. Mrs. Vatcher was a woman of sterling qualities. It can truthfully be said of her, that she was a loving wife, a good mother and a fine neighbour.

She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother, five daughters and four sons, also an adopted son. They are: Alice, Mrs. House, who remained in Newfoundland when the family came to the Island; Barbara, Mrs. George Glendon; Susan, Mrs. L. Warren; Emily, Mrs. Fred Brown, all living in the United States; Bertha, Mrs. George Retford of Glouce Bay, C. B. James, of Woodside, Manitoba; John Eli and Howard, at home; Reuben, who also resides in Lower Montague; Amos, the eldest son, was drowned in Newfoundland forty three years ago.

Mrs. and Mrs. Vatcher in July, 1938 celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary. She will be sadly missed in the home and by her neighbors.

The funeral, which was held at the home, took place on April 1, and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. F. Payne, who also conducted the service at the grave. Interment was made in the English Church Cemetery at Georgetown. The survivors were Messrs. Roy Aitken, John Landrigan, James Jackson, Louis Wright, Abraham Edmonds and John McKeeney. The sympathy and the community goes out to the bereaved family. (Patriot please copy)

### The Central Guardian

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ENGAGEMENT - Mr. and Mrs. G. Douglas Wilson, Forest Hill Village, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Ethel Jean, to Robert Carruthers Cairns, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Cairns, Dunstaffnage, Prince Edward Island, the marriage to take place quietly April 29th. L-707-4-27-11.

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POLICE COURT - At Police court yesterday the case of two young men charged with possession of stolen fox furs was adjourned until this morning. Another young man charged with breaking and entering and theft in connection with the same matter elected preliminary hearing and was remanded until Saturday.

COMMUNITY CONCERT - Cayola Goya, Spanish Dancer and Beatrice Burford, Harpist, Strand Theatre 9:15 April 8:15 P. M. Those who are not members of the Association, may attend this recital free by taking out membership next seasons concert before or on the night of the Dance Recital. L-673-4-25-27.

### Canadian Garden Service 1939

By GORDON LINDSAY SMITH

#### Rock Gardens

Primarily rock gardens were used to transform difficult portions of a garden into a spot of unusual beauty and charm. Where the ground slopes away so rapidly that rains wash the soil, the new kind of gardening helped and it also formed a pleasing connection for rough land leading up to woodlands at the back of the garden proper.

In recent years, however, the rock garden has become so popular that people are going out of their way to make an excuse for one. They will build their lawns up on two different levels with a rock garden in between.

These gardens are made to resemble miniature alpine ranges, and in them alpine flowers are grown. They are usually tiny short spurry things, that require little moisture during most of the year. They are specially listed in the better seed catalogues. To hold the sharply sloping soil, fair size rocks of the roughest possible nature, preferably weathered brown boulders, are buried to about two thirds their depth irregularly throughout the slope. Good pockets of sandy soil are arranged between the rocks. The flowers find a foothold here and trail over the boulders.

Shrubby and trees are arranged as background for these rock gardens. An odd tree or bush near the middle will do no harm as one of the rock plants are accustomed to some shade.

#### For Tenants

Pleasures of gardening are not confined to the owner of property. Even the tenant who moves regularly every spring may have a garden which will rival that of the most permanent nature. Of course the tenant is not inclined to spend a great deal of money on shrubs and trees. These things take some years to reach mature beauty. He can and does, however get much the same effect with annual flowers, and vines.

There are at least a score of big bushy annuals like dahlias, cosmos, african marigolds, and castor beans which will reach a height of three to eight feet by mid-July. These will furnish ample background for the hundreds of dwarf to medium height annual flowers which are listed in any seed catalogue.

To screen verandas or ugly-looking fences, such things as scarlet runner beans, morning glories or hops will do the job in a few weeks.

The average amateur starts operations days or sometimes weeks too soon and stops long before satisfactory results are obtained. With the general run of vegetable and flowers, there is no advantage in getting things in while there is still danger of serious frost. On setback from a cold day or completely offsets the early start and may indeed mean replanting the whole garden. This caution of course does not apply to year-seed vegetables or flowers or to grass seed. These should be sown just as soon as ground is fit to work.

A second common mistake is planting too deeply. Authorities recommend as a general rule only planting to a depth of four times the diameter of the seed. This means that seeds like peas and beans will be covered with about an inch of soil but tiny things such as lettuce and poppies will be merely pressed in.

Spacing is important as even the enthusiast does not care to spend much time kneeling and thinning. Labor can be saved by properly spacing the seed as planted. Corn, beets, peas and similar plants with big seeds can easily be sown at the distances advocated on the packet. With tiny seeded things like lettuce, however, it is practically impossible to space by hand but if the seed is first mixed with a little sand and the whole sown carefully plants will be spread out.

#### FLORAL TROLLEY

BALLARAT, Australia - (CP) - Striking exhibit at Ballarat flower show was a tram car, completely covered with matted flowers.



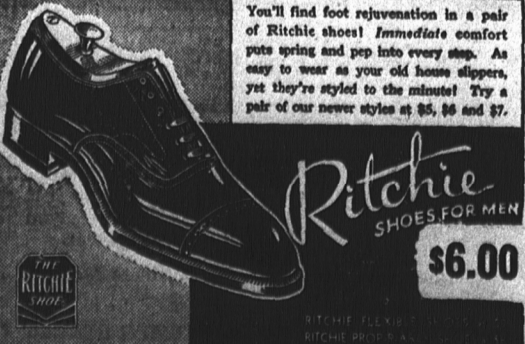
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