

THE DAIRY

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state of fertility for many years. Time will indicate however that there is a decline from the original fertility. No matter how carefully the crops are handled and the manure kept it is impossible to return as much fertility to the land as the crops took from it. In the first place there is the loss in handling. Secondly the growing animal retains for itself considerable of the elements of fertility which do not find their way back to the land. Also, in the handling of manure there is a certain amount of fermentation, leaching and the like that takes place. Here there is a field for study in the elements of plant food and their relative importance as such in soils. Most scientists tell us that the rank and file of the elements of plant food except phosphorus, potassium and nitrogen. An average supply of nitrogen may be obtained as suggested in the growing of legumes (clover). Most soils are well supplied with potassium except some low-lying lands. It therefore, resolves itself to a large extent, into the purchase of phosphorus to use on practically all soils that have been farmed for several generations. Farmyard manure reinforced with phosphoric fertilizers would suit such a general case but the difficulty of prescribing for each one, that might be given, is great. This rests largely with the farmer himself. To accomplish the desired result he must study the experimental reports as given by the best authorities and attend the public meetings for his benefit. In general he should co-operate with the sources of information that seek to establish his calling on a par with any other. Through their aid he can be of assistance unto himself, which can be exemplified in no more lasting way than by the evidence given in the profitable efficiency of his herd and soil.

Mr. Reid is this week addressing meetings in Southern Queens. Next week he will address meetings as follows: Monday, March 31st, St. Peter's. Tuesday, April 1st, Morell Rear. Wednesday, April 2nd, Peakes. Thursday, April 3rd, Georgetown. Friday, April 4th, Mitchell's River. All meetings will begin at 7.30 p. m. Everyone interested is invited to be present and to take part in any discussion that may arise.

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Exporters.—There were about 250 cattle of export weights, ranging from 1,150 to 1,300 lbs., and some 1,400 lbs., of export quality, good enough for Easter or Christmas trade, that sold from \$6.80 to \$7.25, and a very few individual cattle that sold at \$7.40, \$7.50, and one at \$8.50. The highest price paid for car lots was \$7.25.

Butchers.—Choice selected lots of butcher's cattle, sold at \$6.50 to \$6.75; loads of good to choice, \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium, \$5.00 to \$6.15; common, to medium, \$5 to \$5.50; inferior, light cattle, \$4.50 to \$5; cows, \$3 to \$5.25; extra heavy, choice cows, \$5.40 to \$5.75, and a few of Easter quality reached \$6; canner cows, \$2.50 to \$3; bulls sold all the way from \$3.75 to \$5.25, and a few extra heavy bulls of choice quality, sold at \$5.40 to \$5.75.

Stocks and Feeders.—Trade in stocks and feeders was light. Stockers, 500 to 750 lbs. each, sold at \$1.50 to \$1.75; feeders, 800 to 1,000 lbs., sold at \$5.30 to \$5.75, and \$6 was paid for a few short-keep feeders.

Milkers and Springers.—Trading in milkers and springers continues very quiet, with prices little changed. The principal demand centres on the better grades, most of the fairly good to choice cows selling at \$5 to \$6.5, and choice to extra, from \$7 to \$8.5, though very few reach \$80.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts of sheep and lambs were light, and, as a rule, the quality was poor. Prices continue very high, the highest ever known on the Toronto markets. Sheep—Ewes sold from \$6.75 to \$7.40; rams, \$5.50 to \$6.50; lambs, \$7 to \$10.50, the latter price being paid in a few instances for not more than a dozen lambs, about 90 to 100 lbs. in weight.

Hogs.—Receipts of hogs was moderate all week, not enough to supply the demand, consequently prices remained firm all week. Selects, fed and watered, sold from \$9.50 to \$9.70; and \$9.15 to \$9.30, f. o. b. cars, and \$9.75 weighed off cars. The bulk of the hogs sold at \$9.65, fed and watered, and \$9.25 f. o. b. cars at country points.

Horses.—Prices were reported as follows: Drafters, \$200 to \$250; general-purpose horses, \$160 to \$225; express and wagon horses, \$160 to \$225; drivers, \$100 to \$175; serviceably sound, \$80 to \$100.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—The market remains steady, supplies being quite equal to the demand. Creamery pound rolls, 32c. to 34c.; creamery solids, 28c. to 29c.; separator dairy, 28c. to 30c.; store lots, 22c. to 24c.

Eggs.—Receipts were liberal, and prices easier. New-laid, 23c. to 24c.; cold-storage, 17c. to 18c.

Cheese.—Market firm, but prices unchanged, at 14c. for large, and 15c. for twins.

Poultry.—Receipts light, and not equal to demand. Turkeys, 37c. per lb., dressed, goose, 15c. to 20c.; ducks, 20c. to 22c. per lb.; chickens, 22c. to 23c. per lb.; hens, 15c. to 18c. per lb.

Beans.—Broken car lots, hand-picked, \$2.40; primes, \$2.25, down to

\$1.25 per bushel for inferior qualities. HIDDES AND SKINS. No. 1 inspected steers and cows, 3c.; No. 2 inspected steers and cows, 2c.; No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls, 1c.; country hides, cured, 11c.; country hides, green, 10c.; calf skins, per lb., 14c.; lamb skins, \$1.10 to \$1.50; horse hair, No. 1, \$3.50 each; horse hair, per lb., 37c.; callow, No. 1, per lb., 5c. to 6c.

MONTREAL.

Live Stock.—Choice steers, suitable for the Easter trade, have been received, and owners asked as high as 14c. per lb. for them by the load. Choice steers were quoted at 7c. per lb., white, and stock was about 6c. to 6 1/2c., good being 6c. to 6 1/2c., and medium, ranged all the way from 5c. to 5 1/2c., common selling down to 4c. There was some demand for old heavy calves, at 7c. per lb. Deliveries of hogs were no more liberal than the demand, and prices continued firm, at 10c. to possibly 10 1/2c., in some instances, for best, weighed off cars.

Horses.—There was a very good demand for horses. The market showed no change, however; prices steady, as follows: Heavy-draft horses, weighing from 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$300 to \$400; light-draft horses, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., \$225 to \$300; light horses, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$125 to \$200; broken-down animals, \$75 to \$125. Choice saddle and carriage animals were \$350 to \$500 each.

Poultry.—Choice turkeys sold at 22c. to 25c. per lb.; ducks and chickens, 18c. to 21c. and 22c.; fowl, 15c. to 18c.; geese, 14c. to 16c.

Dressed Hogs.—Dressed hogs were in good demand, and sales took place at 14c. per lb. for fresh-killed stock, abattoir-dressed, and at 13c. for country-dressed, light weights, and at 12c. for heavy weights.

Eggs.—There is little likelihood of an advance at this time of year. Quotations were 28c. to 30c. for fresh.

Butter.—Considerable interest was manifested in this market, this being a critical period of the year. Prices held about steady, at 32c. to 30c. for finest, in a wholesale way. New butter was not yet available.

Hides.—Spring lambs were coming in and dealers quoted 10c. each for their skins. Sheep skins were \$1 to \$1.10 each, and heavy horse hides were \$1.75 and \$2.50 each, according to quality. Beef hides sold at 12c., 13c., and 14c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2 and 1.

BUFFALO.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$8.50 to \$9.50; butchers', \$6 to \$8.50; heifers, \$5 to \$8; cows, \$3.75 to \$7.50; bulls, \$3 to \$7.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.75 to \$7; stock heifers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; fresh cows and springers, \$35 to \$32.50.

Hogs.—Heavy, \$9.30 to \$9.40; mixed, \$9.40 to \$9.55; Yorkers and pigs, \$9.60 to \$9.65; roughs, \$8.40 to \$8.50; stags, \$6.50 to \$7.50; dairies, \$9.25 to \$9.60.

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Red potatoes are selling in Maine at from 20 to 25 cents a bushel, white potatoes sell for 30 cents in Quebec. Reds sell for 50 cents a bag of 1 1/2 bushels, and in Montreal at from 55 to 60 cents a bag.

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HALLAM'S WEEKLY MARKET REPORT—HIDES, SKINS, WOOL, JUNK.

TORONTO, March 20, 1913. Beehives are accumulating, stocks becoming poorer and grubby. Tanners are buying lightly. City Butcher Hides, green, flat, 12c. per lb. Inspected Hides, No. 1, 13c., No. 2, 12c.; No. 3, 11c. Country Hides, flat, cured, 12 1/2 to 13c. Part cured, 12 to 12 1/2c. Green, 11 1/2 to 12c.

Calfskin deliveries are somewhat larger, and selling in fair quantities at current prices. City skins, green, flat, 15c. Country green, flat, 15c, part cured 16c, cured 17c. Deacons or Bob Calf 90c. to \$1.30.

Horsehides are in good demand with fair supply. City take off \$3.50 to \$4.00. Country take off No. 1, \$3.50 to \$4.00. No. 2, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Sheepskins unchanged at previous quotations. City take off according to size \$1.00 to \$1.50. Country 75c. to \$1.50.

Wool unchanged, deliveries moving as fast as received. Washed combing fleece 22 to 23c. Clothing 25 to 26c. Rejects 17 to 18c. Unwashed fleece combing 13 to 14c. Clothing 15 1/2 to 16c.

Tallow. Good grades in demand, off colored or No. 2 a drug on the market. City rendered solids in barrels 6 1/2 to 6 3/4. Country stock, solid in barrels, No. 1 6 1/2 to 6c. No. 2, 5 to 6c. Cake No. 1, 7 to 7 1/2c. No. 2, 6 to 6 1/2c.

Horse Hair. Farmer or pedler stock firm at current prices. Farmer pedler stock 38 to 40c. Old Rubbers, etc., are in moderate demand, deliveries about sufficient to supply present demands at unchanged prices. Rubber boots and shoes, according to trim, 6 to 8 1/2c. Auto tires, 6 to 8c. Bicycle tires, 3 1/2 to 4c. Lead, heavy, 3 to 4c. Tea lead, 2 1/2 to 3c. Brass, heavy, 9 to 10c. or prices. Wolf sold at 2 1/2c. per cent lower than March 1912 sales. Oiling to the warm weather, goods are becoming springy, faded, and rubbed, all of which class of skins are bought at value.

No. Ont., Lake Sup., Que., N. S., N. B., Lab., Nevild, No. 2, \$6.25-3.00. No. 3, \$1.75-1.25. No. 4, 50c.-25c. Red Fox—No. 1, \$11.00-5.00. No. 2, \$6.00-4.50. No. 3, \$2.50-1.50. No. 4, \$1.00-25c. Muskrats—N. S., P. E. P., N. B.—Spring, 85c.-35c. Winter, 75c.-30c. Fall, 65c.-25c. Kitts, 15c.-08c. Wolf—No. 1, \$7.25-2.50. No. 2, \$3.25-2.00. No. 3, \$1.50-1.00. No. 4, 75c.-40c. Skunk—No. 1, \$4.40. No. 2, \$3.05. Raccoon—Dark, \$6.00-2.50. Lynx—\$27.00-1.00. Bear—\$27.50-50c. Silver Fox—\$100.00-100.00. Cross Fox—\$75.00-7.50. Otter, N.S., N.B., Que.—\$40.00-5.00. Beaver, Que., B.C.—\$12.00-3.00. Light, 7 to 8c. Copper, heavy, 10 to 11c. Light, 7 to 9c. Zinc, 2 1/2 to 4 1/2c.

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HORSE NOTES.

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The 2100,000 stakes hung out by E. W. Hanks the Pine Tree Circuit promoter for 3 weeks racing at Bangor, Augusta and Calais has brought an unprecedented list of entries. Every class is filled to overflowing. Baby Logan 2.18 1/2 owned by our friend Dr. J. A. Johnston of Tignish and now under training with J. P. Irving, Cape Traverse, is entered in the 2.17 and 2.18 trots at the "Hanks Meetings." We look for Baby to make them step.

Maritime Horses entered in the "Hanks" meetings in addition to Baby Logan are Miss Alfordy, St. Stephen, Minnie of Halifax, Frank Patch, Achille the Great, Barings Comet, Floyd Achille, Baron Cecil, Billy C., etc.

Barings Comet (2) 2.28 holder of the Maritime Record although only three years old this spring is entered in the 2.25 trot and 3 year old trots at the great Hanks meetings. Barings Comet is by Baring a son of Bingara.

Baring 2.18 1/2 by Bingara is entered in the Hanks Circuit and will race against Baby Logan.

Billy C. of Amherst (record 2.15 1/2) will start in the 2.14 trot at Hanks meetings.

Amherst is thinking of building a race track. We hope they do as it is a real good sporting city and we would like to go there.

Jack Leonard well and favorably known throughout the Maritime Provinces and who was behind Kremnut when he took his mark in Halifax last fall is engaged as trainer for the Hingham Stables, of Hingham, Mass.

\$2406 in purses for the fall meeting of the Charlottetown Driving Park

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Association is a good increase over last year. We assure our friends the directors of that company that they have made no mistake as the better purses will draw more entries and bigger crowds.

The Canadian Courier of Toronto of last week has several cuts of the Hotel Victoria ice races and a splendid cut of the Bingara stallion Bottom 2.33 1/2.

S. B. Fuller who officiated at the recent horse show in this City is one of the best judges of horse flesh in America. He has judged from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The well bred Stallion Aquiri is demonstrating that he is quite a speed sire. All his colts have speed and those which have been developed are very fast. We look to see some good ones from him this fall.

A meeting of the executive of the newly created P. E. I. Horsemen's Association will be held in Charlottetown next Monday night, March 31st.

William Russell Allen of Allen Farm, Pittsfield, Mass., has some splendid colts and fillies for sale. It is the spot to get the well bred ones. He has also some good bargains in brood mares. If you are looking for a young prospect write him for catalogue. Prices are reasonable considering the quality of the offerings.

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4 Grandsons of Bingara are in the stud in this province, viz Commodore Ledyer, Aquiri 2.27 1/2 Bottom 2.33 1/2 and Mayor Todd. All are extremely well bred and will no doubt have a lot of speed for future race contests.

Maple Lawn Farm, Delavan, Ill., has made quite a success of selling horses by mail. They have some good stock now listed.

If our stockraisers could be prevailed upon to import some good standard bred brood mares the breeding industry would be much benefited. A good brood mare is even more necessary than a good sire to get superior offspring.

E. W. Hanks, manager of the Pine Tree Circuit, announces that in place of the 3.00 pacing events for his meeting at Lewiston, Bangor and Augusta, which failed to fill satisfactorily, he will open three 2.20 pacing events, as follows:—For Bangor and Augusta he will offer purses of \$5,000 each, nominations to close April 10, at which time horses must be named and 1 per cent of stake is due. For Lewiston \$10,000 purse will be given for 2.20 pacers, to close April 10, at which time 2 1/2 per cent of purse is due. In this event there will be no further cost to start. These conditions are unusually liberal and should insure a big list of entries.

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