

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending August 22.

Receipts and Market Tops.

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

| | CATTLE | | | | | |
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| | Receipts | | | Top Price Good Steers | | |
| | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 |
| Toronto (Union Stock Yards) | 5,032 | 7,936 | 4,712 | \$14.50 | \$11.00 | \$15.25 |
| Montreal (Pt. St. Charles) | 2,292 | 1,183 | 2,159 | 13.00 | 10.25 | 14.00 |
| Montreal (East End) | 1,904 | 1,425 | 2,017 | 13.00 | 10.25 | 14.00 |
| Winnipeg | 11,824 | 6,967 | 8,767 | 15.50 | 10.00 | 16.00 |
| Calgary | 4,779 | 1,230 | 5,241 | 14.00 | 8.50 | 15.25 |
| Edmonton | 1,379 | 543 | 1,389 | 13.50 | 7.75 | 13.00 |

| | CALVES | | | | | |
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| | Receipts | | | Top Price Good Calves | | |
| | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 |
| | 594 | 847 | 788 | \$17.50 | \$15.50 | \$16.50 |
| | 1,130 | 549 | 1,267 | 14.00 | 13.00 | 15.00 |
| | 607 | 295 | 595 | 14.00 | 13.00 | 15.00 |
| | 451 | 230 | 386 | 13.50 | 10.00 | 15.50 |
| | 111 | 90 | 131 | | 11.00 | |

| | HOGS | | | | | |
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| | Receipts | | | Top Price Selects | | |
| | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 |
| Toronto (Union Stock Yards) | 3,580 | 8,655 | 4,506 | \$20.25 | \$19.75 | \$20.25 |
| Montreal (Pt. St. Charles) | 1,481 | 1,624 | 2,626 | 20.25 | 18.50 | 20.75 |
| Montreal (East End) | 967 | 786 | 1,601 | 20.25 | 18.50 | 20.75 |
| Winnipeg | 5,689 | 3,806 | 6,199 | 19.75 | 18.60 | 20.50 |
| Calgary | 1,498 | 1,680 | 2,680 | 19.65 | 18.75 | 19.50 |
| Edmonton | 462 | 471 | 1,182 | 18.25 | 17.50 | 18.75 |

| | SHEEP | | | | | |
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| | Receipts | | | Top Price Good Lambs | | |
| | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 | Week Ending Aug. 22 | Same Week 1917 | Week Ending Aug. 15 |
| | 3,625 | 3,552 | 1,756 | \$21.50 | \$15.50 | \$23.25 |
| | 2,685 | 2,105 | 1,049 | 19.00 | 14.50 | 18.50 |
| | 1,453 | 754 | 776 | 19.00 | 14.50 | 18.50 |
| | 1,054 | 348 | 570 | 17.50 | 13.00 | 17.50 |
| | 804 | 165 | 2,150 | 16.00 | 12.00 | 15.00 |
| | 28 | 89 | 192 | | 12.00 | 13.00 |

Market Comments.

Toronto.

There was very little change in the quotations for cattle at the local yards during the week. The majority of the five thousand head offered for sale consisted of lightweight butcher cattle, medium bulls and cows, for which classes of stock the demand was anything but brisk. As a result, prices tended to a further weakening. A number of loads of good quality steers weighing from eleven hundred pounds up, were on sale on Monday, and these proved to be the only active sellers in the week's trading. A good proportion of the best grass steers from Ontario continue to move to the Buffalo market where beef prices are ruling a shade higher than at Toronto, and in addition to the five hundred head that passed through Toronto on through-billing for the Buffalo trade, six hundred head, bought on the local yards, were shipped to the same destination. Two hundred of these latter cattle were good butcher stock, while the balance were feeders. Ontario cattlemen at present are finding it profitable to cater to the Buffalo trade, for in addition to the slightly higher values ruling at Buffalo, the existing two per cent. rate of exchange provides additional profit for our stockmen of about \$60 on a carload of \$3,000 value. A few loads of good steers were weighed up on Monday at satisfactory prices, and among these there was a load averaging twelve hundred and thirty pounds that realized \$15.10 per hundred. Three or four loads of steers of about twelve hundred pounds each sold at \$15, while other good sales included one load averaging eleven hundred and ninety pounds per head, at \$14.85. Of steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, the top sales included twenty-three head of ten hundred and seventy-five pounds each at \$14.50; twenty-two head of eleven hundred pounds at \$14.15; twenty head of ten hundred and thirty pounds at \$14.40. Other sales of good quality stock within these weights were made at prices ranging from \$13 to \$14. Medium steers sold from \$12 to \$12.75. Of the light-weight butcher steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds on sale, twenty-five head averaging nine hundred and ten pounds sold at \$13.25. Those of good quality realized from \$11.50 to \$12.50, while most of the offerings in these weights showed only medium quality and sold from \$9 to \$11 per hundred. There was little change in the market for cows and bulls; a few odd sales of those of choice quality were made from \$10.25, \$10.50 and \$11 per hundred, but the majority of the good cows and bulls sold from \$9 to \$9.75 per hundred, those of medium quality from \$8 to \$8.75, and common quality from \$7 to \$8 per hundred. The demand for stockers and feeders remains very limited; the condition of Ontario pastures is such that little inducement is offered to farmers to take stock back to the country at the present time. Besides the fact that fall feed is in most cases very short, stockmen are holding back in the hope that prices may be lower later on. It is anticipated, however, that a good demand will shortly develop for cattle for winter feeding. Only a few loads of cattle were shipped to Ontario points during the week, and those were bought at unchanged quotations. The calf trade re-

| TORONTO (Union Stock Yards) | | | | | |
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| CLASSIFICATION | No. | Avg. Price | Price Range Bulk Sales | Top Price | |
| STEERS heavy finished | 257 | \$14.50 | \$13.75-\$15.00 | \$15.00 | |
| STEERS good | 428 | 14.00 | 13.25-14.50 | 14.50 | |
| 1,000-1,200 common | 52 | 12.50 | 11.50-13.00 | 13.00 | |
| STEERS good | 729 | 12.70 | 11.75-13.00 | 13.25 | |
| 700-1,000 common | 367 | 9.45 | 9.00-10.50 | 10.75 | |
| HEIFERS good | 596 | 12.73 | 11.75-13.00 | 13.50 | |
| fair | 342 | 10.41 | 9.50-10.75 | 10.75 | |
| common | 98 | 9.18 | 8.00-9.50 | 9.50 | |
| COWS good | 558 | 9.75 | 9.00-10.00 | 11.00 | |
| common | 578 | 7.62 | 7.00-8.75 | 9.00 | |
| BULLS good | 26 | 9.95 | 9.25-10.50 | 11.00 | |
| common | 166 | 8.55 | 7.25-9.00 | 9.75 | |
| CANNERS & CUTTERS | 191 | 6.25 | 5.75-6.50 | 6.75 | |
| OXEN | 10 | | | | |
| CALVES veal | 569 | 14.93 | 13.00-16.50 | 17.50 | |
| grass | 25 | 8.00 | 7.00-9.00 | 9.00 | |
| STOCKERS good | 99 | 10.00 | 9.00-10.25 | 10.25 | |
| 450-500 fair | 213 | 8.68 | 8.00-9.00 | 9.75 | |
| FEEDERS good | 261 | 10.75 | 10.50-11.00 | 11.00 | |
| 800-1,000 fair | 61 | 10.25 | 10.00-10.50 | 10.50 | |
| HOGS selects | 3,269 | 20.03 | 19.50-20.25 | 20.25 | |
| (fed and watered) heavies | 11 | 19.85 | 19.50-20.25 | 20.25 | |
| lights | 146 | 18.59 | 17.75-19.25 | 19.25 | |
| sows | 150 | 17.67 | 16.75-18.75 | 18.75 | |
| stags | 4 | 14.81 | 14.50-16.25 | 16.25 | |
| LAMBS good | 3,011 | 20.08 | 19.00-21.50 | 21.50 | |
| common | 157 | 17.73 | 17.00-19.00 | 19.00 | |
| SHEEP heavy | 145 | 11.78 | 11.00-13.00 | 13.00 | |
| light | 211 | 14.00 | 13.00-15.00 | 15.00 | |
| common | 101 | 8.86 | 7.00-10.00 | 10.00 | |

| MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles) | | | | | |
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| No. | Avg. Price | Price Range Bulk Sales | Top Price | | |
| 56 | \$12.50 | \$12.00-\$13.00 | \$3.00 | | |
| 70 | 11.75 | 10.00-12.50 | 12.50 | | |
| 331 | 9.00 | 8.50-9.50 | 10.00 | | |
| 36 | 8.75 | 8.00-9.50 | 9.50 | | |
| 283 | 7.50 | 7.00-8.00 | 8.00 | | |
| 31 | 9.50 | 9.00-10.50 | 10.50 | | |
| 298 | 7.75 | 7.50-8.50 | 8.75 | | |
| 1,111 | 7.25 | 6.75-7.50 | 7.50 | | |
| 104 | 5.75 | 5.00-6.50 | 6.50 | | |
| 8 | 12.00 | 11.00-12.50 | 12.50 | | |
| 299 | 8.50 | 7.00-14.00 | 14.00 | | |
| 831 | 7.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 | | |
| 1,296 | 20.25 | 20.25 | 20.25 | | |
| 96 | 20.25 | 20.25 | 20.25 | | |
| 80 | 17.25 | 17.25 | 17.25 | | |
| 9 | 16.00 | 15.00-17.00 | 17.00 | | |
| 818 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 19.00 | | |
| 1,566 | 18.35 | 18.00-18.50 | 18.50 | | |
| 118 | 13.50 | 13.50 | 13.50 | | |
| 183 | 12.40 | 12.00-12.50 | 12.50 | | |

mains strong and active. Choice veal sold up to \$17.50 per hundred during the week while most of the sales were made from \$14 to \$16.50.

Lambs met with an active inquiry and although prices rule a little easier on Monday, on which day fifteen hundred were on sale, trade developed strength during the week, and by Wednesday, top lambs were moving from \$21 to \$21.50 per hundred, compared with a top of \$20 on Monday. On Thursday, however, the market again weakened, choice lambs declining 50 cents to \$1, selling at \$20 to \$20.50 per hundred. Choice light sheep sold up to \$15 per hundred.

In spite of light receipts and advancing American quotations, hogs suffered a decline in price on the local yards during the week. While on Monday \$20.25 per hundred was paid for selects, fed and watered, on Wednesday the packing houses refused to pay above \$19.50 although a few decks were sold to local butchers at \$19.75 and \$20 per hundred. No serious break in prices is looked for.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 15, Canadian packing houses purchased 546 calves, 3,753 butcher cattle, 4,736 hogs and 1,480 sheep. Local butchers purchased 239 sheep, 443 butcher cattle, 265 hogs and 418 sheep. Canadian shipments consisted of 8 calves, 36 milch cows, 88 stockers, 124 feeders and 43 sheep. Ship-

ments to United States' points consisted of 84 butcher cattle, 33 stockers and 153 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 15, inclusive, were: 158,269 cattle, 42,612 calves, 227,236 hogs and 30,571 sheep; compared with 148,225 cattle, 34,019 calves, 301,531 hogs and 29,292 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

With receipts of about forty-two hundred cattle, forty-one hundred sheep, twenty-five hundred hogs, and seventeen hundred and fifty calves for the week, the majority of which were offered on Monday, the market opened slow and at prices for cattle from 50 cents to 75 cents below the closing levels of the previous week. Trading at the lower prices was quite steady and the cattle were all taken up during the week. Between the heavy increase in receipts so early in the season and the difficulty in procuring the proper help at short notice, the packing plants are having some difficulty in handling their purchases. This is only a temporary condition, however, and will be readily adjusted as the season advances. Three or four loads of the best cattle offered were sold on a dressed-meat basis and were figured equal to about \$12.50 per hundred liveweight for the steers, and \$9 to \$10.50 for the cows.

There were no choice animals of any grade offered during the week. One of the best loads of steers offered averaged eleven hundred and fifty pounds and sold for \$12.50 per hundred. The majority of the steers were light and unfinished, and sold around \$9 per hundred. The market was featured by the prevalence of light-weight bulls and canner cattle, for which classes prices ranged from \$6.75 to \$7.50 per hundred. A good inquiry exists for steers of weight and quality.

Receipts of sheep and lambs continue heavy, and while there was no break in the prices of those weighed up, toward the end of the week, bids were made at lower prices. Lambs sold at \$19 per hundred for those of good quality, and from \$18 to \$18.50 for common stock. Sheep sold at \$13.50.

The market for hogs remained steady throughout the week at \$20.50 per hundred, off car weights. Owing to strong competition and consequent high prices for hogs at country points, the drovers were asking for increased prices for their next week's offerings.

Pt. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending Aug. 15, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,071 calves, 220 canners and cutters, 836 bulls, 1,079 butcher cattle, 2,626 hogs and 1,049 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 16 milch cows, and 24 butcher cattle.