

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending March 27

Receipts and Market Tops

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

CATTLE							CALVES						
Receipts			Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)				Receipts			Top Price Good Calves			
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20		Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	5,808	5,347	5,009	\$15.50	\$12.25	\$15.50	1,200	1,687	1,361	\$17.50	\$17.00	\$18.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	491	896	483	13.50	13.00	14.00	1,920	1,640	1,783	13.00	14.00	13.25	
Montreal (East End)	633	376	591	13.50	13.00	14.00	1,161	1,640	1,269	13.00	14.00	13.25	
Winnipeg	1,365	2,076	2,843	15.00	12.50	15.25	141	34	89	14.50	16.50	12.00	
Calgary	1,619	1,224	2,606	14.00	12.15	14.50	149	87	206	10.25		11.00	
Edmonton	521	388	539	14.25		15.00							

HOGS							SHEEP						
Receipts			Top Price Selects				Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs			
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20		Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	1918	Mar. 20	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	8,857	10,271	7,567	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$20.00	502	220	524	\$20.00	\$20.85	\$19.25	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	999	1,411	1,287	19.75	21.75	19.35	41	36	41	15.00	17.00	15.00	
Montreal (East End)	647	700	601	19.75	21.75	19.35	58	76	68	15.00	17.00	15.00	
Winnipeg	5,981	7,632	6,723	19.25	20.25	19.25	55	90	50	20.00	20.00	15.00	
Calgary	2,572	2,154	2,823	18.75	19.25	18.35	375	257	182	13.00	17.25	13.00	
Edmonton	515	1,069	269	18.50		18.25	14		934	13.00		13.00	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Following a decline in cattle values on the American markets, local quotations ruled a little easier on all grades of butcher cattle. Heavy cattle were in slower demand than was the lighter butcher stock. The decline on the Monday market, probably equal to about fifty cents per hundred, was in some measure recovered on the Wednesday and Thursday markets, on which a fairly brisk demand developed. Buyers for the American trade operated to a limited extent only and shipments to American points approximated only seven hundred head. Out of a total of three hundred and fifty cars offered for sale, fully sixty cars in farmers co-operative shipment were handled through the United Farmers' Commission firm. The quality of the stock offered was fairly good but no exceptional prices were realized. Eight head of steers weighing twelve hundred and thirty pounds sold at \$16 per hundred, six head of equal weight sold at \$15.50, while other sales were made from \$15 to \$15.50 per hundred for steers of top quality. Of steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, a few odd head of eleven hundred to eleven hundred and fifty pounds each sold at \$15.50 per hundred, a number sold from \$14.50 to \$15, while numerous loads were weighed up from \$14 to \$14.50. Choice heifers of ten hundred to eleven hundred pounds were moved out at prices as high as \$14 per hundred. A load of handy-weight butcher steers of nine hundred and twenty-five pounds average sold at \$14.10 per hundred, a few head at \$14.50, and quite a number from \$13.50 to \$14 per hundred. The demand for cows and bulls was weaker in sympathy with the decline in the market for other grades of cattle. A few choice fat cows sold as high as \$12.35 per hundred, quite a number moved from \$11 to \$11.50, and good cows from \$10 to \$10.75. A few fat bulls sold at \$11.50 per hundred, most of the best quality animals offered were weighed up at from \$10 to \$10.75 per hundred, while medium and common stock sold from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hundred. There was an increased demand for stockers and feeders, and several hundred head were shipped to country points for finishing on grass. Good feeders sold from \$12 to \$13 per hundred, and good stockers from \$11 to \$12. The calf market was about steady although very few veals sold above \$17 per hundred, most of the sales of good calves being made from \$15.50 to \$16.50, and those for medium stuff from \$12 to \$14.

Sheep and lambs were in good demand. Ten choice lambs sold at \$20 per hundred, while most of the sales were transacted within the range of \$17 to \$19. Choice sheep sold up to \$13 per hundred and heavy sheep at \$10.50.

Hogs prices were very unsettled during the week. On Monday, selects were weighed up at prices equal to those of the previous week, or at \$20 per hundred, fed and watered. No hogs were sold on Tuesday, and only a limited number on Wednesday when some transactions were as low as \$19.25. On Thursday the market was a little stronger with select stock moving from \$19.25 to \$19.50.

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
Classification	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS heavy finished	73	\$15.25	\$14.75-\$15.50	\$16.00					
STEERS good	440	14.59	14.00-15.25	15.50					
STEERS 1,000-1,200 common	55	12.81	12.00-13.50	13.50					
STEERS 700-1,000 good	1,385	13.45	12.75-14.00	14.50	91	12.50	12.00-13.50	13.50	
STEERS 700-1,000 common	452	11.26	10.50-12.00	12.50	181	10.75	9.00-11.50	11.75	
HEIFERS good	896	13.50	13.00-14.00	14.50	2	11.50	11.00-12.00	12.50	
HEIFERS fair	228	11.27	10.50-12.00	12.00	9	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.00	
HEIFERS common	25	9.70	9.00-10.50	10.50	33	8.50	7.00-9.00	9.00	
COWS good	615	10.50	10.00-11.00	12.00	26	11.00	10.00-12.00	12.50	
COWS common	764	8.28	7.75-9.00	9.50	94	8.25	7.50-9.00	9.75	
BULLS good	95	10.50	10.00-11.25	12.00	7	10.00	9.50-10.50	11.00	
BULLS common	107	8.69	8.00-9.50	10.50	47	8.25	7.50-9.00	9.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	201	6.06	5.75-6.75	6.75	42	5.75	5.00-6.50	6.00	
OXEN					10.00	10.00	9.00-12.00	12.50	
CALVES veal	1,190	14.50	13.00-16.00	17.50	1,886	12.00	11.00-12.50	13.00	
CALVES grass	10	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00	34	6.00	6.00-	6.00	
STOCKERS good	136	11.25	10.75-11.50	11.75					
STOCKERS fair	165	9.56	8.75-11.00	11.00					
FEEDERS good	104	12.57	12.00-13.00	13.00					
FEEDERS fair	58	11.55	11.00-12.25	12.50					
HOGS selects	8,183	19.81	19.25-20.00	20.00	807	19.25	19.25-	19.75	
HOGS heavies	29	19.67	19.25-20.00	20.00	21	18.25	18.25-	18.25	
HOGS lights	444	17.81	17.25-18.00	18.00	148	17.25	17.25-	17.25	
HOGS sows	182	17.28	16.50-18.00	18.00	19	16.25	16.25-	16.25	
HOGS stags	19	15.19	14.50-16.00	16.00	4	14.25	14.25-	14.25	
LAMBS good	375	18.46	17.00-19.00	20.00	1	15.00	15.00-	15.00	
LAMBS common	51	15.58	14.00-17.00	17.00	28	14.00	14.00-	14.00	
SHEEP heavy	46	10.43	9.50-11.00	11.00	6	11.00	11.00-	11.00	
SHEEP light	26	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00	6	10.25	10.00-10.50	10.50	
SHEEP common	4			9.00					

per hundred, although \$19 f. o. b. country points, which is about equal to \$20, fed and watered, was bid in one or two instances.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 20, Canadian packing houses purchased 426 calves, 2,942 butcher cattle, 8,180 hogs and 358 lambs. Local butchers purchased 620 calves, 354 butcher cattle, 150 hogs and 166 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up 56 calves, 92 milch cows, 287 stockers, 65 feeders and 29 hogs. United States shipments consisted of 163 calves, 1,223 butcher cattle, 35 stockers, 27 feeders, and 12 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to March 20, inclusive, were: 74,105 cattle, 8,134 calves, 77,023 hogs and 27,469 sheep; compared with 52,977 cattle, 7,289 calves, 93,051 hogs and 9,746 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

Prices for cattle remained at about the same level as during the previous week. Nearly all the steers offered were light in weight and of medium to common grading. The best lot averaged ten hundred and ten pounds and sold at \$13.50 per hundred. Next to these were two cars made up of very common-bred steers in fair flesh that sold for \$12.50.

The balance of the steers were very light and unfinished and sold in most cases between \$9 and \$11.50. A few fat cows were offered and sold in small lots at \$12; medium fat cows ranged from \$8 to \$9, while a number of strong cows a little better than canners were sold from \$7.50 to \$8, and were purchased for finishing on grass. Canners remained at \$5. The demand for heavy bulls was a little off, \$10.50 being about the top. The quality of the veal calves were somewhat better than recently, but despite this considerable difficulty was encountered in making sales at the previous week's quotations. The majority of good calves sold in car lots at \$12.50, a lighter grade went in large lots at \$11, and some very poor calves at \$7. One good calf weighing two hundred pounds was sold for \$18 per hundred.

Not enough sheep and lambs were offered to make a market.

Hogs on Monday sold for \$19.50 per hundred for selects, off car weights, while an odd sale of long-run was made at \$20. On Wednesday, buyers were offering \$19.25 off cars for short runs. Sows, lights, and heavies were sold at the usual reductions.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 20, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,783 calves, 58

canners and cutters, 65 bulls, 241 butcher cattle, 1,287 hogs and 41 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 74 milch cows. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to March 20, inclusive, were: 8,494 cattle, 6,877 calves, 13,894 hogs and 4,972 sheep; compared with 7,243 cattle, 5,512 calves, 14,353 hogs and 5,004 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 20, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,269 calves, 523 butcher cattle, 526 hogs and 68 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 75 hogs. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to March 20, inclusive, were: 10,262 cattle, 4,105 calves, 7,549 hogs and 5,451 sheep; compared with 7,557 cattle, 4,573 calves, 9,151 hogs and 4,692 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Cheese Markets.

Montreal, finest Easterns, 24c. to 25c.; New York, specials, 32½c.; average run, 32¼c.