

## Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending October 11.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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

CATTLE							CALVES						
Receipts			Top Prices 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	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending
Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	8,076	7,011	8,065	\$11.00	\$ 8.00	\$11.00	603	643	574	\$15.50	\$12.00	\$16.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,828	1,362	1,871	10.25	7.40	10.50	1,069	690	897	14.00	10.00	14.00	
Montreal (East End)	2,244	1,885	2,466	10.25	7.40	10.50	484	891	557	14.00	10.00	14.00	
Winnipeg	10,709	7,729	11,196	11.00	6.65	11.00	420	314	526	10.00	7.75	10.00	
Calgary		3,418	2,972		6.00	10.25					8.50	10.25	

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	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending
Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	1916	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,913	8,051	8,947	\$18.75	\$11.40	\$19.15	8,123	5,733	8,479	\$17.25	\$11.00	\$17.25	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,574	863	2,248	19.10	11.25	19.00	2,941	2,430	4,029	15.75	10.25	14.75	
Montreal (East End)	1,086	1,435	1,054	19.10	11.25	19.00	946	2,006	2,620	15.75	10.25	14.75	
Winnipeg	2,327	2,139	2,582	17.50	10.25	17.50	1,082	712	1,875	14.75	10.25	15.50	
Calgary		841	1,080		9.50	17.25		269	351		9.25	13.50	

## Market Comments.

## Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

With forty-seven hundred cattle on sale on Monday, trading was somewhat slow during the early hours of the market, but by noon the stock was moving freely at prices about steady with last week's quotations. Choice quality cattle were in good demand. With receipts totalling thirty-five hundred head during the balance of the week, trading was active and prices held about steady at Monday's quotations. The great bulk of the cattle now moving are of very inferior quality, but for choice butcher cattle the demand is good. Very few cattle were of sufficient quality to bring above \$11, the exception being a load of heavy steers from Chesley, Ontario, which went to a Hamilton abattoir at \$12.75 per hundred. A few other loads reached \$11, but the bulk of the butcher cattle sold from \$9 to \$10. Straight loads of cows sold as high as \$8.50 per hundred, choice quality ranging from \$8.25 to \$8.75 with the bulk selling at \$7 to \$7.75, and common at \$6 to \$6.75. Bulls were steady at last week's quotations. There was an active trade in canners and cutters at \$5 to \$5.50 per hundred. A good demand continues for stockers and feeders and while a few loads went to the States the bulk went back to Ontario farmers. There were a few loads of choice stockers and feeders from Winnipeg on sale and as high as \$9.75 was paid for some loads of these. Short-keep feeders were moved at \$8.75 to \$9.25 and the stockers at \$7.75 to \$8.50 per hundred. Calves were steady at last week's quotations with \$15.50 being paid for choice veal while common rough calves were slow sellers.

While lambs held steady on Monday with a top price of \$17.25 on Tuesday they were lower by 25 cents although \$17.15 was paid in one instance. The bulk selling at \$16.25 to \$16.75. By Wednesday the market was fairly steady, \$17 being the top price, while on Thursday trading was steady, the bulk of the lambs moving at \$16.25 to \$16.75. About two thousand head went to the States during the week. Sheep were steady and active, a very keen demand prevailing from country points for breeding ewes and several cars of these were shipped back under the Free Freight Policy recently inaugurated by the Dominion Live Stock Branch. Breeding ewes are selling as high as \$13, while good quality for slaughtering purpose sell up to \$11.50 per hundred.

There was little change in hog prices during the week. Hogs sold on Monday at \$18.75 fed and watered. On Tuesday they ranged from \$18.50 to \$18.75, while on Wednesday and Thursday the bulk of selects sold at \$18.75 per hundred. Hogs are moving more freely now and on the whole are carrying a little more finish.

Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending October 4th, Canadian packing houses purchased 273 calves, 173 bulls, 85 heavy steers, 5,098 butcher cattle, 9,594 hogs, and 5,891 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 203 calves, 521 butcher cattle, 408 hogs, and 533 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 88 calves, 44 milch cows, 69 butcher cattle, 1,060 stockers and 562 feeders, 53 hogs and 522 lambs. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 82 calves, 600

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
Classification	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	65	\$11.71	\$10.75-\$12.75	\$12.75					
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good	400	10.26	9.75-10.50	11.00	14	\$10.12	\$10.10-\$10.25	\$10.25	
1,000-1,200 common	83	9.31	8.75-9.75	9.75	57	9.35	9.15-9.50	9.75	
STEERS									
good	847	9.56	9.00-10.00	10.25	8	9.65	9.50-9.75	9.75	
700-1,000 common	708	8.25	7.75-8.75	9.00	226	8.21	7.75-8.50	9.25	
HEIFERS									
good	242	9.75	9.25-10.25	10.50	7	9.75	9.75-	9.75	
fair	587	8.50	8.00-8.75	9.00	74	8.37	8.00-8.50	8.50	
common	320	7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00	177	7.27	6.75-7.90	7.90	
COWS									
good	391	7.60	7.00-8.00	9.00	11	8.50	8.50-	8.50	
common	1,658	6.25	6.00-6.75	7.25	82	7.01	6.75-7.50	7.75	
BULLS									
good	22	7.50	7.00-8.25	8.75	2	8.25	8.00-8.50	8.50	
common	240	6.29	6.00-6.75	7.75	698	6.86	6.25-7.75	7.75	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	401	5.25	5.00-5.50	5.75	449	5.54	5.20-6.25	6.40	
OXEN	4				2				
CALVES									
veal	507	14.23	13.00-15.50	15.50	211	11.46	8.00-14.00	14.00	
grass	96	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00	858	7.26	6.50-7.75	7.75	
STOCKERS									
good	438	8.07	7.75-8.50	8.50					
450-800 fair	696	7.25	7.00-7.75	7.75					
FEEDERS									
good	326	9.28	9.00-9.75	10.75					
800-1,000 fair	648	8.75	8.50-9.00	10.00					
HOGS									
selects	7,206	18.70	18.50-18.75	18.75	2,196	18.69	18.40-19.00	19.10	
heavy	26	18.70	18.50-18.75	18.75	3	18.25	18.25-	18.25	
fed and watered	449	17.89	17.50-18.75	18.75	233	18.34	18.00-18.50	18.50	
sows	223	16.65	16.50-16.75	16.75	134	15.79	15.40-16.10	16.10	
stags	9	14.59	14.50-14.75	14.75	8	14.44	14.00-15.00	15.00	
LAMBS									
good	6,962	16.68	16.25-17.25	17.25	732	15.44	15.00-15.75	15.75	
common	585	13.95	12.00-15.00	15.50	1,974	14.89	14.50-15.25	15.25	
SHEEP									
heavy	19	8.87	8.50-10.00	10.00	7	10.50	10.50-	10.50	
light	361	10.85	9.50-13.00	13.00	11	10.67	10.50-11.00	11.00	
common	196	7.01	6.00-8.00	8.00	226	10.17	9.50-10.50	10.50	

butcher cattle, 43 stockers, 271 feeders and 2,704 lambs.

The total receipts at the Union Stock Yards from January 1st to October 4th, inclusive, were: 201,339 cattle, 38,415 calves, 79,741 sheep and 327,966 hogs; compared to 201,877 cattle, 36,871 calves, 86,150 sheep, and 352,454 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

## Montreal.

Cattle receipts for the week again totalled slightly over four thousand head, a large percentage of which was common stock. No really finished stock was offered and no important price changes can be recorded. A few sales were made around \$10.25 per hundred for heavy butcher steers, but the bulk of the stock in this class were unfinished and rough and sold from \$9 to \$10 per hundred. Light common butcher steers and heifers sold all the way from \$6.75 to \$9 with the bulk of the sales from \$7.75 to \$8.25. The demand for all classes of common cattle continued strong and prices were a shade higher, with most of the canner cows selling around \$5.50 and bulls from \$6.25 to \$6.75, most sales being close to the latter figure. Calves of all grades were in good demand and prices held steady at last week's quotations.

The receipts of sheep and lambs were very light, less than four thousand

head being on sale, of which number about eighteen hundred were taken by American buyers. Prices held at last week's quotations, with the bulk of the best lambs selling from \$15.25 to \$15.50 per hundred and those of common quality mostly around \$15.00.

A few sales of long-run select hogs were made early in the week at \$19.40 off cars, but with liberal supplies later in the week prices eased off and the bulk of the sales were made around \$18.75 off cars.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 4th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 378 canners and cutters, 648 bulls, 728 butcher cattle, 2,248 hogs, 167 sheep, and 2,063 lambs. Canadian shipments totalled 6 calves, and 106 bulls. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 638 calves, 142 sheep, and 1,657 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1st to October 4th, inclusive, were: 35,413 cattle, 47,943 calves, 43,864 sheep, and 59,384 hogs; compared to 35,115 cattle, 37,897 calves, 39,568 sheep and 60,744 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 4th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,969 butcher cattle,

and 1,054 hogs. Canadian shipments were made up of 8 calves, 344 butcher cattle, 267 hogs, and 256 lambs. Shipments to United States' points totalled up to 153 butcher cattle, and 2,500 lambs.

The total receipts at the Yards from January 1st to October 4th, inclusive, were: 35,859 cattle, 36,828 calves, 28,926 sheep and 34,321 hogs; compared to 34,083 cattle, 37,388 calves, 31,620 sheep and 46,186 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

## Winnipeg.

Receipts of cattle were fewer than the record number of the previous week by four hundred head, the receipts for the week totalling eleven thousand, of which number one thousand were billed through. The run of cattle during the past two weeks has been exceptionally heavy and has resulted in a congestion of the Yards. Although there was some talk of placing a temporary embargo against receipts of cattle, the commission firms decided that such action was unnecessary and would probably have an injurious effect on the market. The best sales of the week were made on the opening market, one steer of fifteen hundred pounds selling at \$13.50 per hundred, four averaging sixteen hundred sold at \$13, a few sold around \$11 and the bulk from \$9.70 to \$11. The majority of the steers of one