

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending October 31

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 Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24	Week Ending Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24	Week Ending Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24	Week Ending Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,586	9,564	8,076	\$12.75	\$11.00	\$13.00	423	762	621	\$17.50	\$15.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,680	3,036	2,389	11.50	10.25	12.00	1,738	1,004	673	15.00	15.00
Montreal (East End)	2,051	3,431	2,106	11.50	10.25	12.00	508	640	607	15.00	15.00
Winnipeg	6,739	9,313	10,336	13.00	11.00	13.00	82	623	472	10.00	9.50
Calgary	3,114	2,940	2,417	11.50	9.25	11.50					
Edmonton	1,984	1,098	1,944	12.50	8.15	11.00	209	134	239	9.00	9.00

HOGS						LAMBS					
Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
Week Ending Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24	Week Ending Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24	Week Ending Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24	Week Ending Oct. 30	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Oct. 24
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	5,980	8,736	8,016	\$18.25	\$16.00	\$17.50	6,534	7,569	7,473	\$15.75	\$16.25
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,404	1,595	2,184	17.75	16.75	18.50	4,543	2,143	1,542	15.00	16.00
Montreal (East End)	787	939	1,102	17.75	16.75	18.50	1,863	2,042	1,575	15.00	16.00
Winnipeg	2,333	3,891	3,902	18.00	15.00	18.00	1,977	1,164	5,542	15.00	15.50
Calgary	1,754	1,061	533	17.75	14.65	17.75	2,479	2,677	1,025	13.00	13.65
Edmonton	1,124	392	243	16.75	14.00	17.75	153	299	460	14.00	12.50

Market Comments.

Toronto.

With barely five thousand cattle on sale at the market, trading was, on the whole, considerably better than that of the previous week, and while no sensational advances were made on any grades of butcher cattle, choice animals were in most cases selling about 25 cents per hundred above the previous week's closing prices. A corresponding advance was made on stockers and feeders. Local abattoirs continue to purchase liberally on the Winnipeg market and over fifteen hundred head from that point were unloaded at the Toronto Yards during the week. As long as western cattle are moving freely to the east, any sharp advance here is scarcely to be expected. The prevailing opinion is that cattle prices reached the bottom last week and that further reductions are not to be expected. One load of heavy cattle sold on Monday at \$13.50 per hundred; they averaged thirteen hundred pounds each. Several head were sold at \$12.75, while a local butcher purchased thirty-seven head of steers averaging twelve hundred pounds, f. o. b. Fergus, Ontario, at \$13.12 per hundred. Of steers between the weights of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, twenty-three head averaging ten hundred and eighty pounds sold at \$12.75; other good sales were made at \$11.50 to \$12.25 with medium butchers in these weights selling from \$10 to \$10.75. Choice steers and heifers from eight hundred to ten hundred pounds sold from \$10 to \$10.75, and common and medium ranged from \$7 to \$9. Cows and bulls were weighed up at unchanged quotations. Choice quality sold from \$9 to \$9.50 per hundred with a few exceptionally choice ones reaching \$10. Common cows and bulls sold from \$6 to \$8 per hundred. A better demand prevailed for stockers and feeders than during the previous week and prices ruled higher. The present period is probably the best time to purchase this class of stock. Cannery and cutters were in fair demand at steady prices. Veal calves were steady; heavy, fat, and stocker calves were slow sellers at a trifle easier price. Choice veal sold up to \$17.50 per hundred.

The lamb market was fairly steady all week with sales being made at \$15 to \$15.25, while a number of sales were made at \$15.50, and a few at \$15.75 per hundred. Sheep weakened considerably, butcher sheep not selling above \$11 per hundred, while a number were bought for breeding purposes at \$14 per hundred.

The hog market was weaker with packers bidding \$17.75 per hundred, fed and watered, although a number of sales were made at \$18 and \$18.25. A consignment of hogs was received from Port Borden, Prince Edward Island. With prices ruling higher on the American markets quotations here should remain fairly steady.

Montreal.

Prices during the week were lower than at any time during the past twelve months. The lower prices were principally due to the congestion of almost every thing pertaining to the handling of live stock at the Montreal markets. Owing to a scarcity of suitable help, some of the

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	2	\$12.75	\$12.75-	\$12.75					
STEERS good	253	12.18	11.50-12.50	12.75	65	\$11.25	\$11.00-\$11.50	\$11.50	
STEERS 1,000-1,200 common	121	9.75	9.25-10.50	10.75					
STEERS good	341	10.29	9.25-10.75	11.50	80	10.25	9.50-11.00	11.00	
STEERS 700-1,000 common	675	8.25	7.75-8.50	9.50	242	8.00	6.75-8.50	9.00	
HEIFERS good	287	10.56	10.00-11.25	12.00	20	9.25	9.00-10.00	10.00	
HEIFERS fair	209	8.50	8.00-8.75	8.75	86	8.00	7.75-8.50	8.50	
HEIFERS common	147	7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00	214	7.00	6.75-7.50	7.50	
COWS good	161	8.75	8.50-9.00	9.50	25	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.50	
COWS common	676	7.17	6.25-7.25	7.75	224	7.25	6.50-8.00	8.25	
BULLS good	51	8.77	8.00-9.25	9.50					
BULLS common	117	7.20	6.50-7.75	8.50	908	6.25	5.75-7.00	8.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	867	5.71	5.25-6.00	6.00	814	5.00	4.75-5.50	5.50	
OXEN									
CALVES veal	384	14.60	13.00-16.00	17.50	235	12.00	10.00-15.00	15.00	
CALVES grass	39	8.00	6.00-9.00	9.00	503	5.60	5.00-6.00	6.00	
STOCKERS good	145	8.87	8.50-9.50	9.50					
STOCKERS 450-800 fair	365	7.75	7.25-8.00	8.25					
FEEDERS good	126	10.25	10.00-10.50	10.50					
FEEDERS 800-1,000 fair	43	9.51	9.25-10.00	10.00					
HOGS selects	5,715	18.14	17.75-18.25	18.25	1,242	17.65	17.50-17.75	17.75	
HOGS (fed and watered) heavies	59	16.75	16.25-17.25	17.25	109	15.65	15.50-15.75	15.75	
HOGS lights	204	15.77	15.25-16.25	16.25	48	14.65	14.50-14.75	14.75	
HOGS sows	2	14.25	14.25-	14.25					
HOGS stags									
LAMBS good	5,753	15.40	15.25-15.75	15.75	1,593	14.25	14.00-15.00	15.00	
LAMBS common	342	12.50	12.00-13.00	14.00	2,573	13.75	13.00-14.00	14.00	
SHEEP heavy	68	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.00					
SHEEP light	216	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00	165	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.00	
SHEEP common	155	7.82	7.00-9.00	9.00	212	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.00	

packing houses had cattle left unskilled from the previous week, and for various reasons the stock yards were unable to supply adequate accommodation for the volume of stock that arrived for the week's trading. Supply and demand lower as well as raise prices but in this instance, the market evidently suffered more on account of increased cost of handling than through a lack of demand for dressed meat. One packing plant estimates a loss in time through the sickness of employees, of fifteen days during the past month. The best steers offered were of only fair quality. The top price was \$11.50 per hundred paid for twenty-five head averaging nearly eleven hundred pounds each. Practically all the cattle offered were common bulls, cannery and cutters or common light butcher cattle; a number of loads of the latter class remained unsold at the close of Wednesday's market. On Wednesday one load of steers averaging ten hundred and forty pounds that had been held from the previous Saturday, sold at \$10.50, and twenty-four head averaging ten hundred and forty pounds sold at \$9.50. Light heifers and steers of common quality were hard to sell at \$8 to \$8.50 per hundred. Some very light thin steers sold as low as \$6.75. The standard

price for cannery was \$4.75, and for cows of cutter quality, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Bulls sold down to \$5.75 for those weighing 450 to 600 pounds the majority of sales being made between \$5.75 and \$6.25. Grass calves were about 50 cents lower than on the previous week; some of the grass calves offered are almost feeble. Good young milk fed calves are very scarce and prices remain around \$14 to \$15.

There was a decline of 50 cents to \$1 per hundred in prices paid for lambs. Forty-two hundred and fifty lambs and sheep were bought for shipment to United States points. Prices for these were \$14 for fair lambs, and \$13.50 to \$13.75 for common; the most of the sheep were bought at \$10. Very few good old ewes are offered but quite a percentage of the lambs this week were ewe lambs.

Select hogs sold off cars on Wednesday at \$18 per hundred, sows at \$3 per hundred less, lights sold to packers \$2 per hundred less, and stags \$3 to \$5 per hundred less.

Winnipeg.

Receipts of live stock were light in volume consisting of sixty-seven hundred and thirty-nine cattle, two hundred and eighty-three calves, twenty-three hundred and thirty-three hogs and nineteen hun-

dred and seventy-seven sheep. Trading held steady to firm on top quality butcher steers, cows and heifers, throughout the week. Ordinary kinds of butcher cattle were, however, slow sellers and there was a tendency toward easier prices. Bulls and oxen remained steady. Stockers and feeders of good quality were in fair demand but the lower grades sold on a slow market at easier prices. Calves sold at prices unchanged since the previous week. A tendency to weakness is indicated.

The market for sheep and lambs was unchanged. Choice lambs were weighed up at \$15 per hundred and choice ewes at \$12.50 per hundred.

A decline of 50 cents per hundred occurred in the market for hogs, those of select quality selling from \$17.50 to \$17.75 per hundred, fed and watered. Prospects incline to further weakness.

Cheese Markets.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., 24 1/2c.; Vankleek Hill, 24 3/4c.; New York, fresh specials, 32 1/2c.; average run, 31 1/2c.; Watertown, N. Y., 31c.; Montreal, finest easterns 24 1/2c. to 25c.