

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets
Week Ending July 8. Receipts and Market Tops.

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

	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Good Steers			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves		
	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week
	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending
	July 8	1919	July 1	July 8	1919	July 1	July 8	1919	July 1	July 8	1919	July 1
Toronto (U. S. Y.).....	5,574	7,168	7,810	\$16.00	\$14.50	\$16.25	2,278	1,337	1,999	\$16.50	\$22.00	\$18.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.).....	424	837	801	14.75	14.00	16.00	1,219	1,694	1,355	13.50	16.50	15.50
Montreal (East End).....	786	828	756	14.75	14.00	16.00	1,311	1,132	1,193	13.50	16.50	15.50
Winnipeg.....	3,118	2,252	1,481	12.50	12.50	15.50	500	287	250	15.00	16.00	17.50
Calgary.....	449	388	677		11.25	12.00	46		62	13.00	9.00	13.00
Edmonton.....	298	792	166	11.00	12.00	12.25	86	163	113	12.50	12.00	12.50

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week
	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending
	July 8	1919	July 1	July 8	1919	July 1	July 8	1919	July 1	July 8	1919	July 1
Toronto (U. S. Y.).....	5,926	7,297	5,219	\$20.25	\$24.40	\$20.00	3,753	2,207	3,052	\$19.00	\$22.00	\$19.75
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.).....	2,344	2,626	1,110	21.00	23.75	21.00	1,020	934	922	16.00	20.00	18.00
Montreal (East End).....	1,031	1,910	686	21.00	23.75	21.00	1,280	1,293	794	16.00	20.00	18.00
Winnipeg.....	5,406	7,667	2,037	18.50	22.50	18.50	1,061	594	365	14.00	16.25	16.50
Calgary.....	393	899	599	18.00	22.25	18.25	508	1,657		14.00	13.00	
Edmonton.....	504	895	435	18.00	21.75	17.75	7	1,227	67		13.50	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Compared with the live stock offerings of the previous week, there were 1,300 fewer cattle, 200 more calves, 800 more sheep and lambs, and 700 more hogs on hand during the week. The marked falling off in the offerings of cattle was largely due to the recent price reduction. A large percentage of the cattle being offered are still unfinished and light, and, as a consequence, good quality butcher steers of respectable weights are readily bought by the local packers. The market opened on Monday with an offering of 1,500 cattle held over from the previous week, and in addition there were fresh arrivals. Bidding on butchers steers was slow and prices were eventually 50 cents below the opening of the market. Good bulls were scarce and those offered were 50 cents lower, while cows and all classes of light and unfinished cattle were weighed up at prices fully \$1.00 below the previous close. On Tuesday, trading was fairly active at Monday's decline. On the following day, the market opened slow but prices were steady on good butcher stock; late in the day grass cows and unfinished steers commenced to move, and drovers who had held cattle since the holiday were glad of the opportunity to turn them over since there were no indications of any marked recovery in prices. The market closed with about 1,000 cattle unsold, and these were offered on Thursday, on which day prices were steady, and unfinished stock fairly well cleaned up. About half of Thursday's offerings went back to the country to grass. A few sales were made during the week at \$16 per hundred. One load of twenty-two steers which averaged 1,160 pounds, moved at \$17. The majority of medium weight steers sold from \$13 to \$14. Light butcher steers sold mostly from \$13.50 to \$14.50 if of good grading; one load of twenty-one head which averaged 955 pounds sold at \$14.10, and one load of nineteen head sold at \$14.60. Medium to common kinds moved from \$10 to \$12. Good butcher heifers were in demand, and were weighed from \$13.50 to \$14.50, while the common kinds were lower from \$8.50 to \$10.50. Good cows were scarce and the majority which were of only fair grading sold at lower prices. Canners and cutters were \$1 to \$1.50 below the previous week's close, being sold mostly from \$3.50 to \$5.50. A few bulls sold at \$12, the majority from \$10.75 to \$11.75. The market for calves was unsteady at prices from 50 cents to \$1 below the previous week's close; the market was, however, slightly stronger on Thursday.

The lamb market was active for choice kinds although the market was, on the whole, \$1 below that of the previous week. The cause of the decline was the large number of light lambs marketed. Ewes sold from \$6 to \$8, yearlings from \$11 to \$12.50, while a few choice lambs sold at \$19, and the majority from \$12 to \$16.

The hog market opened with considerable strength and selects moved at \$20 per hundred, fed and watered. On Tuesday, a 25-cent advance occurred, and the market remained unchanged during the remainder of the week.

TORONTO

CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price
STEERS				
heavy finished	47	\$13.75	\$13.00-\$14.25	\$15.50
STEERS good	279	13.50	13.25-14.25	16.00
1,000-1,200 common	27	11.50	11.00-12.00	13.00
STEERS 700-1,000 good	1,152	14.00	13.50-14.50	15.00
common	141	11.25	10.00-12.50	13.00
HEIFERS good	594	14.00	13.50-14.50	15.50
fair	699	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00
common	93	9.25	8.50-10.50	11.00
COWS good	326	12.25	11.75-12.75	13.25
common	1,112	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.50
BULLS good	122	11.25	10.25-11.75	12.00
common	87	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.00
CANNERS & CUTTERS	311	4.50	3.50-5.50	6.00
OXEN				
CALVES veal	2,278	15.00	14.00-15.50	16.50
grass				
STOCKERS 450-800 good	175	9.25	9.00-9.50	10.50
fair	104	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00
FEEDERS 800-1,100 good	283	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.50
fair	22	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.00
HOGS selects	5,399	20.25	20.00-20.25	20.25
(fed and watered) heavies				
lights	228	18.25	18.00-18.25	18.25
sows	294	16.00	15.00-17.00	17.00
stags	5			
LAMBS good	2,047	15.50	15.00-16.00	19.00
common	79	13.00	12.00-14.00	16.00
SHEEP heavy				
light	1,044	11.50	11.00-12.00	12.50
common	583	7.00	6.00-8.00	9.00

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 1, Canadian packing houses purchased 461 calves, 4,185 butcher cattle, 426 feeders, 4,071 hogs and 1,527 sheep. Local butchers purchased 419 calves, 255 butcher cattle, 268 hogs, 294 sheep and 390 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 29 calves, 184 stockers, 406 feeders and 6 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 1,402 calves, 64 heavy steers, 130 butcher and 57 sheep.

The total receipts from January 1 to July 1, inclusive, were 147,017 cattle, 48,731 calves, 173,088 hogs and 28,570 sheep, compared with 150,412 cattle, 36,073 calves, 186,793 hogs and 13,707 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

Owing to a very material decrease in shipments of cattle during the week, the market was well cleaned up. While there will be room for a fair amount of butcher cattle the poorer grades are not in demand except at lower prices. In this connection the most common price quoted as the one at which boner cattle could be handled in large numbers when the season arrives, is \$5 per hundred for bulls weighing in the neighborhood of seven hundred and fifty pounds to eight hundred pounds. The prices to be paid will depend largely on the price of hides.

MONTREAL

(Both Yards)

No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price
3			
47	\$14.50	\$14.00-\$14.75	\$14.75
91			
56	13.75	13.00-14.50	14.75
87	10.75	9.00-12.00	12.00
21	12.50	12.00-14.00	14.00
56	10.75	10.00-11.00	12.00
168	7.00	6.00-8.50	9.00
64	10.50	10.00-11.25	11.25
407	7.00	6.00-8.00	9.00
12			
112	6.50	5.00-8.50	9.00
86	4.75	3.50-5.50	5.50
2,429	9.00	6.00-12.00	13.50
101	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00
1,983	20.80	20.50-21.00	21.00
624	19.25	18.00-20.00	20.00
266	18.80	18.50-19.00	19.00
726	16.80	16.50-17.00	17.00
25	13.80	13.50-14.00	14.00
436	14.50	14.00-15.00	16.00
279	13.00	12.00-13.50	13.50
123	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00
622	7.50	6.00-8.00	8.00

day and Tuesday. By Wednesday, under slightly increased receipts the price fell back to \$20.50 off cars. As prices are being maintained through the strength of immediate local needs, the market varies according to the volume of receipts.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 1, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,253 calves, 697 butcher cattle, 1,110 hogs, 462 sheep and 460 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 10 calves, and 22 butcher cattle.

The total receipts from January 1 to July 1, inclusive, were 15,504 cattle, 42,253 calves, 32,728 hogs and 9,819 sheep; compared with 15,402 cattle, 41,816 calves, 38,308 hogs and 8,516 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 1, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 862 calves, 625 butcher cattle, 387 sheep, and 191 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 105 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 331 calves, 20 sheep and 91 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to July 1, inclusive, were 16,960 cattle, 33,583 calves, 22,189 hogs and 8,799 sheep; compared with 17,555 cattle, 30,182