

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending May 13.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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

CATTLE									
Receipts					Top Price Good Steers				
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
May 13	1919	May 6	May 13	May 13	May 13	1919	May 6	May 6	May 6
Toronto (U.S.Y.)	6,191	6,191	7,313	\$15.50	\$15.25	\$15.00			
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	696	697	368	15.50	15.00	15.00			
Montreal (East End)	542	696	253	15.50	15.00	15.00			
Winnipeg	1,140	2,968	1,575	16.00	15.00	15.00			
Calgary	965		432	15.35		14.25			
Edmonton	409	720	241	15.25	16.00	13.50			

CALVES									
Receipts					Top Price Good Calves				
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
May 13	1919	May 6	May 13	May 13	May 13	1919	May 6	May 6	May 6
Toronto (U.S.Y.)	3,679	2,373	4,009	\$18.00	\$17.50	\$22.00			
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	5,335	2,813	3,400	13.00	12.00	12.25			
Montreal (East End)	3,771	2,310	2,235	13.00	12.00	17.25			
Winnipeg	184	165	222	17.00	17.00	17.00			
Calgary	19		66	14.00		12.00			
Edmonton	89	43	29	17.00	13.00	15.00			

HOGS									
Receipts					Top Price Selects				
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
May 13	1919	May 6	May 13	May 13	May 13	1919	May 6	May 6	May 6
Toronto (U.S.Y.)	4,920	5,278	8,758	\$20.25	\$22.25	\$20.50			
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,428	1,576	1,196	21.00	21.25	21.00			
Montreal (East End)	1,095	732	775	21.00	21.25	21.00			
Winnipeg	2,161	5,271	1,814	21.50	21.00	20.75			
Calgary	570		351	21.25		21.50			
Edmonton	654	449	263	21.00	21.00	20.75			

SHEEP									
Receipts					Top Price Selects				
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
May 13	1919	May 6	May 13	May 13	May 13	1919	May 6	May 6	May 6
Toronto (U.S.Y.)	636	194	285	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00			
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	232	205	136	14.00	15.00	14.00			
Montreal (East End)	120	212	71	14.00	15.00	14.00			
Winnipeg	45	66	33	14.00		16.00			
Calgary	381		30	9.00					
Edmonton		10							

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

During a week of brisk and active trading, previous week's values were fully maintained on a normal offering of cattle. Monday's receipts totalled thirty-seven head, and although trading was a trifle slow, no change in prices occurred. On Tuesday only odd lots were offered for sale, most of the good cattle being carried over until Wednesday when eleven hundred additional cattle were received at the market; trading on the latter day was exceptionally good and values looked a trifle firmer, some sales being made at an appreciation of 25 cents per hundred; the market closed with a good steady undertone on Thursday. Local butchers were liberal purchasers, while outside abattoirs handled several car loads and were a factor in maintaining the tone of the market. Several car loads of stockers and feeders were shipped back to country points, but the cold backward spring, and subsequent lack of pasture, together with the high initial cost, is retarding the free movement of cattle to country points. Local prices are considerably higher than American quotations, and Buffalo speculators have, for the time being, ceased to be a factor in the local live-meat trade. A few heavy cattle were on sale, but there was an absence of prime loads such as were the feature of the markets during the previous few weeks. One choice steer which weighed thirteen hundred and thirty pounds sold at \$16.50 per hundred, nine head of equal weight at \$16, one load averaging fourteen hundred pounds at \$15.50, while most of the steers weighing twelve hundred pounds and upwards, sold from \$14.75 to \$15.50. Steers of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, as well as those of lighter weights, were in popular demand, and quite a number which weighed around eleven hundred pounds sold at \$15.50 per hundred; one load of twenty-four, which averaged eleven hundred and fifty pounds, moved at \$15, while close to three hundred head ranging from ten hundred to eleven hundred pounds in weight sold at \$14.50, and an almost equal volume at \$14.25; most of the steers in these weights sold from \$13.75 to \$14.75. Thirty-five cattle, purchased by Rush Bros., of Hatchley, Ontario, which weighed nine hundred and forty-six pounds at time of purchase last fall and costing \$10.95, were sold on the market during the week at \$14.25; they made a net average gain of two hundred pounds. Handy-weight steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds included a few baby-beef and \$16 per hundred was paid for a dozen head, with a load of butcher quality averaging nine hundred and seventy-four pounds selling at \$14.50; other representative sales included twenty-two head averaging nine hundred and ninety pounds at \$14.25, twenty-four head averaging eight hundred and sixty-four pounds at \$14, and twenty-one head averaging nine hundred pounds at \$13.75. Cows and bulls moved in sympathy with other grades, and as high as \$13.75 was paid for one choice cow, and \$13 for a few choice bulls. Good cows sold a trifle from \$11 to \$12.50 per hundred, and best bulls at an average range of \$8 to \$10. A few sheep, mostly of stockers and feeders, were on sale, and a few hogs, mostly of stockers and feeders, were on sale.

TORONTO				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price
STEERS				
heavy finished	373	\$15.09	\$14.50-\$16.00	\$16.50
STEERS				
1,000-1,200 good	588	14.51	13.50-15.00	15.50
common	60	12.60	10.50-13.50	13.50
STEERS				
700-1,000 good	1,357	13.76	13.00-14.50	14.50
common	420	11.74	10.00-12.50	12.50
HEIFERS				
good	1,050	13.85	13.00-14.50	14.50
fair	160	12.04	11.50-13.25	13.75
common	72	10.49	9.75-11.50	12.25
COWS				
good	313	11.64	10.75-12.75	13.25
common	753	9.55	8.50-11.50	11.50
BULLS				
good	137	11.58	10.75-12.50	13.00
common	61	9.43	8.75-11.25	11.50
CANNERS & CUTTERS	224	6.07	5.25-7.00	7.00
OXEN				
CALVES				
veal	3,647	14.42	12.00-17.00	18.00
grass	32			
STOCKERS				
good	206	11.28	11.00-11.50	11.50
fair	229	10.14	9.00-10.75	11.00
FEEDERS				
good	183	12.53	12.00-13.00	13.00
fair	5	11.75	10.75-12.00	12.00
HOGS				
selects	3,892	20.05	19.75-20.25	20.25
heavies			18.75-19.25	19.25
lights	845	17.98	17.75-18.25	18.25
sows	170	16.35	14.75-17.75	17.75
stags	13	14.06	12.75-15.25	15.25
LAMBS				
good	120	17.57	16.00-20.00	20.00
common	32	15.78	14.00-17.00	17.00
SHEEP				
heavy	405	15.09	14.00-17.00	17.00
light	79	8.34	6.00-10.00	10.00

MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
85	\$15.25	\$15.00-\$15.50	\$15.50	
114	14.25	13.00-15.00	15.00	
71	12.00	10.00-12.50	13.00	
6	13.50	12.50-14.00	14.00	
11	11.50	11.00-12.25	12.25	
33	9.50	9.00-10.50	10.50	
33	11.50	10.50-12.00	13.00	
117	9.00	7.50-10.00	10.50	
24	12.00	10.50-13.00	13.00	
95	9.25	8.50-10.00	10.50	
34	6.50	5.00-7.00	7.00	
39	11.25	11.25	12.50	
5,232	9.25	6.50-12.50	13.00	
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1,135	20.75	20.50-21.00	21.00	
63				
118				
104	16.75	16.50-17.00	17.00	
8				
5		10.00-14.00	14.00	
53				
135				
11	12.50	12.50-13.00	13.00	
28	12.00		12.00	

from \$10.50 to \$11.50 per hundred during the past ten days. A load of choice feeders was shipped to Middlesex county at \$14.25 per hundred, and a load of grass cows at \$10.25, indicating no lack of optimism on the part of some farmers regarding the future of the meat trade. Milch cows were unchanged in value; very few good cows are being marketed and few sales were recorded above \$130, but good cows are saleable at \$165, and the common kind as low as \$80, per head. With Eastern American markets glutted with an exceptionally heavy offering of calves, the local calf market dropped to the lowest point of the season, and packers were afforded an opportunity to purchase at low initial cost. Local receipts were augmented by heavy shipments from Montreal, and as the market became more or less congested with medium and common calves, values were down \$2 to \$3 on the week. A few calves sold early in the week at \$18.75, but on Thursday \$15.50 was the top price paid, most of the week's offering of approximately four thousand head selling from \$14 to \$16 per hundred.

The sheep and lamb market is developing a somewhat better tone, and prices during the week were \$16 to \$2 per hundred off, the best quality of lambs selling at \$17 each, and a few choice yearlings at \$18.75, and a few choice yearlings at \$18.75.

previous week. Packers contend that present prices prohibit them from catering to the overseas trade except at a financial loss, but any attempt to reduce prices here is followed by a shortage of shipments from country points, and this has had a tendency to keep values up. Local butchers are again becoming quite a factor in the hog market, and are responsible in many cases for the stronger tone of the market. Fed and watered hogs sold at \$20.25 to \$20.50 up to Thursday, on which day several sales were put through at a decline of 50 cents per hundred.

The total receipts from January 1 to May 6, inclusive, were 101,986 cattle, 29,464 calves, 119,248 hogs and 19,591 sheep; compared with 108,943 cattle, 20,074 calves, 131,078 hogs and 27,115 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

The main feature of the market during the week was a break of about \$5 per hundred in the market for calves. On Saturday, sellers refused \$16 and \$16.25 for calves that were sold on the following Monday at \$13. The price of car lots of good veal calves on Thursday was \$11 and under, and the average price on approximately two thousand head was \$9 per hundred. Outside buyers purchased on Wednesday and the market became much firmer, closing at a range of \$11

to \$11.50, or at prices almost equal to those prevailing at the same period of one year ago. The most generally expressed opinion is that while prices will improve somewhat over the past week's low level, they will not return to the high level during the previous few months. Prices for cattle remained firm, and although a few head were unsold, nearly all sales were made at prices equal to those paid during the previous week. One load of top cattle sold at \$15.25, and another at \$15.50 per hundred; two choice cows and two very fat breedy heifers were included in the latter load at \$15.50; other than these two loads the majority of the good cattle moved between \$14 and \$15. A small number of common steers were disposed of at \$10, but nearly all steers brought \$11 or over. Bulls of real choice quality brought \$13 per hundred irrespective of weight, and the same figure was paid for choice cows. Heavy fat cows sold from \$11.50 to \$12, and cows poorer in quality down to \$7; the majority of common cows moved between \$8 and \$9.50. Canners sold from \$5 to \$5.50, and cutters up to \$7. Common bulls sold from \$8.50 up.

The majority of the clipped sheep were sold on Monday in mixed lots at \$12.50, but at the close of the week \$12 was the most common price. Spring lambs were sold at \$10 to \$14 each.

Hogs remained about steady at prices

May 20, 1920
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