

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending June 17.

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 Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending
	June 17	1919	June 10	June 17	1919	June 10	June 17	1919	June 10	June 17	1919	June 10
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,364	3,809	4,495	\$15.50	\$14.50	\$15.75	2,878	1,681	1,615	\$18.50	\$19.50	\$18.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	726	361	782	16.00	13.75	16.00	2,584	2,475	2,540	16.00	13.00	16.00
Montreal (East End)	794	434	819	16.00	13.75	16.00	1,409	2,204	1,947	16.00	13.00	16.00
Winnipeg	1,201	644	1,932	16.50	14.50	16.50	259	65	392	17.00	16.00	14.00
Calgary	1,524	1,528	1,703	13.00	12.90	15.00	70	—	69	14.00	—	15.50
Edmonton	291	558	322	14.75	12.50	13.00	46	39	59	17.00	13.00	17.00

	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
	June 17	1919	June 10	June 17	1919	June 10	June 17	1919	June 10	June 17	1919	June 10
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,689	7,674	5,500	\$19.50	\$23.50	\$19.50	2,689	830	1,351	\$21.50	\$16.00	\$21.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,992	2,296	1,464	20.50	22.25	20.50	699	616	465	20.00	20.00	20.00
Montreal (East End)	1,268	1,103	1,166	20.50	22.25	20.50	785	859	511	20.00	20.00	20.00
Winnipeg	2,038	4,341	4,016	18.50	21.25	19.50	347	153	307	15.50	21.25	15.00
Calgary	731	1,276	980	18.25	20.50	21.75	44	278	—	15.00	—	—
Edmonton	579	552	388	18.50	19.60	21.50	46	—	—	—	—	—

Market Comments.

(Toronto Union Stock Yards.)

There was an increase in receipts of cattle for sale amounting to about six hundred head as compared with those of the previous week. Of the total of fifty-three hundred and ninety-eight head a large percentage consisted of light butcher cattle and cows. Despite an increasing number of grass cattle and a diminishing number of stall-fed animals, the market on choice stuff remained strong although individual sales did not reach as high a top as during the previous week, due to lack of as choice individuals as on the previous markets. Monday's market opened firm with prices steady and fairly active on good butcher cattle, but unfinished cattle were weaker by 50 cents, heavy bulls were draggy and cows were easier. On Tuesday trading was slow with butchers steady, and unfinished cattle hard to dispose of, and, as a consequence about eight hundred head were held over for Wednesday's market. The following day found butcher cattle steady to strong with but few of good quality offered. The top loads of butcher cattle sold at \$15.75. Numerous individual sales reached \$16, while good quality stuff sold generally from \$14.50 to \$15.85. Most of the loads of light butcher steers sold at \$15.50; one load of twenty-two head weighing ten hundred and fifty pounds sold at \$15.60, and one load of twenty head averaging ten hundred pounds at \$15.75. Butcher heifers sold from \$14.25 to \$15.25 for choice and from \$11.50 to \$13 for medium. Choice cows and bulls were unsteady and sold generally from \$11.50 to \$13.50, while Thursday's close found cows steady, with a few sales reaching \$13.50, and one cow weighing fourteen hundred and thirty pounds reaching from \$10.50 to \$12.50. The stocker and feeder market closed weaker than during the previous week; sales were made generally from \$12.50 to \$13.50, for choice feeder steers, while stockers were not much in demand lacked in quality and the market closed with a weaker undertone. The close of the week found unfinished stuff fully \$1 lower than at the previous close. There were twenty-nine hundred and fifty-seven calves on the market, and late on Thursday buyers were uneasy and were offering \$1.50 to \$2 under their bids of the previous week. Buffalo shippers remained off market on Thursday owing to a drop of \$2.25 in the Buffalo market.

The sheep market opened on Monday and unsteady prices for clipped sheep but woolled sheep were slightly stronger. The end of the week found all classes of sheep steady. Spring lambs opened strong on Monday but Tuesday found the market lagging, while at Thursday's close offerings were changing hands from \$1.50 to \$2 lower.

The hog market was steady during the week at \$19.25 for selects, fed and watered; a few sales were made at \$19.50.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending June 10, Canadian packing houses purchased 1,244 calves, 3,772 butcher cattle, 62 feeders, 4,602 hogs, 712 sheep and 62 lambs. Local butchers purchased 183 calves, 223 butcher cattle, 725 hogs, 406 sheep and 125 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 8 calves, 10 bulls, 143 stockers and 213 feeders. Shipments to United

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Both Yards)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	192	\$15.25	\$14.75-\$15.75	\$16.00	38	—	—	—	
STEERS good	350	15.00	14.75-15.25	15.50	7	\$15.75	\$15.50-\$16.00	\$16.00	
1,000-1,200 common	5	12.50	10.25-14.50	14.50	78	—	—	—	
STEERS good	894	14.75	14.50-15.00	15.25	71	15.00	14.00-15.50	15.50	
700-1,000 common	70	12.00	10.25-14.00	14.00	97	13.00	12.50-13.50	14.00	
HEIFERS good	697	14.75	14.25-15.00	15.25	24	14.25	13.50-15.00	15.00	
fair	374	13.00	12.25-14.25	14.25	49	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00	
common	46	10.43	9.50-11.00	11.00	155	9.25	8.00-11.00	11.00	
COWS good	492	13.00	12.25-13.25	13.50	98	12.00	11.00-12.50	13.00	
common	1,224	11.50	11.00-12.00	12.00	485	9.50	8.00-10.50	11.00	
BULLS good	158	12.49	11.00-12.50	13.50	101	11.75	11.00-12.50	13.00	
common	50	10.32	10.00-11.75	11.75	92	10.00	8.00-10.50	11.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	302	6.00	5.50-6.50	7.00	228	6.25	5.00-7.00	7.00	
OXEN	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	
CALVES veal	2,878	15.92	15.00-16.50	18.50	4,237	13.75	12.00-15.00	16.00	
grass	—	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	
STOCKERS good	283	11.75	11.50-12.00	12.25	—	—	—	—	
fair	113	10.55	10.00-11.00	12.25	—	—	—	—	
FEEDERS good	94	13.00	12.50-13.50	13.75	—	—	—	—	
fair	10	11.00	11.00-12.00	12.00	—	—	—	—	
HOGS selects	4,931	19.28	19.25-19.50	19.50	1,775	20.25	20.00-20.50	20.50	
heavy	10	18.25	18.25-18.25	18.25	434	18.75	18.00-19.50	20.00	
(fed and lights	477	17.25	17.25-17.25	17.25	330	—	—	—	
watered) sows	256	15.25	14.25-16.25	16.50	729	16.25	16.00-16.50	16.50	
stags	15	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	
LAMBS good	760	19.28	17.00-20.00	21.50	175	19.00	18.00-20.00	20.00	
common	9	17.77	16.00-18.00	18.00	279	—	—	—	
SHEEP heavy	3	9.00	8.75-9.25	9.50	69	—	—	—	
light	1,326	12.00	11.50-12.50	13.00	218	11.00	11.00-11.00	12.00	
common	591	6.00	5.50-6.50	7.00	830	9.50	—	9.50	

States points consisted of 395 calves, 2 bulls, 85 butcher cattle, 24 stockers, 79 feeders and 113 sheep.

The total receipts from January 1 to June 10, inclusive, were: 128,334 cattle, 41,499 calves, 155,950 hogs and 20,420 sheep; compared with 135,879 cattle, 30,621 calves, 164,063 hogs and 30,041 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal

During the past week, particularly on Monday prices were very high and about equal to those paid two weeks ago. While this applied to all grades there was not as keen a demand for heavy cattle as recently. Cattle arriving after Monday were nearly all thin, of common quality, of dairy breeding, had been on grass, and were evidently shipped on account of the present high prices and fear of a sharp decline within a very short time. Good steers from Toronto and Western Ontario brought from \$14.50 to \$16, and light steers of fairly common quality from \$13 up. There were not many steers sold as low as \$11. The majority of the good cows brought from \$12 to \$12.50, some car lots of mixed quality cows sold around \$11.50, and strippers in just fair flesh moved from \$9 to \$10.50. During the recent months canners and cutters have been very leniently dealt with many of the latter class being purchased as common butcher cows within a range of \$7 to \$8. Grading

of the thinner kinds of common cows is likely to be more strict in the near future. Good bulls brought from \$11 to \$12.50, an odd choice bull around \$13 common grass bulls at the close of the week were down to \$8. There was a continued strong demand for veal calves throughout the week, but only a few of the best calves brought \$16. Good calves in car lots brought up to \$15 and \$15.50, and common thin calves and drinkers from \$10 up. Inspection of calves is being rigidly enforced at all points and any drover shipping immature calves loses those calves outright. The improved quality of calves offered due to inspection has in part caused the continuation of steady markets. Buyers are predicting a lowering of prices for next week owing to a poorer market in New York. Shipments of dressed calves by local packers to United States points during the last week in May amounted to about five thousand carcasses.

Sheep and lambs remained steady until Wednesday when there was a break of about \$1 per hundred in the price of sheep. Lambs were not affected by this decline but remained at \$18 to \$20 per hundred.

The prices for hogs showed considerable weakness throughout the week and the market closed with indications of a further decline on Monday. Selected hogs sold to local butchers brought \$20.50 off cars on Monday and \$20 off cars Wednesday. Rough mixed lots sold to packers from \$18 up.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to June 10, inclusive, were 13,046 cattle, 35,928 calves, 28,258 hogs and 6,795 sheep; compared with 14,186 cattle, 35,642 calves, 31,072 hogs and 6,957 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending June 10, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,947 calves, 780 butcher cattle, 1,166 hogs and 511 sheep. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to June 10, inclusive, were: 14,240 cattle, 28,827 calves, 18,776 hogs and 5,814 sheep; compared with 16,241 cattle, 25,829 calves, 17,168 hogs and 7,248 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Winnipeg

Twelve hundred and one cattle, two hundred and fifty-nine calves, three hundred and forty-seven sheep, and two thousand and forty-seven hogs made up the offerings for the week; this offering represented a reduction of over seven hundred cattle and two thousand hogs as compared with receipts of the previous week, sheep receipts were, however, slightly heavier.

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