

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Comment on week ending August 12
Quotations on last Monday's Markets.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Good Steers			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves		
	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,320	6,619	5,717	\$13.90	\$14.00	\$15.50	1,437	1,165	1,931	\$19.50	\$22.00	\$20.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,640	2,091	899	13.75	12.75	13.50	1,389	1,761	1,273	16.00	15.50	16.00
Montreal (East End)	1,428	2,307	892	13.75	12.75	13.50	969	1,379	767	16.00	15.50	16.00
Winnipeg	7,531	5,923	5,745	12.00	13.10	12.50	689	920	650	12.00	12.00	12.00
Calgary	2,226	4,039	1,615	10.05		11.00	392	1,619	214	10.50		12.00
Edmonton	396	1,614	730	11.00	11.00	10.00	117	221	131	10.25	9.50	11.00

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5	Week Ending Aug. 12	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Aug. 5
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	3,315	6,269	5,111	\$20.75	\$24.75	\$21.50	6,368	5,424	8,838	\$14.50	\$18.75	\$16.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,758	2,974	2,071	20.50	23.75	21.75	3,428	3,692	2,466	13.00	16.50	14.50
Montreal (East End)	2,027	2,723	1,778	20.50	23.75	21.75	1,997	2,321	1,518	13.00	16.50	14.50
Winnipeg	2,180	2,618	2,935	21.00	22.50	19.25	1,808	314	1,010	14.00	16.00	13.50
Calgary	565	322	363	19.75		18.75	769	513	380			13.00
Edmonton	230	522	189	19.00	23.00	18.25	156	160	211	12.00	12.50	12.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Liberal offerings of cattle of poor grading combined with the exceptionally high temperatures and the continuation of the holiday season with its consequent lack of fresh meat consumption, were the factors responsible for a draggy market and lower tendency of prices. Very few cattle of good grading were offered and the rank and file of the stock was weighed up at prices \$1 below the quotations at the previous close. Heavy steers moved from \$12.50 to \$14.25, handy-weight steers of good grading from \$12 to \$13.90, those of medium quality from \$10.50 to \$12 and common from \$8 to \$9. Good quality butcher cows moved readily during the early part of the week, but were slower and 15 to 25 cents weaker at the close; choice cows sold from \$11 to \$12, and most of the good from \$9.25 to \$11.25. Choice bulls weighed up at \$7.75 and the remainder from \$5.75 to \$7.25. Canners and cutters suffered drastic cuts and sold mostly from \$3.25 to \$5.25. There was a fairly steady demand for stockers and feeders, especially for short-keepers weighing around ten hundred and fifty pounds, and selling within a range of \$11 to \$12. Choice stockers moved at \$9.25 to \$11. There were a number of loads of good feeder cattle from Winnipeg on the Yards, and these combined with local receipts made up fairly heavy offerings, which produced a slightly slower market than during the previous week. The calf market was steady throughout the week under light receipts; choice veal sold from \$19 to \$20, good calves from \$18 to \$19 and common from \$16 to \$17.25. Under liberal receipts there was a slightly weaker tone to the market for lambs and prices declined to an extreme of \$1.50 per hundred, choice lambs moving from \$14 to \$14.50 during the early part of the week and from \$13 to \$14 during mid-week. Yearlings sold on a steady market from \$12 to \$13, while good ewes moved from \$7 to \$9.

There was a fairly liberal run of hogs and the market was slightly weaker, sustaining a 50-cent decline on Monday. The market was unsteady throughout the week at the new level. As the trade is endeavoring to operate at lower initial costs any very liberal volume of receipts will cause a downward fluctuation in prices.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 5, inclusive, were: 173,011 cattle, 56,847 calves, 198,255 hogs and 53,641 sheep; compared with 184,690 cattle, 43,329 calves, 212,264 hogs and 50,433 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

Owing to the extremely high temperature and absence of a great many people from the city of Montreal, the demand for fresh meats is at low ebb, and under fairly liberal receipts the market for cattle was subject to very severe cuts in prices. The top price for good butcher cattle averaging around eleven hundred pounds was \$13.75. Some fairly good steers averaging around nine hundred pounds moved at \$10.75, light steers in fair flesh sold with medium to good heifers and cows, within the range of \$8.50 to \$9, while thin yearling steers

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Both Yards)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
STEERS heavy finished	43								
STEERS good	501	\$12.50	\$12.00-\$13.25	\$13.90	197	\$12.00	\$10.75-\$13.75	\$13.75	
1,000-1,200 common	65	10.00	9.50-10.50	12.00	184				
STEERS good	491	12.00	11.50-12.75	13.25	136	11.00	10.75-11.50	11.50	
700-1,000 common	518	10.50	9.00-11.25	11.75	421	9.25	8.00-10.50	10.50	
HEIFERS good	607	12.50	12.00-13.00	13.25	55	10.25	10.00-11.00	11.50	
fair	534	10.50	9.50-11.50	12.00	179	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.50	
common	286	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.50	413	7.75	6.00-8.00	8.00	
COWS good	771	10.30	9.25-11.50	12.25	196	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.50	
common	986	7.92	7.25-8.50	9.00	655	6.50	6.00-8.00	8.00	
BULLS good	86	8.62	7.75-9.50	10.00	18	8.75	8.50-9.00	10.00	
common	260	6.69	5.75-7.50	8.50	391	5.75	5.50-6.00	6.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	109	4.41	3.25-5.50	5.50	96	4.25	3.00-4.50	4.50	
OXEN	7				10				
CALVES veal	1,430	18.00	17.50-18.50	19.50	1,641	12.00	8.00-13.00	16.00	
grass	7				717	5.50		6.00	
STOCKERS good	569	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.00					
fair	81	8.00	7.50-8.50	8.50					
FEEDERS good	393	11.50	11.00-12.00	12.50					
fair	13	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.25					
HOGS selects	3,006	20.41	20.25-20.75	20.75	2,265	20.25	20.00-20.50	20.50	
heavy	3	19.42	19.25-19.75	19.75	172	18.00	18.00	18.50	
lights	149	18.39	17.25-18.75	18.75	743				
sows	152	16.45	15.25-17.75	17.75	587	16.00	15.00-16.50	16.50	
stags	5				16				
LAMBS good	4,462	13.75	13.00-14.50	14.50	1,314	12.00	12.00	13.00	
common	402	11.99	11.00-12.50	12.50	3,280	9.50	8.00-11.00	11.00	
SHEEP heavy	26								
light	1,012	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00	152	7.00	7.00	8.00	
common	466	6.25	6.00-7.00	7.00	679	6.50	5.50-7.00	7.00	

moved at prices as low as \$6. The top for good cows was \$10.50, and was paid on a load from the Winnipeg Stock Yards which averaged about twelve hundred pounds per animal. Butcher cows of good grading of the heavy bellied dairy kinds, sold at \$9 and young cows up to \$10; common classes of cows sold down to \$3 for thin, old canners. The top for bulls was \$10, and was paid on heavy breedy fat animals. Good meaty bulls weighing around twelve hundred pounds, moved from \$8.50 to \$9, Bologna bulls from \$5.50 to \$6.50, and yearling bulls at \$5.50. The quality of the calves offered was only fair and apart from another sale of \$16 the general run of stock sold at \$13. Thin grass calves moved slowly and sold down to \$4.50.

There was a sharp break in the market for lambs during the week, and although one small lot of lambs was weighed up at \$13 per hundred, the remainder of the good lambs did not sell above \$12, while common lambs from the East sold from \$8 up. Sheep were disposed of in the range of from \$5 to \$7 for the general run and up to \$8 for a few picked animals.

There was some improvement in the general quality of the hog runs during the week, although most of the hogs to date have lacked in weight for the packer trade. During the week, a price of \$20.50, off cars for selects, was paid for

hogs for the local shop trade. Sows sold from \$15 up, and mixed lots of hogs from \$17 to \$18.50.

Pr. St. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to August 5, inclusive, were: 19,482 cattle, 48,183 calves, 41,508 hogs; 18,711 sheep; compared with 21,272 cattle, 53,817 calves, 51,295 hogs and 15,769 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from January 1 to August 5, inclusive, were: 21,595 cattle, 38,593 calves, 29,341 hogs, and 15,123 sheep; compared with 23,743 cattle, 38,024 calves, 32,917 hogs, and 15,897 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Wool Market Report.

An active market prevailed for graded Canadian wools. During the past week some 400,000 lbs. of medium combing wool from Ontario and Quebec were sold. This sale leaves very little graded wool from these two Provinces unsold, although considerable Maritime wool is still on the market. The grading of Western wool is proceeding rapidly. The quality of Alberta wool is particularly good this year, especially that from Southern Alberta. Most Canadian mills are still running to full capacity and, owing to the grading and quality of

Canadian wools, are more interested in buying at home than previously. Quotations for graded wools are as follows:

Western Graded wool.—Fine staple, 55c. to 59c.; fine clothing, 48c. to 52c.; fine medium staple, 56c. to 60c.; fine medium clothing, 53c. to 57c.; medium staple, 45c. to 48c.; medium clothing, 37c. to 42c.; low medium clothing, 33c. to 35c.; low staple, 25c. to 30c.; coarse, 20c. to 22c.;

Eastern Graded wool.—Medium staple, 50c. to 55c.; low medium staple, 42c. to 45c.; low staple, 30c. to 34c.; coarse, 23c. to 25c.

Cheese Markets.

At the regular meeting of the Cornwall cheese board, on Saturday last, 2,171 boxes of colored cheese were sold at 25½¢. At St. Hyacinthe, Que., 600 boxes of cheese sold at 24¼¢. There were 1,248 boxes of colored and 147 boxes of white cheese offered at the Belleville cheese board, and all sold at 25½¢. At Madoc cheese sold at 25.9-16c. The cheese receipts at New York were 3,543 boxes; whole milk flats, white and colored, specials, sold at 27½¢. to 28½¢.; average run, 25½¢. to 26½¢.; whole milk twins, current make, specials, 26½¢. to 27½¢.;