

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Comment on week ending September 2.
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	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
Sept. 2	1919	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	1919	1919	1919	Aug. 26	1919	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	1919	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	1919	1919	1919	Aug. 26	Aug. 26	Aug. 26
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,460	8,475	3,125	\$14.50	\$14.00	\$14.50				1,214	1,320	1,031	\$19.50	\$20.00	\$19.50				
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	949	1,936	913		13.50	11.00				758	1,279	520	15.00	16.00	14.00				
Montreal (East End)	949	2,240	731		13.50	11.00				405	624	400	15.00	16.00	14.00				
Winnipeg	7,891	12,233	8,311	12.00	11.85	12.00				619	1,088	523	12.00	12.00	12.00				
Calgary	1,954	4,785	1,505	10.25	11.00	10.00				151	884	197	10.85	12.50	10.75				
Edmonton	805	1,707	1,197	9.50	10.00	9.50				173	326	156	10.00	9.50	9.50				

HOGS										SHEEP									
Receipts					Top Price Selects					Receipts					Top Price Good Lambs				
Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
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Toronto (U. S. Y.)	2,820	7,113	2,585	\$21.00	\$21.25	\$20.25				10,161	6,874	4,481	\$16.50	\$15.00	\$16.50				
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,564	1,215	1,650	20.75	21.75	20.75				4,497	4,755	3,326	14.50	14.00	13.50				
Montreal (East End)	1,564	1,039	1,325	20.75	21.75	20.75				2,588	2,646	1,418	14.50	14.00	13.50				
Winnipeg	1,198	1,396	1,562	20.00	19.50	20.00				2,070	1,006	1,608	12.50	14.50	12.50				
Calgary	260	665	237	19.75	18.00	19.75				901	231	1,696	11.15	12.50	12.00				
Edmonton	166	133	368	19.85	18.25	19.50				164	112	296	9.50	12.25	11.00				

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Demand was active on butcher cattle of good grading, throughout the week; this was partly due to a heavy consumption of fresh meat to take care of the hotel and restaurant trade during Canadian National Exhibition. Top price for the week was \$14.75 and was paid on a choice load of cattle averaging around eleven hundred and fifty pounds per head. The highest single transaction was that on a steer which tipped the scales at twelve hundred and fifty pounds, and sold at \$16.50 per hundred. The quality of the general run of the stock showed considerable improvement. Trade in butcher cows was fairly steady as was also the demand for good quality butcher bulls. More activity was shown in the market for stockers and feeders, partly due to the fact that farmers are well along with their harvest and are in Toronto attending the Exhibition. One load of feeders which averaged eleven hundred and fifty pounds was weighed up at \$12.50. The market for calves was fairly strong throughout the week, although grass calves were hard to move. Choice veal sold as high as \$21 per hundred.

There was a decline in the lamb market ranging from 50 to 75 cents per hundred; this weakness which developed on Monday, was in evidence throughout the week. Buyers were offering \$13.50, this price representing a decline of \$1.50 to \$1.75 from the previous week's prices. Commission men, however, were able to move the majority of the lambs around \$14 and \$15. Good yearlings sold as high as \$11 on Monday, but were weaker later on. There have been very liberal runs and heavy marketings at this time would probably weaken the market.

The market for hogs was steady throughout the week, sales being arranged on the basis of \$20 per hundred for select fed and watered. The prospects are for a steady market on the basis of continued light receipts.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 26th, Canadian packing houses purchased 306 calves, 2,314 butcher cattle, 1,960 hogs, 2,506 sheep and 240 lambs. Local butchers purchased 236 calves, 243 butcher cattle, 583 hogs, 794 sheep and 631 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 73 calves, 696 feeders, 9 hogs and 109 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 404 calves, 398 butcher cattle and 15 sheep.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 26, inclusive, were: 186,354 cattle, 60,487 calves, 207,792 hogs and 69,084 sheep; compared with 208,057 cattle, 47,869 calves, 241,230 hogs and 72,522 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

Evidently due to reluctance on the part of farmers to part with cattle at the prices offered during the previous few weeks, there were no heavy shipments. Prices for anything that could be used for the butchers trade were 50 cents or more stronger. There were no good cattle on sale and packers bought some good cattle on other markets to make up their local requirements. There was a very determined effort on the part of sellers to obtain better prices for Bologna

TORONTO					MONTREAL				
Classification	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	22								
STEERS good	515	\$13.00	\$12.50-\$13.50	\$14.50					
1,000-1,200 common	24	10.50	10.00-11.00	12.00					
STEERS good	913	10.50	10.00-11.00	13.50	42	11.50	10.50-12.50	12.50	
700-1,000 common	322	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.50	194	9.00	8.00-10.00	10.50	
HEIFERS good	526	12.50	12.00-13.00	13.25	5	10.75	10.00-11.50	11.50	
fair	440	10.50	9.50-11.50	12.00	62	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.00	
common	254	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00	148	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00	
COWS good	339	10.00	9.00-11.00	11.50	24	8.75	8.50-9.50	9.50	
common	540	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.50	171	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.50	
BULLS good	28	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.00					
common	148	7.00	6.00-8.00	9.00	262	5.25	5.00-5.50	6.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	132	4.25	3.25-5.25	5.25	29	4.00	3.00-4.50	5.00	
OXEN									
CALVES veal	1,214	18.25	17.00-19.50	19.50	377	12.50	10.00-14.00	15.00	
grass					481	7.00	7.00	8.00	
STOCKERS good	1,055	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.00					
fair	12	8.00	7.50-8.50	8.50					
FEEDERS good	189	11.50	11.00-12.00	12.50					
fair									
HOGS selects	2,620	20.66	20.50-21.00	21.00	821	20.55	20.50	20.75	
heavy	17	19.50	19.50-20.00	20.00	10	18.50	17.50-19.00	19.00	
(Fed and lights	85	18.50	18.50-19.00	19.00	552				
watered) sows	97	16.70	15.50-18.00	18.00	175	16.00	15.50-16.50	16.50	
stags	1								
LAMBS good	8,375	14.68	13.00-16.50	16.50	1,594	13.50	13.50	14.50	
common	982	9.00	8.00-10.00	10.00	2,499	11.50	10.50-12.00	12.00	
SHEEP heavy	8								
light	376	8.00	7.00-9.50	9.50	214	7.00	6.50-8.00	8.00	
common	419	6.00	5.50-6.50	6.50	210	6.00	5.00-6.50	6.50	

bulls and boners. A few loads of bulls were shipped to other markets but by the close of the week this class of cattle were slow sellers at the following prices. Bulls weighing two hundred and fifty pounds to four hundred pounds, \$4.50. four hundred pounds to about six hundred pounds, \$5, and six hundred and fifty pounds up, at \$5.50. Boner cows sold from \$4 down. Thin young heifers and thin cows that could be partly used for butcher trade, the fronts being boned, were sold up to \$6. Fairly fat cows of dairy type brought up to \$9.50 and a car lot of medium good cows was sold at \$8. The steers offered were practically all of common to inferior quality. The top price was \$12.50. Nearly all steers were sold under \$10. There was a good demand for veal calves. Owing to the number of common quality calves included in the sales, the prices quoted do not indicate the value of good milk fed calves. The best lots offered were sold for \$14, with a few small lots up to \$15. Grass calves sold mostly at \$7. Two cars of grass calves sold on American account at \$7.

There were seventy hundred and eighty-five lambs on sale. Prices were strong at \$13.50 throughout with some sales up to \$14.50. A co-operative shipment from Lake St. John district, consisting of ewes and wethers averaging seventy-two pounds, brought \$14. The most common price for ewes was \$6.50. There

was a weaker tone evident at the close of the week.

As is invariably the case and is self explanatory, packers were very much in need of the class of stock that was scarce and the case applied particularly to hogs. There are very few select bacon hogs being offered. Owing to the small runs, the lighter grades of hogs are being taken up by the local shop trade at \$20.50 to \$20.75 per hundred. Sows were sold for \$4 and \$5 per hundred less than selects.

Pr. St. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 26, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 441 calves, 322 bulls, 542 butcher cattle, 1,650 hogs, 487 sheep and 2,258 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 1 calf, and 86 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 78 calves and 495 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 26, inclusive, were: 23,079 cattle, 50,959 calves, 46,258 hogs and 28,030 sheep; compared with 26,823 cattle, 57,286 calves, 56,715 hogs and 27,119 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 26, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 409 calves, 697 butcher cattle, 1,325 hogs and 1,285 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 133 lambs. There were no shipments made

to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 26, inclusive, were 24,685 cattle, 40,510 calves, 34,218 hogs and 20,462 sheep, compared with 29,573 cattle, 41,072 calves, 38,305 hogs and 21,880 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Wool Market Report.

Trading in Canadian Range and Domestic wools continues slow. During the past week, the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Ltd., report the sale of 190,000 pounds of Western graded wools, including combing and clothing grades. The top price in this sale was 58 cts. for fine medium staple. There is very little Eastern fleece wools being offered as most of this wool is already off the market. As high as 42 cts. is being bid for Eastern clothing which is considered worth 45 cts. Canadian wool brokers and dealers have very light stocks of Canadian fleece wools on hand. Some trading is, of course, being done in foreign wools, tops, noils, and wastes. Considerable wool is still held in farmers' hands, but the gradual selling of Canadian wools at fair prices is having a tendency to cause the movement of this wool to warehouses for grading. Prices remain unchanged from last week's quotations. Prices for grades are as follows:

CANADIAN WESTERN WOOL.—Fine
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