

## Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending June 10.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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

	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves		
	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	4,495	4,765	4,044	\$15.75	\$13.00	\$16.75	1,615	1,612	1,817	\$18.50	\$18.00	\$17.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	782	412	468	16.00	14.00	16.50	2,540	2,174	2,204	16.00	15.00	16.50
Montreal (East End)	819	268	332	16.00	14.00	16.50	1,947	1,199	1,722	16.00	15.00	16.50
Winnipeg	1,932	701	1,897	16.50	15.00	18.50	392	101	597	14.00	16.00	18.00
Calgary	1,703	1,211	663	15.00	12.75	16.75	69		52	15.50		16.00
Edmonton	322	192	466	13.00		15.00	59	7	30	17.00	13.00	18.50

  

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3	Week Ending June 10	Same Week 1919	Week Ending June 3
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,500	6,600	7,197	\$19.50	\$22.50	\$20.25	1,351	1,296	984	\$21.00	\$16.00	\$20.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,464	1,656	1,998	20.50	21.25	21.00	465	363	449	20.00	20.00	*12.00
Montreal (East End)	1,166	906	1,256	20.50	21.25	21.00	511	293	486	20.00	20.00	*12.00
Winnipeg	4,016	4,069	3,907	19.50	20.50	22.00	307	135	142	15.00	15.00	17.00
Calgary	980	1,787	558	21.75	19.50	22.00		69		15.00		
Edmonton	388	737	467	21.50	19.75	21.75						

\*Each.

## Market Comments.

## Toronto (Union Stock Yards)

Receipts for the week amounted to forty-eight hundred cattle, sixteen hundred calves, fifty-five hundred hogs and thirteen hundred and fifty-one sheep and lambs. Prices for good quality beef cattle were on a par with those of the previous week, but as the offerings included a great many loads of only very average quality, consequently the general average of prices was below that of a week ago. Attracted no doubt, by the prevailing high prices, a number of unfinished grass cattle were included in Monday's receipts, and these as well as the volume of common unfinished cattle, were a factor contributing to a weaker undertone. On Tuesday trading was dull and sluggish and whilst Wednesday's market was fairly steady on Thursday there was a still weaker feeling to trading. It is not considered that grass cattle will be marketed in considerable numbers for another week, and in that case prices should remain steady. Included in the top sales were the following; one load of sixteen head averaging eight hundred and eighty pounds at \$17, one steer weighing ten hundred and thirty pounds at \$17.50, two head averaging eleven hundred and sixty pounds at \$16, one steer weighing fifteen hundred at \$16.00, nine steers averaging nine hundred pounds at \$15.75, and twenty-one steers averaging eleven hundred and fifty pounds around \$16 and \$16.50. One or two choice steers were purchased for demonstration or show purposes, at \$18 per hundred. Representative prices placed choice heavy steers within a range of \$15.75 to \$16.50, with medium quality from \$14.50 to \$15.50, choice light butchers and heifers from \$15 to \$16 straight loads from \$14.50 to \$15.60, and medium quality stock from \$13.75 to \$14.25. Choice butcher cows sold from \$12.75 to \$13.50, with tops up to \$13.75, and medium quality moved from \$11.75 to \$12.50. Good bulls sold up to \$13.25, and a few of choice quality up to \$13.75. Choice feeding steers ranged from \$12.50 to \$13.50, and stockers from \$11 to \$12. The calf market was exceptionally strong and values after being marked up on Monday, were well maintained for the balance of the week. Top sales were made at \$19, and numerous sales from \$17.50 to \$18.50; medium to good calves moved from \$14.50 to \$16.50, and common calves moved from \$10 to \$13 per hundred.

Heavy mutton sheep were severely cut during the week, not being in demand on account of preference for the heavy shipments of spring lambs. Other grades of light sheep were hardly steady. Heavy sheep sold from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hundred light sheep from \$10 to \$12.50, and a few yearlings up to \$13.50. Spring lambs were weighed up from \$19.50 to \$21, with lighter stock from \$18 to \$19. A number were sold around \$15 each. The prospects are that mature sheep will continue to weaken.

The hog market was unsettled with packers firm in their intentions to reduce values as it is stated that recent costs have been out of line with the dead meat market. Prices for selects on a fed and watered basis were quoted at \$19.25 with a few going to local butchers at

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)		
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price
STEERS							
heavy finished	328	\$15.46	\$14.50-\$17.00	\$17.00			
STEERS good	279	14.40	12.00-15.75	15.75	\$15.50	\$15.00-\$15.75	\$16.00
1,000-1,200 common	2			14.50			
STEERS good	791	15.18	12.00-15.50	15.75	14.75	14.00-15.50	15.50
700-1,000 common	291	11.37	10.50-14.00	14.00	12.75	12.50-13.00	13.50
HEIFERS good	599	14.82	12.00-15.50	16.00	14.00	13.00-15.00	15.00
fair	306	13.32	9.50-14.50	14.50	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00
common	101	11.13	10.00-12.50	12.50	9.25	8.50-10.50	11.00
COWS good	267	12.94	9.50-13.25	13.50	12.25	11.00-13.00	13.00
common	880	11.01	7.50-12.00	12.00	10.00	9.00-10.50	11.00
BULLS good	124	11.95	8.00-13.00	13.25	11.75	10.50-12.50	12.50
common	59	9.71	6.00-11.50	11.50	10.00	9.00-10.50	10.50
CANNERS & CUTTERS	188	5.92	3.00-7.00	7.00	6.50	5.50-7.00	7.00
OXEN					12.50	11.00-13.00	13.50
CALVES veal	1,615	16.20	5.00-17.50	18.50	13.50	11.00-15.00	16.00
grass							
STOCKERS good	270	11.50	8.50-12.00	12.00			
fair	111	9.80	6.50-11.00	11.25			
FEEDERS good	132	12.63	10.00-13.25	13.50			
fair	15	10.33	8.50-12.00	12.50			
HOGS selects	4,707	19.30	19.25-19.50	19.50	20.40	20.50	20.50
heavy					19.70	19.50-20.00	20.00
(fed and lights	540	17.30	16.50-17.50	17.50			
watered) sows	250	15.25	14.25-16.50	16.50	16.40	16.50	16.50
stags	3			13.50			
LAMBS good	343	20.14	19.00-21.00	21.00	18.00	17.00-20.00	20.00
common	1			19.50			
SHEEP heavy	1			9.50	11.60	11.50	12.00
light	709	11.79	10.00-13.00	13.50	10.50	11.00	11.00
common	297	8.14	6.50-10.00	10.00			

\$19.50, heavies sold at \$18.25, lights at \$17.25, and sows from \$14.25 to \$16.25.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending June 3rd, Canadian packing houses purchased 1,102 calves, 3,334 butcher cattle, 7,654 hogs and 176 sheep and 365 lambs. Local butchers purchased 281 calves, 222 butcher cattle, 603 hogs and 399 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 52 calves, 202 stockers, 18 feeders, 64 hogs and 35 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 560 calves and 72 stockers.

Th: total receipts from January 1 to June 3, inclusive, were 123,591 cattle, 39,884 calves, 150,450 hogs and 19,069 sheep; compared with 131,086 cattle, 28,906 calves, 156,997 hogs and 28,688 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

## Montreal.

A large percentage of the cattle offered on Monday were shipped in from the Toronto market and country points in Western Ontario; these Western offerings were nearly all of good quality, but for the different reasons, among which were the offering of comparatively large numbers of animals of practically the same grading, the fact that at least part of the stock had been on grass for only a short period, and the impending hot weather, prices paid were lower by about 50 cents per

hundred compared with those of the previous week. A load of choice heavy steers that arrived on Wednesday were held for next Monday's market. The top price for a straight load was \$15.80; good loads sold generally from \$14.50 to \$15.50, mixed lots of fairly good steers good oxen, and one of two fat cows, all brought around \$13. Two lots of fair quality baby-beeves sold at \$14 and \$15 per hundred, respectively. Fat cows were the only cattle that held steady with former quotations. Buyers state that at this season when steers are as high as at present, fat cows are in good demand for two weeks or more. It is claimed that prices prevailing at present, are not based on the value of dressed beef, but are the result of a temporary shortage, and are, therefore, likely to be easily affected by large runs of poor quality cattle. Reports from local points indicate that cattle are in better condition than was expected, and that since the recent rains the pastures are improving. Calves were higher due to the lower percentage of poor calves and the good demand; top prices for good lots ranged around \$14.50 to \$15, with an odd sale up to \$16. Out of sixty-two hundred and sixty-seven calves shipped to one of the Montreal Yards since the inauguration of inspection, one hundred

and sixty-one head were confiscated, seventy head of these being taken from the shipments of four drovers. Some of the benefits to be derived from the elimination of immature calves on the markets are already apparent.

Sheep and lambs remain about steady, light lambs proving the exception. There is every indication of a large run of good lambs during the late summer and fall. Good lambs sold around \$11 each, and sheep from \$11 to \$12 per hundred, with very thin old sheep as low as \$8.

Selected hogs of medium weights for local trade moved at \$20.50 off cars. There is a very large percentage of sows being marketed from points East of Montreal; these sows should be retained as stock sows, and made use of instead of breeding immature young sows in the fall. The percentage of sows in shipments of hogs from the east during last fall ran around thirty and forty per cent. A great many of these sows had only raised one litter. Mixed lots of sows, heavies and selects weighed off cars brought from \$19 to \$20.

Pt. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending June 3, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 2,204 calves, 467 butcher cattle, 1,994 hogs and 449 sheep. Canadian shipments were made