

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Comment on week ending July 29.
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	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week
	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending
	July 29	1919	July 22	July 29	1919	July 22	July 29	1919	July 22	July 29	1919	July 22
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,269	6,426	5,041	\$16.25	\$14.25	\$16.50	1,422	1,487	1,507	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$19.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,101	1,170	833	14.50	14.00	14.50	933	3,065	1,338	15.00	16.00	14.00
Montreal (East End)	1,203	1,527	929	14.50	14.00	14.50	640	2,263	1,098	15.00	16.00	14.00
Winnipeg	4,246	7,873	2,821	13.50	12.50	14.00	674	1,146	532	13.00	12.50	15.00
Calgary	1,202	5,172	1,125	11.00		11.35	111	850	94	12.00		13.00
Edmonton	645	882	381	11.50	10.00	11.00	99	131	68	12.50	9.25	12.00
	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week
	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending
	July 29	1919	July 22	July 29	1919	July 22	July 29	1919	July 22	July 29	1919	July 22
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	4,332	5,992	4,343	\$21.75	\$24.75	\$21.00	4,920	4,766	4,347	\$18.75	\$17.00	\$17.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,049	2,210	1,722	22.00	23.75	21.50	2,549	1,329	1,864	15.00	17.50	16.00
Montreal (East End)	1,216	2,194	1,690	22.00	23.75	21.50	1,652	1,442	1,198	15.00	17.50	16.00
Winnipeg	3,125	4,640	3,261	18.50	23.50	18.50	922	987	856	13.50	13.00	13.00
Calgary	686	1,368	350	18.25		18.25	120	713	133			13.50
Edmonton	455	353	391	18.25	23.25	18.00	53	502	227			14.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

The offerings of cattle during the week were made up largely of common and medium grades, and while a few good to choice killers on hand were readily absorbed, trading was generally dull and draggy. Receipts were slightly in excess of those of the previous week, and consisted of 5,679 head, of which number 409 were on through billing. It is the opinion of drovers, commission men, and others that prices will remain fairly steady on the basis of light receipts. The weak undertone to the market will continue until such time as the quality of the cattle is improved; the expectation of heavy runs is partly responsible for the somewhat unsteady tone to trading. It is believed that the country is bare of well-fed stock, and as a consequence very few choice animals will be obtainable until the fall run of stock is well under way. Under these circumstances it is felt that the lack of quality in receipts can be partly offset by reasonably light movements. The opening market of the week was 25 cents to 50 cents per hundred lower, and commission men held back their offerings in an endeavor to steady the market; late in the day, however, sales were made at 25-cent decline. Light and common classes of stock were cut 50 cents to \$1 per hundred. Trading throughout the week was confined to the medium and common classes, the few head of choice stock offered being quickly bought up. The best draft consisted of ten steers which averaged 1,325 pounds, and sold at \$16.25 per hundred. Only two other sales were made as high as \$16. The top load moved at \$15.75, while most of the good steers were weighed up from \$13.50 to \$14.50. Butcher cows and heifers of good killing qualities moved from \$13 to \$14, and the general run from \$10.50 to \$12. Bulls were mostly of medium quality, and sales were made generally from \$10 to \$11.50. Canners and cutters were fairly easy to move within a range of \$4 to \$5. Several loads of good feeders were on hand from the Winnipeg stock yards, and good prices were realized, especially on the good quality dehorned steers. Thrifty feeders were in good demand at firm prices; short-keep feeders sold mostly from \$11.50 to \$12.50, and as high as \$13.50 per hundred. Stocker cattle were scarce and demand only fair; loads of good stockers sold up to \$10.50, while common kinds moved from \$7.50 to \$8.50. Calf receipts were again light, and as the Buffalo market was quoted higher trading was keen. At the close of the week veal calves were fully \$1 advanced, tops selling at \$20 per hundred, and good quality from \$17.50 to \$18.50.

The sheep market closed \$1 higher on all classes excepting heavy sheep, for which prices were steady. Straight decks of lambs sold as high as \$18.50 during mid-week; a number of sales were consummated at \$19, and sheep sales from \$12 to \$14 for yearlings, and \$6 to \$10

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	184	\$16.00	\$15.75-\$16.25	\$16.25	12				
STEERS good	279	14.50	14.00-15.00	15.35	162	\$14.00	\$13.50-\$14.50	\$14.50	
1,000-1,200 common	99	12.75	12.00-13.50	13.50	323	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00	
STEERS good	353	14.00	13.50-14.50	15.00	127	13.00	11.50-13.50	13.50	
700-1,000 common	661	12.00	10.50-12.75	13.00	166	10.00	8.00-11.00	12.00	
HEIFERS good	384	13.75	13.25-14.25	15.00	43	11.50	10.50-12.00	12.00	
fair	578	11.75	11.50-12.00	12.50	160	9.50	8.50-10.00	10.00	
common	375	9.75	8.10-10.50	10.50	192	7.50	6.00-8.50	8.00	
COWS good	476	11.25	10.50-12.00	13.50	231	10.25	9.50-11.00	11.50	
common	1,067	9.00	8.00-10.00	10.25	479	7.75	6.00-9.00	9.25	
BULLS good	68	10.50	9.50-11.50	12.50	16	10.00	9.00-10.50	10.50	
common	186	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.50	249	6.00	5.00-7.00	7.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	106	4.50	3.50-5.50	6.00	74	4.50	3.00-5.50	5.50	
OXEN	19				21				
CALVES veal	1,413	18.00	17.50-18.50	20.00	1,218	12.00	10.00-14.00	15.00	
grass	9				355				
STOCKERS good	200	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.50					
fair	133	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00					
FEEDERS good	97	12.00	11.50-12.50	13.50					
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HOGS selects	3,825	21.50	21.25-21.75	21.75	1,031	21.60	21.50-21.75	22.00	
heavies	5	20.50	20.25-20.75	20.75	648	19.25	19.00-19.50	20.00	
(fed and lights	276	19.50	19.25-19.75	19.75					
watered) sows	221	18.50	18.25-18.75	18.75	552	17.00	16.50-17.50	17.50	
stags					34				
LAMBS good	3,682	17.50	17.00-18.00	18.75	1,667	14.00	14.00	15.00	
common	104	15.50	14.50-16.00	16.75	1,843	12.25	12.00-12.50	13.00	
SHEEP heavy									
light	799	9.00	8.00-10.00	10.00	155	8.00	8.00	8.50	
common	335	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00	536	6.75	6.00-7.00	7.00	

for other kinds. A weaker undertone developed at the close on lambs, and a weaker market is possible if heavy shipments are made.

Light receipts again marked the movement of hogs, and as a consequence the market continued firm. Most of the hogs offered during the week sold at \$21.50 per hundred on a fed and watered basis; a few extra good decks moved at \$21.75.

The total receipts from January 1 to July 22, inclusive, were 159,824 cattle, 51,345 calves, 183,732 hogs and 38,453 sheep, compared with 173,602 cattle, 40,896 calves, 207,569 hogs and 44,309 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

The offerings of cattle at the two yards were comparatively heavy, the majority being on sale on the Monday markets. Prices ruled at least 50 cents per hundred lower, some sellers claimed a loss of \$1 or more per hundred on some sales. The best load of cattle was held unsold throughout the week, as the highest bid that could be obtained was \$14.50. A buyer from Quebec city purchased two loads of good cows at \$11.50, a few choice young cows were sold to another buyer at \$12, but the majority of the good cows moved under \$11. Some very fair heifers, cows, and light steers were weighed up

together within a range of \$9 to \$9.50. A large percentage of the poorer grades of butcher cows were disposed of from \$7 to \$7.50 per hundred, and canners around \$3.50. Yearling bulls sold down to \$5, and common fleshy bulls around \$7, while top for bulls was \$10.50. The market for veal calves was somewhat stronger, and odd sales were made up to \$15, and two or three at \$16. Fairly good drafts of dairy fed veal calves sold from \$13.50 to \$14, and thin grass calves from the East at \$7.

There were approximately 4,500 sheep and lambs for sale on the two yards during the week. Prices for lambs were lower, but the demand was keen at the new level. The most common price for good lambs was \$14, and the lowest price for poor lambs, \$10. Sheep were weighed up from \$6 to \$8.50.

The supply of hogs was insufficient to meet demand, and buyers paid up to \$22 per hundred for selects at off-car weights. The percentage of sows in the shipment was large. Any material increase in receipts would have a tendency to weaken the market, especially in the cattle classes.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to July 22, inclusive, were 17,482 cattle, 45,977 calves, 38,388 hogs and 13,696 sheep; compared with 18,394 cattle, 48,764 calves, 47,046 hogs

and 12,386 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from January 1 to July 22, inclusive, were 19,500 cattle, 37,186 calves, 26,347 hogs and 11,953 sheep; as compared with 20,702 cattle, 33,993 calves, 28,402 hogs and 12,732 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Dominion Wool Market Report.

The wool market has been stronger during the past week, and wools are commencing to move more freely. Sales amounting to some 700,000 pounds of graded wool have been noted. Buyers are more in evidence, and the Canadian mills have been in the market for considerable quantities of the domestic product.

Quotations on graded wools follow, the prices varying somewhat according to shrinkage and general conditions:

Canadian Western 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, 35c. to 35c.; low staples, 25c. to 30c.; coarse, 20c. to 22c.

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