

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending March 21.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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NOTE.—The total of the graded stock at each stock yard will vary from 1 per cent. to 5 per cent. of the actual receipts offered for sale. Any variations from this will be noted.

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

There was a liberal movement of cattle to the stock yards during the week, about sixty-two hundred being on sale, three thousand of which were offered on Monday, seven hundred on Tuesday, sixteen hundred on Wednesday and the balance on Thursday. On the whole, a week of active trading was experienced at prices ruling from 25 to 40 cents higher on all classes of cattle, compared with values of a week ago. On Monday trading was very active and most of the cattle offered were sold by early afternoon. On the following day prices were about steady, but on Wednesday the market was somewhat slow, sales of medium and common cattle being inclined to drag and many of these grades were carried over to Thursday, on which day the market showed renewed activity at prices about steady with Monday's quotations. The quality of the cattle was better than for some weeks past, many choice animals being in the pens and included was a sprinkling of beef cattle. Only a limited number of heavy steers were on sale; two head of these sold at \$13.25 per hundred, a straight load of fourteen head averaging twelve hundred and fifty pounds; shipped from St. Mary's, Ontario, went to an outside buyer at \$13 per hundred, while a few odd head also sold during the week at this latter figure, and the majority of the offerings from \$12 to \$12.50 per hundred. Of steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, a number of head averaging eleven hundred and seventy pounds sold at \$13 on Monday. On Wednesday, a load of equal weight realized \$12.40, and five head of choice cattle of ten hundred and fifty pounds, \$12.50. Quite a number of loads of good cattle of these weights sold from \$11.75 to \$12.35 per hundred; common quality realized from \$10.25 to \$10.75. A number of sales of choice baby beef were made at fancy prices, a few being sold at \$12 to \$11, seven head of about eight hundred pounds average bringing the latter price on Monday, while nine of seven hundred and fifty pounds sold on Wednesday at \$13.50. Straight loads of butcher cattle under one thousand pounds were weighed up at from \$11 to \$11.75, while one-half load reached \$12. Cows and bulls were active and steady in sympathy with other grades of cattle, and a few sales were made at \$11 to \$11.50 for those of extra choice quality, while most of the best animals moved from \$10 to \$10.75, and good from \$9 to \$9.75. Common bulls sold from \$7.75 to \$8.50, and common cows from \$7 to \$8. The demand for stockers and feeders for grass feeding is increasing, and a number of shipments were made during the week to country points. Good feeders are selling from \$9.50 to \$10.50, according to weight and quality, and good stockers from \$8.75 to \$9.50. There is a considerable movement of calves at the present time, eleven hundred being on sale, most of them of dairy breeding from the dairy sections of Ontario. A price of \$17.25 was paid for a few choice veal, while \$16.50 to \$17 was the price for the best veal calves, and \$12 to \$15 for those of common quality.

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)						MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range		Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range		Top Price
STEERS			Bulk Sales					Bulk Sales		
heavy finished	149	\$12.67	\$11.75-\$12.75		\$13.00					
STEERS 1,000-1,200	657	11.92	11.50-12.25		12.50	95	\$12.25	\$12.50-		\$12.50
good common	49	10.61	9.75-11.25		11.25	34	10.90	10.90-		10.90
STEERS 700-1,000	1,781	11.36	10.75-11.75		12.25	85	11.15	11.00-\$11.50		11.50
good common	642	10.06	9.25-10.50		10.50	67	10.00	9.75-10.25		10.75
HEIFERS	650	11.61	11.00-12.00		12.50	40	11.15	11.00-12.50		12.50
good fair	460	10.37	9.75-10.75		10.75	20	10.00	9.50-10.75		10.75
common	66	9.10	8.75-9.50		9.50	6	8.75	8.50-9.25		9.25
COWS	385	9.89	9.00-10.50		11.00	33	10.25	9.75-10.50		13.50
good common	652	8.09	7.50-8.50		8.75	53	8.75	7.00-9.50		9.50
BULLS	91	9.98	9.00-10.50		11.00	15	10.50	10.50-		11.00
good common	58	8.08	7.75-8.75		9.75	17	9.50	8.50-9.75		9.75
CANNERS & CUTTERS	244	6.25	6.00-6.50		6.50	46	6.25	5.25-6.75		6.75
OXEN	2	12.75	12.75-		12.75	12				
CALVES	1,162	15.24	14.00-17.00		17.25	1,324	11.24	10.00-14.50		15.00
veal	19	8.00	7.00-9.00		9.00					
STOCKERS 450-800	12	9.25	8.75-9.50		9.50					
good fair	22	8.21	7.75-8.75		8.75					
FEEDERS 800-1,000	96	10.34	10.00-10.75		11.00					
good fair	65	9.75	9.50-10.00		10.00					
HOGS (fed and watered)	7,364	20.48	20.25-20.75		20.75	897	21.15	21.00-21.25		21.25
selects	6	20.75	20.75		20.75					
heavies	270	18.97	18.25-19.75		19.75	236	20.40	20.25-20.50		20.50
lights	157	18.97	18.25-19.75		19.75	18	18.75	18.50-19.00		19.00
sows	14	16.55	16.25-16.75		16.75	4				
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LAMBS	250	19.50	19.00-20.50		20.70	7	17.00	17.00-		17.00
good common	39	17.00	16.00-18.00		19.00					
SHEEP	42	12.43	11.00-14.00		14.00	10	13.15	13.00-13.50		13.50
heavy	27	14.00	13.00-15.00		16.00					
light common	9	8.00	7.00-9.00		9.00					

lambs sold during the week at \$20.61, a number of others realized \$20.70, while sheep were moving at \$12 to \$15 for those of good grading, and from \$7 to \$10 for common.

Hog receipts were somewhat lighter than those of the previous week, and in for a strong demand quotations ruled very high. On Monday \$21.25 per hundred was the quotation for select, fed and watered, while two decks brought \$21.10. On Tuesday only seven hundred hogs were on sale, and these were weighed up at \$21.50. This latter price covered most of the sales on Wednesday, although two decks realized \$20.75. On Thursday the market was steady at the higher level. There appears to be a shortage of finished hogs in the country, and receipts are lighter than those of a year ago. Demand is very keen at the present time, and prices are likely to rule high for an indefinite period.

Of the disposition from the yards for the week ending March 11th, Canadian packing houses bought 435 calves, 67 bulls, 20 heavy steers, 3,250 but-ter calves, 9,340 hogs and 331 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 150 calves, 308 butcher cattle, 83 hogs and 183 sheep and lambs. Canadian suppliers were made up of 30 calves, 193 milk cows, 35

but her cattle, 420 steers, 193 feeders. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to March 14th, inclusive, were 47,527 cattle, 6,923 calves, 85,982 hogs and 19,510 sheep; compared to 43,543 cattle, 7,210 calves, 107,535 hogs and 19,131 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

Receipts of butcher cattle for the week totaled eight hundred and ninety-five compared with eight hundred and forty-three on hand during the previous week. The market overall strong and maintaining this position during but a period of active trading, in which the average price of good quality steers was advanced \$1 per hundred on a basis of quality above the closing prices of the previous week. The percentage of good stock among the offerings has not been surpassed at any time this season, a circumstance due largely to the strong demand for cattle of good finish for the Easter and Heber trade. Some excellent sides were made. Two cows of good finish which averaged fifteen hundred and ninety-five pounds each, at dress; but one at nine hundred and twenty-seven pounds and the other at ten hundred and twenty-three pounds, an average of sixty-three per cent. of the

total live weight, sold for \$13.50 per hundred. One of these cows gave a surplus fat supply, other than the kidney fat, of four hundred pounds. There is always a big demand for stock of this kind during the Lenten season. Steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, of which there were ninety-five on hand, realized high prices, which were justified as most of this number dressed out from fifty-four to fifty-six per cent. of the live weight; about fifty head sold at \$12.50 per hundred-weight, and the remainder at slightly lower figures. Twenty-five head of medium quality steers of these weights sold at \$10.90 per hundred. There were very few good quality animals under ten hundred pounds on sale, most of the finished stock being of heavier weights. Good cows in fat condition sold readily from \$9.75 to \$10.50 per hundred, those of common grading were, in some cases, 25 cents weaker, selling from \$7 to \$9.50, while butcher heifers sold well in mixed lots with the steers. Butcher bulls sold mostly at last week's prices, although one exceptionally good bull weighing twenty three hundred and twenty-five pounds and dressing out sixty-three per cent. of the live weight brought \$10.75 per hundred. Veal calves continue to increase in

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East End.—Of Yards for the week Canadian pack butchers purchase 4,000 head of cattle, 400 lambs. Canadian up of 20 butcher shipments made during the week.

The total receipts for March 14th, including 3,172 calves, 8,480 hogs compared to 9,560 calves, 11,351 hogs and 500 sheep during the corresponding week.

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