

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending July 25.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts		Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)				Receipts		Top Price Good Calves			
	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,857	5,937	3,886	\$14.50	\$11.00	\$14.25	1,002	879	967	\$15.50	\$14.50	\$16.75
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	640	553	700	12.60	10.75	13.00	1,513	619	1,817	15.50	12.50	15.50
Montreal (East End)	583	823	682	12.60	10.75	13.00	1,076	518	777	15.50	12.50	15.50
Winnipeg	6,738	2,681	4,500	14.00	10.00	15.00	437	187	309	14.00	12.00	15.00
Calgary	3,396	875	4,360		8.25	13.65						
Edmonton	1,479	339	1,167	11.75	7.75	12.00	299	9	204	12.00	12.00	12.00

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts		Top Price Selects				Receipts		Top Price Good Lambs			
	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,318	6,418	5,755	\$19.25	\$16.00	\$18.60	1,919	2,345	1,800	\$22.00	\$14.50	\$23.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,404	1,180	1,277	19.50	16.25	19.25	1,776	708	775	21.00	14.00	21.00
Montreal (East End)	1,095	869	575	19.50	16.25	19.25	962	554	319	21.00	14.00	21.00
Winnipeg	6,683	5,618	6,971	19.15	14.50	17.75	851	43	908	17.00	11.00	18.50
Calgary	2,363	2,554	3,743	18.10	14.35	17.50	936	257	674		13.00	
Edmonton	1,579	183	838	17.75	14.00	17.25	168	7	2			14.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Trading at the Union Stock Yards during the week was inclined to be very slow and dull, and was characterized by inactivity on the part of buyers who were listless bidders for any except really choice cattle. As a result trading was slow and prices were inclined to go to lower levels, common and medium butcher cattle declining in value to the extent of 25c. per hundred. The unusually warm weather has caused a falling off in the demand for fresh meats and this, with the limited inquiry prevailing for feeder cattle, is practically responsible for the easier feeling in the lower grade of stock. The opinion that inferior grades have not yet reached bottom prices is, however, fairly general. A few loads of extra good heavy steers were on sale during the week and these met with a ready sale. Two loads, averaging better than thirteen hundred pounds were sold to an outside packing house at \$15.75 per hundred, the high price for the week, while a third load of about equal weight, but of lesser quality, was weighed up at \$15.25. In addition, an odd head or two of fourteen hundred and fifty pounds weight sold on Wednesday at the top figure of the week. Other good loads around these weights sold from \$14 to \$14.50 per hundred. Of steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, one load of eleven hundred and ninety pounds sold at \$14.50 per hundred, twenty two head were weighed up at \$14.25, eighteen head at \$14, while most of the best loads moved out from \$13 to \$13.50 per hundred. Common cattle in these weights sold from \$10 to \$11. Of steers and heifers weighing under ten hundred pounds nothing of exceptionally choice quality was on sale, but seventeen head of six hundred pounds sold at \$13.50 per hundred, twenty head at \$13, several loads at \$12.75, while from \$12.25 to \$12.75 was the price range for most of the sales for the best grades offered in these weights. Medium quality butcher steers sold from \$10.50 to \$11.25, and common eastern cattle from \$8 to \$10 per hundred. Cows and bulls were subject to a decline in prices and while two exceptionally choice cows sold at \$13.50 per hundred, this sale was above the general market price, as few cows realized above \$10.50. Choice cows moved from \$10.00 to \$10.50 per hundred, good cows from \$9.25 to \$9.75 and common and medium from \$7 to \$8.50 per hundred. One choice bull sold at \$11.75, a few head were weighed up at \$11, while most of those of good quality realized from \$10 to \$10.75, those of medium grading from \$9 to \$9.50, and bologna bulls from \$7.25 to \$8.50. There is a very limited demand for stockers and feeders at present. Good feeders are going to country points at prices from \$10.25 to \$10.75 per hundred, and good stockers from \$9.50 to \$10.25. There was little change in the market for calves. Choice veal sold from \$15 to \$16.75, per hundred, medium calves from \$13 to \$14.50, and common calves from \$9 to \$11. Spring lambs dropped in price \$1 per hundred early in the week. Choice lambs are now selling from \$19 to \$20.50 per hundred. Light sheep were weighed up from \$13 to \$15 and heavy sheep from \$10.50 to \$12.50 per hundred.

CLASSIFICATION	No.	TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)			
		Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS					
heavy finished	290	\$13.80	\$13.00-\$15.25	\$15.75	
STEERS good	677	13.28	12.75-13.75	14.50	
1,000-1,200 common	28	11.15	10.50-12.50	12.75	
STEERS good	459	12.73	12.00-13.25	13.50	
700-1,000 common	196	10.34	9.00-11.50	11.50	
HEIFERS good	527	13.00	12.50-13.50	14.00	
fair	274	11.10	10.50-11.50	11.50	
common	38	9.15	8.50-10.00	10.00	
COWS good	759	10.14	9.50-10.75	10.75	
common	608	8.35	7.50-8.75	8.75	
BULLS good	38	10.32	9.75-11.00	11.00	
common	82	8.60	7.75-9.00	10.25	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	112	6.50	6.00-6.75	6.75	
OXEN					
CALVES veal	984	14.00	13.00-15.50	16.75	
grass	18	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	
STOCKERS good	334	10.12	9.50-10.50	10.50	
450-800 fair	137	9.13	8.75-9.50	9.75	
FEEDERS good	229	10.99	10.50-11.25	11.25	
800-1,000 fair	69	10.46	10.00-10.75	10.75	
HOGS selects	3,856	18.79	18.50-19.25	19.25	
heavy	108	18.68	18.50-19.00	19.00	
(fed and lights	135	17.57	16.50-19.00	19.00	
watered) sows	218	16.27	15.50-17.00	17.00	
stags	11	14.77	14.50-15.00	15.00	
LAMBS good	1,510	20.33	19.00-22.00	22.00	
common	23	18.00	16.00-19.00	19.00	
SHEEP heavy	105	11.86	11.00-13.25	13.25	
light	203	14.00	13.00-15.00	15.00	
common	78	8.36	7.00-11.00	11.00	

CLASSIFICATION	No.	MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)			
		Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS					
heavy finished	13	\$12.60	\$12.60-	\$12.60	
STEERS good	21	12.50	12.25-12.60	12.60	
1,000-1,200 common	90	8.75	8.50-9.00	10.00	
HEIFERS good	7	10.00	9.75-10.50	10.50	
fair	33	9.00	8.00-9.50	9.50	
common	66	7.50	7.00-7.75	7.75	
COWS good	57	9.75	9.50-10.00	10.50	
common	144	8.25	7.75-8.50	9.00	
BULLS good	1			11.50	
common	149	8.00	7.50-9.00	9.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	39	6.00	5.50-6.50	7.00	
OXEN	2	10.00	10.00-	10.00	
CALVES veal	1,445	9.25	7.50-14.00	15.50	
grass	68	7.40	7.25-8.00	8.00	
STOCKERS good					
450-800 fair					
FEEDERS good					
800-1,000 fair					
HOGS selects	1,188	19.50	19.50-	19.50	
heavy	24				
(fed and lights	35	18.90	18.75-19.00	19.00	
watered) sows	151	16.50	16.50-	16.50	
stags	6	15.50		16.00	
LAMBS good	362	20.50	20.00-21.00	21.00	
common	1,036	19.50	19.00-20.00	20.00	
SHEEP heavy					
light	98	13.00	13.00-	13.00	
common	280	11.75	11.00-12.00	12.00	

Hog prices continue to ascend in sympathy with the advances on the Buffalo market. The ruling price early in the week was \$18.50 per hundred for selects fed and watered. On Wednesday \$19 was the ruling figure, while a few sold at \$19.25. The market closed on Thursday with a strong undertone at this new level. Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 18, Canadian packing houses purchased 573 calves, 45 bulls, 299 heavy steers, 2,959 butcher cattle, 5,705 hogs and 1,335 sheep. Local butchers purchased 268 calves, 252 butcher cattle, 131 hogs and 444 sheep. Canadian shipments consisted of 16 calves, 28 milch cows, 47 butcher cattle, 279 stockers, 213 feeders and 9 sheep. Shipments to United States' points consisted of 168 calves, 203 butcher cattle and 71 feeders. The total receipts from January 1st to July 18, inclusive, were: 140,105 cattle, 38,842 calves, 206,813 hogs, and 23,202 sheep; compared to 127,336 cattle, 31,071 calves, 274,090 hogs, and 19,806 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917. Montreal. Without any marked advances, prices were slightly firmer throughout the week, and sales of good to fair cattle were made on Wednesday, about 25 cents per hundred

above those made at the close of the previous week. The demand was much better than for some time, but there was nothing in the trading to denote any further increase in prices in the event of heavier shipments. One load made up of steers of widely different weights but averaging about ten hundred pounds, sold at \$12.60 per hundred, and half a dozen steers weighing nine hundred and thirty-five pounds each sold at \$12.25. One good bull weighing seventeen hundred and seventy pounds was weighed up at \$11.50. A small number of the best cows on the market sold from \$10 to \$10.50 per hundred. Nearly all of the remainder of the cattle sold at \$9 or under. Of a load of common cows, eight head averaging nine hundred and forty-five pounds sold at \$8.50, and ten head averaging nine hundred and sixty-five pounds, at \$7.75 per hundred, while seventeen head of heifers and steers averaging six hundred and fifty and in fair flesh, sold for \$8.50. Dairy bulls sold mostly at \$8 per hundred, although some small yearlings weighing from four hundred and fifty to six hundred pounds sold from \$6.75 to \$7.25; about forty head of this latter grading averaged \$6.90 per hundred. An animal to sell for more than from \$8.50 to \$9 must be fairly fat. Calves did not sell particularly well. The prices paid were not much lower compared with the previous week's

range, considering the quality, but demand was slow as a good deal of the interest in small meats is being diverted to the lamb trade. For the first time since winter, lambs were graded as to quality. There is now a difference of \$1 per hundred in the values of good and common lambs and the price for next week is likely to be around \$19 for those of good quality. Receipts numbered more than twice as many as those of the previous week. Sheep were quite firm at \$13 for good and \$12 for common. The market for hogs was 25 cents per hundred higher than that of the previous week and selects sold steadily all week at \$19.75 off cars, sows were \$3 per hundred less, and stags from \$3.50 to \$5 less. The supply of light hogs has not yet been of volume enough to effect the price of that grade and although light hogs are beginning to arrive in larger numbers, they are nearly all selling as selects. Twelve and one-half per cent. of the total offerings consisted of sows. Pt. St. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 18, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,551 calves, 16 canners and cutters, 135 bulls, 474 butcher cattle, 1,201 hogs and 775 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 21