

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending December 11.

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 Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4	Week Ending Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4	Week Ending Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4	Week Ending Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4
Toronto (U. S. Y.).....	11,495	10,419	9,858	\$13.75	\$14.00	\$13.50	1,092	813	789	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$21.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.).....	2,290	3,609	2,150	11.25	14.00	11.50	470	637	580	15.00	15.00	16.00
Montreal (East End).....	2,431	3,173	2,891	11.25	14.00	11.50	491	367	630	15.00	15.00	16.00
Winnipeg.....	9,812	10,646	13,990	12.00	14.75	12.15	630	370	163	10.00	10.00	9.00
Calgary.....	6,987	6,180	5,619	10.75	14.00	10.25	346	—	559	8.50	—	8.25
Edmonton.....	1,035	1,189	1,600	13.00	12.00	11.00	39	202	120	8.50	9.00	8.00
	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts		Top Price Selects				Receipts		Top Price Good Lambs			
	Week Ending Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4	Week Ending Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4	Week Ending Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4	Week Ending Dec. 11	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Dec. 4
Toronto (U. S. Y.).....	1,380	10,162	10,224	\$16.75	\$18.75	\$16.75	11,059	8,217	8,965	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$15.90
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles).....	1,220	3,928	1,452	16.75	18.50	16.75	1,088	3,044	1,576	15.00	15.00	14.00
Montreal (East End).....	958	1,820	1,602	16.75	18.50	16.75	1,528	4,080	1,124	15.00	15.00	14.00
Winnipeg.....	6,390	14,737	5,548	16.00	18.00	16.00	1,094	540	1,672	14.00	13.50	13.50
Calgary.....	1,374	3,975	982	15.75	17.35	16.50	1,862	1,596	563	12.50	12.50	12.50
Edmonton.....	770	1,349	280	15.50	17.00	16.00	521	103	297	11.50	13.25	11.50

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

The quality of the cattle offered for sale during the week showed considerable improvement over anything previously offered during the past three months, many choice baby beefs being on sale in addition to many loads of choice butcher cattle. The market accumulated more strength, and made advances ranging from 25 cents to 50 cents per hundred on Monday, and accumulated further strength during the week, until on Wednesday prices ruled full \$1.00 per hundred above the market of the previous week. Baby beefs commanded a premium throughout the week, and anything of that quality was readily snapped up within a range of \$13 to \$21 per hundred, one or two loads being marked up at the latter price. One load consisting of twenty-four head which averaged seven hundred and fifty pounds changed hands at \$18 per hundred, while numerous sales were made at prices ranging from \$14 up to \$18. A number of heavy steers sold at \$15.50 per hundred, one straight load, which averaged twelve hundred pounds, left the scales at \$13.75, and a number of loads found an outlet within a range of \$12.50 to \$13.50 per hundred. Steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds were purchased from \$12 to \$13.50 for those of good to choice grading, and from \$11 to \$12.50 for those of medium grading. Handy-weight butcher heifers were freely purchased at prices from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per hundred. Steers under ten hundred pounds sold at similar prices as the heifers, while common stock of both kinds was weighed up from \$6 to \$8. Cows and bulls moved freely at advanced prices; a few fancy cows were weighed up at \$14 per hundred, good cows sold mostly from \$10 to \$10.75, and good bulls from \$9.75 to \$10.75. Canners were advanced 25 cents on Monday, but lost that appreciation on Thursday. Trading in stockers and feeders was quiet, but a few shipments were made to country points at prices ranging from \$10 to \$11 for good feeders, and from \$8.50 to \$9.50 for good stockers. There was no change to the tone of the calf market, choice veal selling from \$17 to \$20 per hundred.

Ten thousand sheep and lambs were unloaded for sale, and despite the heavy offering lambs sold at advanced prices. Sales being made during the week within a range of \$15.50 to \$17, per hundred, the latter price being paid for a few top lambs on the Thursday market. Sheep were unchanged within a range of \$7.50 to \$8.50 per hundred.

The market for hogs was unsettled throughout the week, packers again endeavoring to bring about a reduction in price. On the Monday market, select hogs sold at \$16.75 per hundred, on Tuesday sales were made at a reduction of 25 cents, but during the remainder of the week practically no sales were made, packer buyers bidding \$15.75, and commission firms holding out for \$16 and \$16.25 per hundred.

The total receipts from January 1 to December 4, inclusive, were 350,192 cattle, 63,508 calves, 366,873 hogs and 273,081 sheep; compared with 277,712 cattle, 52,728 calves, 33,423 hogs and

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	210	\$13.00	\$12.00-\$13.50	\$14.00	57	11.75	11.25-13.25	13.25	
STEERS good	664	12.54	10.50-13.25	13.75	72	11.00	10.50-11.25	11.25	
1,000-1,200 common	70	8.93	7.00-10.75	11.50	197	9.00	7.50-10.00	10.25	
STEERS good	2,092	10.89	9.50-12.00	13.00	14	10.00	9.50-10.50	10.50	
700-1,000 common	1,142	7.45	6.25-9.00	9.75	53	8.75	8.25-9.25	9.25	
HEIFERS good	2,078	10.89	9.75-12.00	12.50	338	7.50	6.75-8.00	8.00	
fair	375	9.15	8.50-9.75	9.75	58	9.50	9.00-10.50	10.50	
common	287	7.01	6.00-8.50	8.50	374	7.25	6.40-8.50	8.75	
COWS good	470	9.87	9.50-10.75	10.75	1	—	—	—	
common	1,474	7.52	6.50-9.25	9.25	399	6.00	5.75-7.00	8.75	
BULLS good	143	9.93	9.50-10.75	11.00	686	5.50	5.25-6.00	6.00	
common	137	7.05	6.50-9.00	9.50	7	—	—	—	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	1,422	5.53	5.00-6.00	6.25	98	13.50	10.00-15.00	16.00	
OXEN	—	—	—	—	372	7.00	7.00	7.00	
CALVES veal	1,045	15.83	13.00-19.00	20.00	—	—	—	—	
grass	47	6.85	5.50-8.00	8.00	—	—	—	—	
STOCKERS good	437	8.44	7.50-9.25	9.25	—	—	—	—	
fair	218	7.34	6.50-8.00	8.50	—	—	—	—	
FEEDERS good	250	9.99	9.00-10.75	10.75	—	—	—	—	
fair	18	9.50	8.00-9.75	9.75	—	—	—	—	
HOGS selects	10,812	16.54	16.00-16.75	16.75	906	16.65	16.50-16.75	16.75	
heavies	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	
(fed and watered) lights	342	14.58	14.00-14.75	14.75	202	15.50	14.50-16.50	16.50	
sows	216	12.90	11.75-14.75	14.75	43	13.00	12.50	14.50	
stags	10	10.75	9.75-11.75	11.75	2	—	—	—	
LAMBS good	8,773	15.33	14.50-18.50	17.00	345	14.60	14.50-14.75	15.00	
common	661	11.38	9.50-14.25	14.75	346	13.25	13.00-13.50	13.75	
SHEEP heavy	1,228	8.32	7.50-9.00	9.00	214	8.40	8.00-8.50	8.75	
light	397	5.82	5.00-7.00	7.00	183	7.75	7.50-8.00	8.00	

148,008 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

The quality of the cattle offered was on the average slightly improved, while prices were 20 cents advanced on canners, and a little firmer on fat cows in comparison with the quality and prices which ruled during the previous week. With the exception of canners and fat cows butcher stock sold at about unchanged values. One load of steers, which averaged twelve hundred and thirty pounds, was weighed up at \$13.25, and two small lots averaging nine hundred and sixty-five pounds and ten hundred pounds, respectively, changed hands at \$11.25. The best cows sold at \$10.50, while a few heifers and cows were weighed up at an equal price. Fairly fat cows of dairy breeding were sold around \$8.00 and \$8.50, and very common cows at \$6.50. A few medium quality bulls changed hands at prices ranging from \$7 to \$8.75. There were no good bulls offered. Grass calves changed hands in most cases at \$7, pail-fed calves from \$8 to \$10, and good veal calves up to \$16.

Lambs sold on Monday at \$14.50, and at the close of the week at \$14.75, and, in a very few cases, at \$15. Sheep were sold to local butchers at \$8.75. Good sheep went from \$8 to \$8.50.

The hog market was held at \$16.75 to \$17 per hundred for selects, off cars, throughout the week. The demand was principally from the local store trade. Packers are still offering less than the figures mentioned, and prices vary from day to day according to the hogs available.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending December 4, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 579 calves, 400 bulls, 964 butcher cattle, 1,452 hogs and 1,576 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 1 calf and 24 milch cows. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to December 4, inclusive, were 62,511 cattle, 70,396 calves, 81,505 hogs and 101,312 sheep; compared with 55,672 cattle, 61,676 calves, 70,967 hogs and 60,735 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending December 4, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 564 calves, 2,784 butcher cattle, 1,124 hogs and 1,460 sheep. Canadian shipments were made up of 70 calves and 142 sheep. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to December 4, inclusive, were 69,269 cattle, 56,370 calves, 58,259 hogs and 70,335 sheep; compared with 57,354 cattle, 47,892 calves, 49,159 hogs and 55,528 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Winnipeg.

Nine thousand eight hundred and twelve cattle, six hundred and thirty calves, ten hundred and ninety-four sheep, and six thousand three hundred and ninety hogs were unloaded during the week. These figures indicate a decrease of four thousand head of cattle as against the previous week. There were fourteen hundred cattle on through billing mostly to Eastern packing houses, although a number were billed to the South and on export to Belgium. Of the sales at the Yards, Eastern packers shipped out twenty-two hundred and twenty-nine cattle, local packers accounted for thirty-four hundred and sixteen cattle, forty-eight hundred and ninety-five hogs, and seven hundred and eighty-three sheep, while United States points took four hundred and fifty-eight stockers, sixteen hundred and eighty-three feeders, three hundred and four butcher cattle, and one hundred and forty-nine hogs. Shipments back to country points in the West were made up of four hundred and twenty-

seven stockers hundred and was slow a week, espec which sold a firmer tone cattle on the sold freely; o Stocker steers tone; those o \$6.50 to \$7.5 \$6.50; most of from \$9 to \$11 \$7.25 to \$9.50

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