

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending October 9.

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	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending
Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2		Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	9,389	9,072	7,562	\$12.75	\$14.00	\$12.75	1,241	679	1,044	\$22.00	\$17.50	\$22.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	3,546	1,814	2,508	12.00	13.50	13.00	1,818	512	1,327	16.00	15.00	17.00
Montreal (East End)	3,250	2,521	2,287	12.00	13.50	13.00	1,688	646	1,117	16.00	15.00	17.00
Winnipeg	11,653	12,128	7,815	12.25	14.50	12.50	1,211	384	671	13.00	11.00	13.00
Calgary	5,769	5,224	3,730	10.55	14.00	10.00	—	—	918	9.00	8.75	9.00
Edmonton	2,428	2,144	1,515	12.00	14.00	10.00	—	98	163	10.50	—	10.50

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	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	1918	Oct. 2	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,872	7,569	6,375	\$18.25	\$19.25	\$18.00	15,595	7,756	13,620	\$14.50	\$16.85	\$14.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,821	2,639	1,458	17.75	19.25	17.75	10,662	1,686	7,524	13.75	15.50	13.00
Montreal (East End)	1,358	1,427	909	17.75	19.25	17.75	4,531	3,002	4,882	13.75	15.50	13.00
Winnipeg	2,025	1,675	1,133	17.00	19.00	17.50	3,275	1,446	2,404	13.00	17.00	13.00
Calgary	865	923	618	17.50	18.75	17.00	1,964	5,339	1,475	10.00	14.00	12.00
Edmonton	53	704	149	17.25	18.50	16.75	879	—	316	11.50	—	12.50

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

A heavy offering of cattle was on sale on Monday, over six thousand head being in the pens. Further heavy receipts brought the total for the week up to ten thousand. The quality of the stock was inferior to that of a week ago, very few choice cattle being included in the shipments. Trading was a trifle slow on Monday and a decline of twenty-five to fifty cents per hundred was made on all grades of cattle, common stock taking the heavy end of the decline. On Tuesday the market developed more activity, while on Wednesday and Thursday sales showed a higher range and effaced the Monday decline. Local abattoirs were liberal buyers, as also were shippers, and heavy consignments were made on speculation to the United States where the beef trade has been developing strength. Very few heavy steers were offered and none were of really choice quality. The best of the heavy grades sold from \$12.25 to \$12.75 per hundred, and those of medium quality from \$11.50 to \$12 per hundred. Steers between the weights of ten hundred and twelve hundred pounds were represented by a limited number of car loads; a few head within these weights sold at \$12.50 per hundred, a good load averaging eleven hundred and twenty pounds was weighed up at \$12.40, twenty-two head averaging ten hundred and seventy pounds at \$12.25, seventeen head of eleven hundred pounds at \$12, and sixteen head of eleven hundred pounds at \$12.75. Medium quality stock moved from \$10 to \$11, and common steers from \$9 to \$9.75. Handy-weight steers and heifers under a ten hundred pounds sold generally under \$11.50 per hundred, but a few head were weighed at \$12, \$11.75 and \$11.60 per hundred, according to quality. Twelve head of handy-weights averaging nine hundred and eighty pounds changed hands at \$11.35, twenty-three head of nine hundred and ninety pounds at \$10.85, and most of the good quality stock within these weights from \$10 to \$10.75 per hundred; medium steers and heifers sold from \$8.50 to \$9.50, and common eastern stock from \$6 to \$8. Cows and bulls moved in sympathy with other grades of cattle, choice heavy bulls selling up to \$10.75 per hundred, and the best quality of cows at equal value up to \$10.75 per hundred, and the best quality of cow at equal values; medium cows moved from \$7 to \$8, and common grades from \$6 to \$7. Bologna bulls found a ready outlet from \$6 to \$7.50. An active inquiry existed for canner-cutter stock, and prices were advanced slightly, this class of cattle realizing from \$5 to \$6 per hundred. The local demand for stockers and feeders continued very dull and shipments to date have barely reached fifty per cent. The volume of those of the last two years; as a consequence, this class of stock must find an outlet across the border or go to the shambles; quotations were slightly easier. Calves were barely steady although a few veal calves sold early in the week at \$22, but toward the close \$19 to \$20 took the best quality. A few decks were shipped to the Buffalo market.

The main lamb crop is now being marketed, and receipts are far in excess

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	40	\$12.40	\$12.00-\$12.75	\$12.75					
STEERS good	537	11.87	10.75-12.50	12.75	94	\$11.25	\$10.50-\$12.00	\$12.00	
1,000-1,200 common	207	10.15	9.00-10.50	11.25					
STEERS good	564	10.71	9.75-11.25	12.25	131	10.00	9.50-10.50	10.50	
700-1,000 common	1,533	7.15	6.50-8.00	9.75	454	7.50	7.00-8.50	9.50	
HEIFERS good	606	10.67	10.00-11.50	12.25	19	9.00	8.00-9.50	9.50	
fair	678	9.18	8.50-9.50	9.50	49	7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00	
common	488	6.75	6.25-8.00	8.00	335	6.75	6.00-7.00	7.00	
COWS good	332	9.75	9.00-10.25	10.75	100	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.50	
common	1,276	7.26	6.50-8.00	8.50	395	6.57	6.00-7.50	8.00	
BULLS good	44	9.49	9.50-10.50	10.75					
common	260	6.95	6.25-7.50	9.50	1,148	5.90	5.75-6.00	6.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	908	5.50	5.00-6.00	6.00	772	5.25	5.00-5.50	6.00	
OXEN	1				31				
Calves veal	1,241	16.08	14.00-19.00	22.00	152	13.00	11.00-16.00	16.00	
grass					1,666	7.10	7.00-7.50	7.50	
STOCKERS good	783	8.02	7.50-8.50	8.50					
450-800 fair	910	7.22	6.50-7.75	7.75					
FEEDERS good	163	10.25	9.75-10.75	10.75					
800-1,100 fair	59	9.27	8.75-9.75	10.00					
Hogs selects	6,343	17.99	17.75-18.25	18.25	1,474	17.75	17.75-	17.75	
(fed and lights	371	15.97	15.75-16.00	16.00	9				
watered) sows	152	15.47	14.75-16.00	16.00	300	16.50	15.75-17.50	17.50	
stags	6	13.00	12.75-13.00	13.00	36	12.50	12.50-12.75	12.75	
LAMBS good	13,530	13.75	13.00-14.50	14.50	3,848	13.25	13.00-13.50	13.75	
common	631	10.83	9.75-12.00	12.00	5,327	12.00	11.50-12.50	12.50	
SHEEP heavy	18	8.00	7.00-8.50	8.50	419	8.40	8.00-8.50	8.50	
light	1,055	9.02	8.50-9.50	9.50	1,068	7.50	7.50-	7.75	
common	371	6.00	5.00-7.00	7.00					

of those of the same period of last year. Nearly sixteen thousand lambs were on sale, but, notwithstanding, the market held fairly steady, and satisfactory prices were realized. On Monday, the best decks sold from \$13.75 to \$14, on Wednesday \$14.50 was paid for several loads, but on Thursday the market failed to hold and \$14 was the highest price realized on top quality. Sheep were in steady demand from \$7.50 to \$9.50 per hundred, with culls at \$5 to \$7. A number of ewes went to the killing pens that could have been usefully employed for breeding purposes.

Hog receipts were exceptionally light and the market was a shade stronger. Most of the hogs sold at \$18 per hundred, but one or two decks were weighed to local butchers at \$18.25 and \$18.50 per hundred.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending Oct. 2, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 214 calves, 4,919 butcher cattle, 6,518 hogs and 11,253 lambs. Local butchers purchased 514 calves, 419 butcher cattle, 523 hogs and 1,793 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 38 calves, 334 stockers, 137 feeders, 31 hogs, 148 sheep and 29 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 289 calves, 16 bulls, 820 butcher

cattle, 625 stockers, 626 feeders and 321 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 2, inclusive, were: 284,029 cattle, 53,629 calves, 279,379 hogs and 131,105 sheep; compared with 207,394 cattle, 47,238 calves, 254,624 hogs and 71,796 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

Receipts at the two yards for the week amounted to fifteen thousand two hundred sheep, thirty-one hundred and seventy-five hogs, sixty-eight hundred cattle and thirty-five hundred calves. The stock has been coming out in a fairly well regulated manner during the present Autumn, and so far there have been none of those gluts that so seriously affect prices. The market could be still further steadied by the better distribution of shipments during the week, instead of making Monday the market for the majority, and so packers state, prices about ten cents per hundred more would then be paid for canners, bulls and common cattle arriving on Wednesday or Thursday, than for those arriving on Monday. Added to the local demand there were a number of buyers from outside points, and shipments outward were as follows: to Quebec, thirty-one

cattle and forty-nine sheep; to Harrison, New Jersey, two hundred and twenty sheep; to New York, thirty cattle, thirty-seven hundred and fifty-five sheep and two hundred and fifty-four calves to Boston, thirty-six hundred and sixty-three sheep, and five hundred and sixty-eight calves; to Province, Rhode Island one hundred and thirty-one calves; to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, thirty-three cattle; to Buffalo, New York, three hundred and forty-four cattle, and to Toronto, four hundred and forty-five cattle, one hundred and sixty-three hogs, and ninety-two lambs. There were very few good cattle offered and the highest price was paid \$12 per hundred for a load averaging about eleven hundred and twenty-five pounds. A couple of fairly good loads of steers averaging from ten hundred to ten hundred and fifty pounds were sold for \$10.35 and \$11.25 respectively. Some lighter steers of fair quality were sold down to \$9.50 per hundred. Common light cattle were in poor demand and changed hands at slightly lower prices than similar stock during the previous week, and many sales were made between \$7 and \$8 per hundred. A few good heifers were weighed up with steers and fat cows at \$9.50 per hundred. Nearly all the heifers offered were light and of common