

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending March 13

Receipts and Market Tops

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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	
Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6		Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	6,341	4,478	7,349	\$15.25	\$12.00	\$15.75	1,018	916	883	\$19.00	\$17.00	\$19.25	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	553	491	602	14.00	12.00		1,202	1,166	1,062	13.50	16.00	15.00	
Montreal (East End)	747	352	616	14.00	12.00		707	589	440	13.50	16.00	15.00	
Winnipeg	2,217	1,623	1,544	15.00	12.50	15.50	81	61	39	12.00	14.00	12.50	
Calgary	2,000	1,346	1,492	15.00	12.00	14.92	85	41	43	11.00		10.00	
Edmonton	516	317	530	13.50	11.50	13.50						11.00	

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	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6		Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	1918	Mar. 6	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,922	479	4,493	\$19.00	\$20.15	\$18.50	856	429	1,113	\$18.50	\$19.50	\$18.25	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,412	1,568	1,135	18.50	20.75	18.00	103	43	108	15.00	17.00	15.00	
Montreal (East End)	465	455	688	18.50	20.75	18.00	103	35	107	15.00	17.00	15.00	
Winnipeg	7,218	6,168	4,238	18.75	20.10	17.25	194	33	133	15.50	17.00		
Calgary	2,918	3,462	1,710	18.25	20.50	17.15	1,918	172	61	13.00		13.50	
Edmonton	706	825	585	17.50	20.00	16.75	1,917		194	13.00		*10.00	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

An active demand prevailed for cattle throughout the week and although trading was a trifle slow and prices 25 to 50 cents per hundred lower on Monday, this weakness was overcome on the following three days when an active inquiry prevailed for all good grades of cattle. Although the demand from United States buyers was scarcely as good as during the previous few weeks, local abattoirs bought more liberally and of the sixty-five hundred cattle on sale but few were left over at the close of the week. The quality of the stock was only fair. Very few heavy cattle were offered, and many of those of lighter weights lacked the necessary finish. For the best heavy steers on the market from \$14.50 to \$15 per hundred was the ruling price, while a few head sold at \$15.25. Of steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, one load of eleven hundred and fifty pounds at \$15 per hundred, several small lots were weighed up at an equal figure, two or three loads of ten hundred and fifty pounds sold at \$14.75 per hundred, numerous sales were made from \$14 to \$14.50, while stock of medium quality in this class moved from \$13 to \$14. Of steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds, several small lots weighing from nine hundred and fifty pounds to nine hundred and ninety pounds sold at \$14.50, one or two straight loads moved at \$14, and numerous sales were made from \$13 to \$13.75 per hundred; medium quality stock brought from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per hundred. Cows and bulls were in steady demand and several loads of bulls were bought for the American trade. A few bulls sold up to \$11.50 per hundred, while the majority moved from \$10 to \$10.50. A few choice cows sold as high as \$12 per hundred, numerous sales were made from \$10.50 to \$11.50 and lots of medium quality stock sold from \$9 to \$10. There was very little movement in stockers and feeders and prices were steady. Good weighty feeders sold from \$12 to \$13 and breeder stockers from \$10 to \$11. Calves were moving more freely and the market is inclined to be a little easier. Choice veal sold as high as \$18.50 per hundred, and medium veal from \$14 to \$16.

Lambs and sheep were in good demand. Lambs changed hands as high as \$18.50 per hundred, and sheep up to \$12.

The hog market gained considerable strength and an advance of from \$1 to \$1.25 per hundred was made, select hogs selling on Thursday at \$19 per hundred, fed and watered. Hog products are now moving overseas.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 6, Canadian packing houses purchased 370 calves, 3,882 butcher cattle, 4,606 hogs and 673 lambs. Local butchers purchased 363 calves, 437 butcher cattle, 365 hogs, 50 sheep and 408 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 1 calf, 61 milch cows, 71 stockers, 207 feeders,

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
Classification	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	15	\$15.25	\$14.75-\$15.50	\$15.50					
STEERS good	203	14.54	14.00-15.00	15.25					
1,000-1,200 common	15	12.56	11.75-13.00	13.75	31	\$13.90	\$13.50-\$14.00	\$14.00	
STEERS good	1,455	13.28	12.75-14.00	14.25	49	12.50	11.50-13.50	13.50	
700-1,000 common	679	11.19	10.00-11.75	12.50	88	11.00	10.00-11.50	11.50	
HEIFERS good	747	13.06	12.50-13.75	14.50	14	11.50	10.50-12.50	12.50	
fair	413	11.27	10.75-12.00	12.00	7	10.00	9.00-10.50	10.50	
common	65	9.50	9.00-10.25	10.50	41	8.00	7.00-8.50	8.75	
COWS good	540	10.22	9.75-10.50	11.50	24	10.25	9.50-10.50	11.00	
common	1,134	8.28	7.75-9.00	9.00	85	8.50	7.50-9.00	9.50	
BULLS good	98	10.29	9.75-11.00	11.50	9	10.25	9.75-11.00	11.00	
common	134	8.54	8.00-9.00	10.00	94	8.50	7.50-9.50	9.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	216	6.25	5.75-6.75	6.75	76	5.50	5.00-6.00	6.50	
OXEN									
CALVES veal	1,002	15.26	14.00-17.00	19.00	1,189	12.50	11.00-13.50	13.50	
grass	16	7.21	6.00-9.00	9.00	13				
STOCKERS good	225	10.34	9.75-11.00	11.00					
450-800 fair	159	9.01	8.00-9.50	10.00					
FEEDERS good	175	12.16	11.50-13.00	13.00					
800-1,000 fair	68	11.15	10.50-12.00	12.00					
Hogs selects	4,679	18.66	17.50-19.00	19.00	971	18.35	18.25-18.50	18.50	
(fed and lights	117	16.24	15.50-17.00	17.00	10	17.00	16.25-17.50	17.50	
watered	104	16.00	14.50-17.00	17.00	145	16.35	16.25-16.50	16.50	
sows	10	13.85	13.25-14.00	14.75	16	15.35	15.25-15.50	15.50	
stags					2				
LAMBS good	650	17.68	17.00-18.00	18.50	19	15.00	15.00-	15.00	
common	87	15.35	13.00-17.00	17.00	76	14.00	13.00-14.50	14.50	
SHEEP heavy	49	10.00	9.50-10.50	10.50					
light	68	11.05	10.50-12.00	12.00	5	11.00	11.00-	11.00	
common	2	7.00	5.00-8.00	8.00	3	10.00		10.50	

76 hogs and 40 lambs. Shipments to United States' points consisted of 155 calves, 2,701 butcher cattle, 58 feeders and 91 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to March 6, inclusive, were: 62,553 cattle, 5,701 calves, 67,059 hogs and 23,235 sheep; compared with 42,697 cattle, 5,217 calves, 78,038 hogs and 8,954 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

Owing to the lack of shipments of good beef steers from Western Ontario this winter to the Montreal market, there is scarcely any good cattle being offered. The best load on hand for some time was on the market Monday. This load consisted of an even lot of steers averaging about eleven hundred pounds, which were sold for \$14 per hundred, dressed five hundred and twenty pounds to the thousand, and were quite fat. A couple of smaller lots of lighter weights sold from \$13.50 to \$13.75, respectively. Lighter steers weighing nine hundred and fifty pounds, in fair flesh, sold for \$12.50, and the majority of the common steers at \$11. The best cows offered sold at \$11, the majority of good cows at \$10.50, and nearly all those of fair quality from \$8.50 to \$9.50. Calves were poorer in quality than those of the previous week and many of those offered were too young

prices were lower, the best individuals selling around \$13.50, while sales of car lots were made at \$11 to \$13.

Very few sheep and lambs are being received at present. Sheep are in most cases poor. The best sheep sell at \$11 per hundred. Some lambs quite fat sell at \$15.

Hogs advanced from \$18.50 for selects, off cars, on Monday, to \$18.75 on Wednesday. There are some prospects of a still further advance. With the western drovers off the market entirely there is a good opportunity for farmers in the eastern districts to market well-fattened stock.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 6, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,062 calves, 134 canners and cutters, 112 bulls, 332 butcher cattle, 1,135 hogs and 108 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 24 milch cows. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to March 6, inclusive, were: 7,458 cattle, 3,892 calves, 11,463 hogs and 4,828 sheep; compared with 6,189 cattle, 3,022 calves, 11,630 hogs and 4,944 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 6, Canadian packing houses and local

luthers purchased 440 calves, 571 butcher cattle, 688 hogs and 107 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 45 butcher cattle.

The total receipts from January 1 to March 6, inclusive, were: 8,924 cattle, 2,134 calves, 6,483 hogs and 5,280 sheep; compared with 6,873 cattle, 2,583 calves, 8,030 hogs and 4,633 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Chicago.

Hogs.—Heavy-weight, \$19.30 to \$19.66; medium weight, \$19.20; to \$19.40; light-weight \$18.60 to \$19.20; lights, \$17.25 to \$18.60; sows, \$17.25 to \$18.75; pigs, \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Cattle.—Compared with a week ago, beef steers and she stock mostly 25c. to 50c. higher; feeders strong; calves steady to 25c. lower.

Sheep.—Compared with a week ago, good and choice fat sheep and lambs, 50c. to 75c. higher; other killing classes mostly 25c. higher; feeders strong.

Cheese Markets.

Montreal, finest easterns, 24c. to 25c.; New York, specials 32½c. to 32¾c.; average run, 32c. to 32¾c.