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Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending November 1.

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 Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25	Week Ending Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25	Week Ending Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25	Week Ending Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	8,388	10,179	9,271	\$11.00	\$ 8.00	678	928	799	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$15.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,118	1,818	3,036	10.25	7.75	650	734	1,004	15.00	10.50	15.00
Montreal (East End)	1,761	1,699	3,431	10.25	7.75	418	502	640	15.00	10.50	15.00
Winnipeg	14,643	5,234	9,313	11.00	6.75	755	290	623	9.50	7.50	10.00
Calgary	2,290	2,132	2,940	9.25	6.10				8.50		9.00

HOGS						SHEEP					
Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
Week Ending Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25	Week Ending Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25	Week Ending Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25	Week Ending Nov. 1	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Oct. 25
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,004	17,738	8,805	\$16.00	\$11.60	7,080	10,098	8,500	\$16.25	\$11.25	\$16.75
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,595	1,871	1,339	16.75	11.75	4,694	2,265	5,637	16.00	11.00	16.00
Montreal (East End)	939	2,206	1,332	16.75	11.75	1,027	2,341	1,933	16.00	11.00	16.00
Winnipeg	3,891	5,266	3,273	15.00	10.25	1,164	984	1,635	15.50	10.25	15.25
Calgary	1,194	1,647	1,061	14.65	10.00	2,107	1,420	621	13.65	9.75	13.65

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

Almost nine thousand cattle were on sale at the local Yards during the week and of this number, over five thousand were on sale on the Monday market. The quality offered showed but little improvement over the previous week, loads of canners, rough cows and inferior bredsteers and heifers being on sale. As the local abattoirs are purchasing a considerable proportion of their butcher cattle on the western Canada market, the demand for this class could scarcely be classed as better than steady, throughout a week of featureless trading. There was, however, a little more activity on the closing market. The heavy cattle offered for sale were confined to a very few head and \$11 was the top price recorded for an odd head or two of steers weighing slightly under thirteen hundred pounds. The best prices for steers of eleven hundred pounds ranged from \$10.10 to \$10.50 per hundred; only a very limited number of loads sold at these prices. Medium quality cattle sold at \$8.75 to \$9.50. Handy weight butcher steers of quality sold from \$9 to \$9.75, but the bulk of the sales did not go beyond \$8.50. A few choice fat heifers brought \$9.50 per hundred, and common steers and heifers from \$6.50 to \$7.50. Choice cows continue to be in good demand and odd sales were made at \$9 per hundred, although for straight loads of good killers \$8.25 to \$8.75 constituted the range. Medium cows sold at \$7 to \$7.75 and common at \$6 to \$6.75. Few bulls of good killing quality are being offered, but good quality would bring from \$8 to \$8.50. Nearly all the bulls on sale are of bologna grading and are selling from \$6 to \$7 per hundred. Canners and cutters are moving to the market freely and for these the demand is apparently unlimited at prices ranging from \$5.25 to \$5.75. The offerings of stockers and feeders last week was not up to the usual mark, there being a noticeable scarcity of western Canada cattle. Coinciding with this, was a slower demand for feeders at a trifle easier prices and fewer head than the previous week were shipped to country points. One load of short-keep feeders of eleven hundred pounds sold at \$10.40 per hundred, but this was an exceptional sale. Few feeders sold above \$9 during the week, the bulk of the best selling from \$8.50 to \$9 per hundred, with stocker prices ranging from \$7.75 to \$8.50, for the best and from \$6.50 to \$7.50 for those of common quality. Calves were slow sale throughout the week and rough calves were a trifle hard to dispose of. Choice veal sold as high as \$15 per hundred, while choice stocker calves of three hundred to four hundred pounds weight were on sale at from \$9 to \$10 per hundred.

Lamb receipts were lighter with prices fairly stationary all week. On Monday \$15.75 to \$16 per hundred was paid for the bulk of the lambs, although a few reached \$16.25; on Tuesday \$16 was the top price recorded, while on Wednesday they were again selling at \$15.75 to \$16.25, closing on Thursday at this level. Common and cull lambs continue to sell from \$10 to \$15. Breeding sheep are in good demand and sold from \$13 to \$15.50 per hundred, while a few lambs for breeding purposes realized \$18. Several car

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)						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		3								
STEERS	good	379	\$10.15	\$ 9.75-\$10.50	\$11.00	45	\$10.10	\$10.00-\$10.25	\$10.25	
1,000-1,200	common	123	8.97	8.25- 9.50	10.00	18	9.00	8.75- 9.25	9.75	
STEERS	good	628	9.26	8.75- 9.75	10.00	2	8.25	8.25-	8.25	
700-1,000	common	795	7.87	7.00- 8.25	8.75	213	7.85	7.50- 7.90	8.00	
HEIFERS	good	128	9.48	9.00- 10.00	10.50	1	10.25	10.25-	10.25	
	fair	532	8.20	7.75- 8.50	8.50	48	7.70	7.50- 8.25	8.25	
	common	479	7.23	6.75- 7.50	7.50	122	6.90	6.75- 7.00	7.50	
COWS	good	173	7.78	7.25- 8.50	9.00	8	8.00	7.50- 8.50	8.75	
	common	2,045	6.48	6.00- 7.75	7.75	105	6.85	6.50- 7.00	7.50	
BULLS	good	8	7.94	7.00- 8.50	8.75					
	common	300	6.49	6.00- 7.00	7.75	604	6.50	6.50-	8.25	
CANNERS & CUTTERS		1,358	5.50	5.25- 5.75	5.75	934	5.30	5.25- 5.65	6.25	
OXEN						6				
CALVES	veal	525	13.55	11.00- 15.00	15.00	117	12.75	11.00- 14.00	15.00	
	grass	153	7.04	6.00- 9.00	9.00	533	7.00	7.00-	7.50	
STOCKERS 450-800	good	150	8.04	7.75- 8.50	8.50					
	fair	768	7.43	7.00- 7.75	7.75					
FEEDERS 800-1,000	good	187	9.17	8.75- 9.50	9.50					
	fair	332	8.62	8.25- 9.00	9.00					
HOGS (fed and watered)	selects	6,645	16.65	16.25- 17.00	17.00	1,402	16.70	16.50- 16.75	16.75	
	heavies					2	16.50	16.50-	16.50	
	lights	172	15.64	15.25- 16.00	16.00	130	16.00	15.25- 16.25	16.25	
	sows	184	14.27	13.75- 14.50	14.50	60	13.75	13.50- 14.00	14.00	
	stags	3	12.85	12.25- 13.00	13.00	1	13.50	13.50-	13.50	
LAMBS	good	6,250	15.89	15.50- 16.25	16.25	1,964	15.90	15.50- 16.00	16.00	
	common	377	13.23	12.00- 15.00	15.00	2,333	15.00	14.50- 15.50	15.50	
SHEEP	heavy	19	9.39	8.00- 10.00	10.00	67	11.75	11.50- 12.50	12.50	
	light	184	13.71	10.00- 15.00	15.50	150	12.75	12.00- 13.00	13.00	
	common	250	7.24	6.50- 9.00	9.00	180	11.00	10.10-	11.00	

loads of breeding stock went to farmers at country points under the Free Freight Policy of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Hogs on the Monday market sold at \$16.75 per hundred, fed and watered. On Tuesday the price was reduced by 25 cents with \$16.25 to \$16.50 being quoted as the range. On Wednesday the bulk of the hogs sold at \$16.50, although some sales were reported at \$16.75. On Thursday, all sales were made at \$16.75. The bulk of the hogs now offered are of good quality but the receipts are lighter than is usual for this season of the year.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 25th, Canadian packing houses bought 305 calves, 193 bulls, 6,044 butcher cattle, 9,228 hogs, and 7,051 lambs. Local butchers purchased 534 butcher cattle, 425 hogs, 264 calves, and 1,083 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 56 calves, 66 milch cows, 27 butcher cattle, 1,198 stockers, 611 feeders, 83 hogs, and 917 lambs. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 77 calves, 66 butcher cattle, 57 stockers, and 225 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1st to October 25th, inclusive, were: 227,770 cattle, 40,531 calves, 104,010 sheep and

352,327 hogs; compared to 226,214 cattle, 39,089 calves, 111,623 sheep and 381,881 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Montreal.

Receipts of cattle during the week were fewer by two thousand head than those of the previous week. There were, however, considerable numbers of cattle on hand that had been held over from last Thursday's market in expectation of higher prices and, in addition, part of the heavy purchases made by the packing house; the previous week had not been removed from the Yards owing to lack of abattoir accommodation. The majority of the week's offerings were on sale on Monday and all available yard space was filled. Buyers on American account had only small orders to fill and Canadian buyers still had a part of last week's purchases of which to take care; consequently, the demand was not keen and, in view of the heavy receipts, drovers had some difficulty in maintaining last week's closing prices on the best grades of cattle, while the quotations on the common and medium butcher stock were slightly shaded. The market was draggy during the remainder of the week and a considerable number of cattle remained unsold. Buyers, however, are anxious for all

the cattle they can properly handle and a stronger market is expected for next week, should the packers be able to clean up their present holdings. The quality of the cattle while showing some improvement over recent receipts, consisted largely of light-weight stock of medium to common quality. Steers of good quality and weighing from one thousand to twelve hundred pounds were few in number and sold from \$10 to \$10.25 per hundred, and those of medium quality from \$8.50 to \$9. Butcher steers of from seven hundred to one thousand pounds barely maintained the prices on last week's closing market. While a few sold at \$9, the bulk of the sales was made from \$8.25 to \$8.50 for those of good quality, and from \$7.50 to \$7.90 for those of medium to common quality. One extra good butcher heifer sold at \$10.25 per hundred and the bulk of the best from \$7 to \$8.25; those of common quality realized from \$6.75 to \$7; a reduction of about 25 cents per hundred from last week's closing figures. Butcher cows sold well, the average quality showing a decided improvement. The best cows sold from \$7.75 to \$8.75, and those of common quality from \$6.25 to \$7. The majority of the canners sold at a flat rate of \$5.25 and the majority of the butcher bulls at a flat rate of \$6.50.