

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending November 6.

Receipts and Market Tops.

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

	Receipts						CALVES					
	Top Price Good Steers			Top Price Good Calves			Top Price Good Steers			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
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	Nov. 6	1918	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	1918	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	1918	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	1918	Oct. 30
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	12,265	8,764	11,643	\$12.25	\$13.75	\$12.50	954	535	1,156	\$18.50	\$17.75	\$20.00
Montreal (East End)	2,247	1,915	2,078	11.50	12.00	12.50	335	511	463	17.00	15.50	16.00
Winnipeg	2,779	1,308	2,246	11.50	12.00	12.50	918	245	571	17.00	15.50	16.00
Calgary	15,376	14,727	16,390	11.00	12.50	11.00	1,184	787	1,652	10.00	10.00	10.00
Edmonton	5,794	5,647	3,964	10.25	12.50	10.25	782	683	8.00	8.00	8.25	8.00
	3,385	982	2,712	9.50	11.25	9.50	322	46	368	6.50	8.00	8.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

Almost fourteen thousand cattle were on sale during the week, Ontario receipts being augmented by fairly heavy shipments from Western Canada which included some of the best heavy cattle offered. Ontario grass cattle are coming forward in liberal numbers, Eastern Ontario contributing the usual Autumn supply of canners, and nondescript light butcher stock. Owing to the weakness prevailing on the American markets, speculators catering to the United States trade were less active, and shipments to the South were somewhat curtailed. Local abattoirs, however, bought freely, and with the stocker and feeder trade more active, the large offering was well absorbed. Good and choice cattle had an active sale, while common Eastern cattle sold at slight recessions in price. Among the Western cattle offered for sale was one load averaging thirteen hundred pounds which sold at \$13.50 per hundred, and two or three loads which sold at \$13. Best Ontario cattle sold at \$13, several small drafts being weighed at that figure. Steers between the weights of ten hundred and twelve hundred pounds with finish moved from \$11 to \$12, twenty-five head averaging eleven hundred and eighty pounds bringing the latter price. Other good sales included twenty-four head averaging ten hundred and fifty pounds at \$11.00, twenty-two head of ten hundred and ten pounds at \$11.75, while medium quality in this grade sold at \$9 to \$10 per hundred. Handy-weight butcher steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds sold up to \$13; four head averaging nine hundred and seventy-five pounds reaching that figure. One straight load averaging nine hundred and eighty pounds sold at \$11.35, a second at \$11.25, with other loads of equal weight at \$11.20 and \$10.85 per hundred. Light butcher cattle, which comprised the bulk of the offering, sold from \$6 to \$8.50 per hundred. Good cows had a steady call at good prices, a few choice cows selling at \$10, with good cows from \$9 to \$9.75, medium and common from \$6 to \$7.50, and canners and cutters from \$5 to \$5.50 per hundred. One or two choice bulls sold at \$11, with good bulls from \$9 to \$10, and bologna bulls from \$5 to \$7. Stockers and feeders were a trifle more active, and good stockers moved from \$8 to \$8.50 per hundred, with feeders at \$9 to \$10. Calves were unchanged, with top quality in veal calves at \$18.50 per hundred. A large percentage of the calves offered were heavy calves, and for that reason were somewhat hard to sell.

Heavy lamb receipts continue to feature the sheep market, nearly nineteen thousand head being on sale. Prices were barely as strong as a week ago, lambs selling generally from \$13 to \$13.75 per hundred, a few deers at \$14, and a deck of extra choice lambs averaging eight-two pounds from Paris, Ontario, at \$14.25 per hundred. A few carloads of breeding ewes were shipped to the country at \$9 to \$13 per head.

Hog receipts were much lighter, and, with a stronger tone on the Buffalo market, were a shade higher, fed and watered selling at \$17 per hundred, with

CLASSIFICATION		No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price
STEERS				Bulk Sales	
heavy finished.....		48	\$12.59	\$11.75-\$13.25	\$14.25
STEERS	good.....	514	11.34	10.25-11.75	12.25
1,000-1,200	common.....	72	9.41	8.75-10.25	10.50
STEERS	good.....	1,043	9.59	9.00-10.25	11.75
700-1,000	common.....	1,874	6.49	6.00-7.50	8.50
HEIFERS	good.....	996	9.65	9.00-10.25	12.00
	fair.....	460	8.14	7.50-8.50	9.00
	common.....	674	6.25	6.00-7.00	7.00
COWS	good.....	338	9.30	8.50-10.00	10.25
	common.....	1,385	6.60	6.00-7.50	7.75
BULLS	good.....	69	9.60	8.50-10.00	10.25
	common.....	310	6.85	5.75-7.50	8.75
CANNERS & CUTTERS.....		2,454	5.25	5.00-5.50	5.75
OXEN.....					
CALVES					
	veal.....	737	14.51	12.00-17.00	18.50
	grass.....	217	6.21	5.00-8.00	8.00
STOCKERS	good.....	575	8.00	7.50-8.50	8.50
450-800	fair.....	1,000	7.13	6.25-7.75	7.75
FEEDERS	good.....	324	9.67	9.25-10.00	10.25
800-1,100	fair.....	129	8.66	8.00-9.00	9.25
HOGS	selects.....	8,820	16.98	16.50-17.00	17.00
(fed and	heavies.....	13	17.00	-17.00	17.00
watered)	lights.....	252	15.42	14.75-15.00	16.00
	sows.....	131	13.45	11.75-14.75	15.00
	stags.....	3			12.00
LAMBS	good.....	15,251	13.48	13.00-14.25	14.25
	common.....	477	9.66	7.00-13.25	13.25
SHEEP	heavy.....	1,770	8.50	8.00-10.00	10.00
	light.....	325	5.67	4.00-7.00	7.00
	common.....				

lights \$2 off, and sows from \$12 to \$15 per hundred.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 30, Canadian packing houses purchased 353 calves, 7,979 butcher cattle, 16,782 hogs and 15,231 lambs. Local butchers purchased 486 calves, 719 butcher cattle, 178 hogs and 2,499 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 21 calves, 612 stockers, 511 feeders, 67 hogs, 187 sheep, and 313 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 291 calves, 112 canners and cutters, 741 butcher cattle, 325 stockers, 1,089 feeders and 353 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 30, inclusive, were: 290,768 cattle, 58,780 calves, 317,331 hogs and 198,635 sheep; compared with 233,296 cattle, 49,509 calves, 285,158 hogs and 106,024 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

With lighter runs of cattle and receipts of sheep and lambs much diminished, packer buyers are showing a keener demand for canners and cattle for boning; the meat from the latter is frozen and shipped over seas. At present the Montreal yards can absorb only a limited number of good cattle and as a consequence any liberal offerings of quality stock cause price

reductions. The best load of steers offered averaged eleven hundred pounds, and was sold at \$11.50 per hundred; another lot of about equal quality was shipped off the market unsold, the owner refusing to accept the prices offered. One load of fair steers averaging eleven hundred pounds sold at \$10 per hundred, while lighter weights of good grades of steers changed hands up to \$10.75. A good many sales of mixed lots of light steers and heifers were made from \$8.25 to \$9. A few steers and heifers weighing nine hundred pounds and under were bought for feeder purposes at prices ranging up to \$9. One straight load of fat light heifers were sold at \$9.75, while very common young heifers sold around \$7. The common price for canners was \$4.75, and for bologna bulls \$5.75. A few fairly heavy bulls sold up to \$7. Numerous sales of fairly good cows were made between \$7 and \$7.75. Quite a large percentage of the stock now being listed as calves is made up of small yearlings which sell at \$5.50 per hundred. Grass calves sold generally at \$6.50, with a few sales up to \$7. The top for good veal was \$17, while most of the sales were made between \$14 and \$16. Common veal

The market for lambs remained unchanged from the previous week, tops

selling at \$13.75 per hundred and good to fair lambs in mixed lots from \$13 to \$13.50. Sheep sold from \$6 to \$8.

Despite an effort to effect a reduction in the price of hogs the majority of the sales were made at \$17 for selects, off cars; this price, however, was only paid for select lots. Lights sold from \$1 to \$2 per hundred below select prices, according to quality and weight. Sows were cut \$5, and stags \$7, from the prices for selects.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 30, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 463 calves, 2,042 butcher cattle, 1,510 hogs and 2,860 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 74 hogs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 1,931 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 30, inclusive, were 48,055 cattle, 67,256 calves, 71,058 hogs and 85,956 sheep; compared with 43,419 cattle, 58,685 calves, 59,813 hogs, and 42,856 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 30, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 571 calves, 2,218 butcher cattle, 1,758 hogs, and 2,110