

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			Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)			CALVES						
	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	12,265	8,764	11,643	\$12.25	\$13.75	\$12.50	954	535	1,156	\$18.50	\$17.75	\$20.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	2,247	1,915	2,078	11.50	12.00	12.50	335	511	463	17.00	15.50	16.00	
Montreal (East End)	2,779	1,308	2,246	11.00	12.50	11.00	918	245	571	17.00	15.50	10.00	
Winnipeg	15,376	14,727	16,390	10.25	12.50	10.25	1,184	787	1,652	10.00	10.00	8.25	
Calgary	5,794	5,647	3,964	9.50	11.25	9.50	782		683	8.00		8.00	
Edmonton	3,385	982	2,712				322	46	368	6.50		8.00	

	Receipts			Top Price Selects			SHEEP						
	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	9,219	10,908	15,076	\$17.00	\$18.25	\$18.50	17,823	8,617	18,156	\$14.25	\$15.75	\$14.60	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,991	1,624	1,584	16.75	18.00	17.25	3,365	2,859	4,791	13.75	14.75	13.75	
Montreal (East End)	1,485	673	2,042	16.75	18.00	17.25	2,558	4,481	2,446	13.75	14.75	13.75	
Winnipeg	2,442	5,552	4,052	15.50	17.50	17.00	4,062	3,100	6,061	13.00	15.50	13.00	
Calgary	356	1,741	288	15.75	17.00	18.25	1,800	3,384	1,692	11.50	12.50	11.50	
Edmonton	161	785	208	16.00	16.50	17.25	179	466	303	11.25		11.50	

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 \$11.60, 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

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	48	\$12.59	\$11.75-\$13.25	\$14.25					
STEERS good 1,000-1,200	514	11.34	10.25-11.75	12.25	51	11.50	-11.50	11.50	
STEERS common 700-1,000	72	9.41	8.75-10.25	10.50	21	10.00	-10.00	10.00	
HEIFERS good	1,043	9.59	9.00-10.25	11.75	43	10.00	9.75-10.75	10.75	
HEIFERS fair	1,874	6.49	6.00-7.50	8.50	408	8.25	7.50-9.25	9.50	
HEIFERS common	996	9.65	9.00-10.25	12.00	57	9.00	8.50-9.75	9.75	
COWS good	460	8.14	7.50-8.50	9.00	47	7.75	7.50-8.50	8.50	
COWS fair	674	6.25	6.00-7.00	7.00	254	7.00	6.00-7.50	7.50	
COWS common	338	9.30	8.50-10.00	10.25	32	8.60	8.00-9.00	9.00	
BULLS good	1,385	6.60	6.00-7.50	7.75	249	7.00	6.50-8.00	8.00	
BULLS common	69	9.60	8.50-10.00	10.25	464	5.85	5.75-6.50	7.00	
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CANNERS & CUTTERS	2,454	5.25	5.00-5.50	5.75					
OXEN									
CALVES veal	737	14.51	12.00-17.00	18.50	94	13.50	10.00-16.00	17.00	
CALVES grass	217	6.21	5.00-8.00	8.00	241	6.50	-6.50	7.00	
STOCKERS good 450-800	575	8.00	7.50-8.50	8.50					
STOCKERS fair	1,000	7.13	6.25-7.75	7.75					
FEEDERS good 800-1,100	324	9.67	9.25-10.00	10.25					
FEEDERS fair	129	8.66	8.00-9.00	9.25					
HOGS selects	8,820	16.98	16.50-17.00	17.00	1,685	16.75	-16.75	16.75	
HOGS (fed and watered) lights	13	17.00	-17.00	17.00	9	15.75	-15.75	15.75	
HOGS lights	252	15.42	14.75-15.00	16.00	265	15.50	14.75-15.75	15.75	
HOGS sows	131	13.45	11.75-14.75	15.00	29	11.75	-11.75	11.75	
HOGS stags	3			12.00	3	9.75	-9.75	9.75	
LAMBS good	15,251	13.48	13.00-14.25	14.25	940	13.75	-13.75	13.75	
LAMBS common	477	9.66	7.00-13.25	13.25	1,917	12.00	10.50-12.50	12.50	
SHEEP heavy									
SHEEP light	1,770	8.50	8.00-10.00	10.00	160	7.75	7.50-8.00	8.00	
SHEEP common	325	5.67	4.00-7.00	7.00	348	7.00	-7.00	7.50	

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