

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending January 30

Receipts and Market Tops

Dominion Department of Agriculture Live
Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

CATTLE

Receipts						Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)						
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Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	6,232	6,174	7,729	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$17.00	728	445	3,033	\$15.00	\$18.75	\$15.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	434	1,283	1,071	16.75	19.75	17.25	176	669	829	14.00	17.00	14.00
Montreal (East End)	409	759	824	16.75	19.75	17.25	491	512	1,340	14.00	17.00	14.00
Winnipeg	7,072	7,472	6,407	15.50	18.25	15.75	179	35	243	15.25	17.50	15.25
Calgary	2,567	2,150	1,916	14.75	17.50	14.25	2,279	110	377	13.00		
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SHEEP

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		heavy finished.....	118	\$14.25	\$13.75-\$14.50	\$15.00					
		STEERS	good.....	236	12.91	12.25- 13.75	14.50				
		1,000-1,200	common.....	17	11.20	10.00- 12.00	12.50				
		STEERS	good.....	1,033	11.92	11.25- 12.50	13.00	61	\$10.00	\$ 9.50-\$12.00	\$12.00
		700-1,000	common.....	247	9.91	8.75- 10.50	11.00	24	8.75	8.00- 9.00	9.50
		HEIFERS	good.....	881	12.23	11.25- 13.00	13.25	6	9.25	9.00- 10.50	10.50
			fair.....	111	10.04	9.00- 10.50	10.50	14	8.25	8.00- 8.50	9.00
			common.....	30	8.46	7.50- 9.00	9.25	34	6.50	6.00- 7.50	8.00
		COWS	good.....	481	9.44	9.00- 10.00	10.25	25	9.00	8.50- 9.50	9.50
			common.....	564	7.25	6.75- 7.75	8.00	111	7.00	6.50- 8.00	8.00
		BULLS	good.....	71	9.50	9.00- 10.00	10.50	6	8.50	8.00- 9.00	9.00
			common.....	61	7.60	7.00- 8.50	9.00	90	6.50	6.00- 7.50	8.00
		CANNERS & CUTTERS.....		279	5.77	5.50- 6.25	6.25	147	5.60	5.50- 6.25	6.50
		OXEN.....						11	8.50	8.00- 9.00	9.00
		CALVES	veal.....	501	15.00	14.00- 16.00	16.75	130	14.00	12.00- 15.50	15.50
			grass.....	2			8.00	23	6.00	6.00-	6.50
		STOCKERS	good.....	120	9.37	8.75- 9.75	9.75				
		450-800	fair.....	86	7.87	7.00- 8.50	9.00				
		FEEDERS	good.....	290	11.25	10.75- 11.50	11.75				
800-1,000	fair.....	57	10.50	10.00- 10.75	10.75						
HOGS	selects.....	5,880	16.45	16.00- 17.00	17.00	365	16.65	16.75-	16.75		
	heavies.....	65	15.54	15.00- 16.00	16.00						
(fed and	lights.....	162	14.28	14.00- 15.00	15.00	65	14.75	14.75-	14.75		
watered)	sows.....	122	13.37	13.00- 14.00	14.00	4	13.75	13.75-	13.75		
	stags.....	3	11.00		12.00						
LAMBS	good.....	601	14.14	13.75- 15.00	15.00	8	14.00	14.00-	14.00		
	common.....	79	12.50	12.00- 13.00	13.00	98	13.00	12.50- 13.50	13.50		
SHEEP	heavy.....	8	8.50	8.00- 9.00	9.00						
	light.....	22	9.25	9.00- 9.50	9.50	25	10.00	10.00-	10.00		
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\$6 per hundred. There was a light demand for stockers and feeders, and prices were unchanged. Calves were inclined to be easier with choice veal selling at \$16, and medium stock from \$13 to \$15.

Lamb receipts were very light and prices ruled higher. The bulk of the week's lambs sold from \$14 to \$14.75, with a few sales at the end of the week at \$15 and \$15.50 per hundred.

Hog prices were a trifle unsettled early in the week pending the decision of the American Congress as to the minimum hog prices for the coming month. When the January minimum of \$17.50 was set for February, prices here settled at a range of from \$16 to \$16.50, for fed and watered hogs. While prices will likely remain fairly steady around this level for the next few weeks it is scarcely expected that, following the drop in corn and oats, prices will strengthen any.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending January 23, Canadian packing houses purchased 292 calves, 5,587 butcher cattle, 168 hogs and 1,573 lambs. Local butchers purchased 331 calves, 600 butcher cattle, 291 hogs, 798 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 47 calves, 231 stockers, 173 feeders, 13 hogs, 71 sheep and 87 lambs. Shipments to United

States points consisted of 1,064 butcher cattle, 168 feeders, 148 hogs and 344 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to January 23, inclusive, were: 22,264 cattle, 1,968 calves, 26,436 hogs and 14,149 sheep; compared with 16,705 cattle, 1,656 calves, 31,749 hogs and 5,441 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

Under light receipts and with considerable reductions in prices on the better grades of cattle, the markets were nearer to a clean-up than at any time during the last three weeks. Canners sold in most cases at the previous week's price of \$5.50 per hundred and canner bulls from \$6 to \$6.50. Other grades of cattle were lower by 75c. to \$1.00 per hundred. One small lot of steers sold at \$12 but the majority of the steers were light and not fat and were weighed up around \$9 to \$9.50 per hundred. One load, composed of heifers and some very good young steers, averaging slightly under ten hundred pounds, sold at \$10.50, while some very common steers averaging seven hundred pounds sold at \$7. Good bulls, a number of which weighed around eighteen hundred were sold at \$9 and the best cows changed hands around \$9.50.

These prices were all considerably lower than had been expected by the drovers, and as the lower quotations added to the cost of carrying the cattle until they could be sold, some heavy losses were incurred. Calves, sheep and lambs remained steady.

Hogs were hard to sell at \$17, per hundred, off cars, despite the fact that there were very few offered.

Packers are as much as possible discouraging the shipments of live stock until some of the dressed meats already in store, has been moved.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending January 23, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 316 calves, 427 canners and cutters, 261 bulls, 736 butcher cattle, and 1,071 hogs. Canadian shipments were made up of 21 milch cows. Shipments to United States points consisted of 1,292 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to January 23, inclusive, were: 3,868 cattle, 753 calves, 4,433 hogs and 3,863 sheep, compared with 2,385 cattle, 631 calves, 4,607 hogs and 3,710 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending January