

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Comment on week ending October 7.
Quotations on last Monday's Markets.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts		Top Price		Good Steers		Receipts		Top Price		Good Calves	
	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,347	9,389	5,184	\$13.00	\$12.75	\$14.00	1,152	1,241	1,158	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$20.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,107	3,546	1,728	11.00	12.00	11.50	1,549	1,818	1,720	15.00	16.00	15.00
Montreal (East End)	1,409	3,250	1,930	11.00	12.00	11.50	2,757	1,688	2,466	15.00	16.00	15.00
Winnipeg	14,346	11,653	12,245	10.50	12.25	11.50	1,173	1,211	1,034	9.00	13.00	11.00
Calgary	3,486	5,769	3,324	8.00	10.55	9.25	862	734	685	10.85	9.00	10.75
Edmonton	1,577	2,428	1,854	8.00	12.00	9.00	272	198	335	9.50	10.50	9.75

	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	Same Week	Week Ending	
	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	1919	Sept. 30
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,718	6,872	4,635	\$20.50	\$18.25	\$21.20	16,615	15,595	18,086	\$14.25	\$14.50	\$14.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	2,154	1,821	1,972	20.50	17.75	21.00	7,669	10,662	7,481	13.25	13.75	13.00
Montreal (East End)	2,002	1,358	2,220	20.50	17.75	21.00	3,707	4,531	4,818	13.25	13.75	13.00
Winnipeg	2,130	2,025	1,266	21.50	17.00	23.00	4,362	3,275	2,747	11.00	13.00	13.00
Calgary	344	565	333	23.60	17.50	23.60	1,634	1,964	1,064	11.50	10.00	11.50
Edmonton	326	53	296	23.50	17.25	23.00	360	879	606	9.50	11.50	10.50

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

The total receipts for the week consisted of fifty-nine hundred and twenty-nine cattle, twelve hundred and thirty-nine calves, fourteen thousand five hundred and eighteen sheep, and fifty-one hundred and seventy-four hogs. There was a fairly liberal supply of cattle of very ordinary quality on the market on Monday, and this condition, coupled with the lower markets in the West, had a depressing effect on the trade. Price for choice cattle had their been any, would probably have been steady, but the cuts on lower grades ranged anywhere from 50 cents to 75 cents. On Monday, five good heavy cattle weighing twelve hundred and fifty pounds, sold at \$13.75. Choice butcher steers were quoted at \$12.50, and medium grades from \$7.50 to \$9.50. Choice heifers sold at similar prices as steers. On Wednesday, two steers averaging fifteen hundred pounds sold at \$15 per hundred. Cows suffered a considerable cut during the week, excepting the canner class which seems to be in demand at prices ranging from \$3 to \$6; choice butcher cows were quoted from \$9 to \$10, most of the offering selling below those figures. The bull trade was a trifle weaker excepting for good quality butcher stock. Choice bulls sold around \$10, light bologna bulls from \$5 to \$6. Springers and milkers of good quality were in demand at prices ranging from \$100 to \$165 per head. The stocker and feeder trade was quiet although there was some inquiry for breeder feeders. Choice ten hundred-pound steers sold around \$10 to \$11. Farmers appear to be buying very cautiously, evidently holding off in the expectation of lower prices. They may be looking for good feeders later on, although those of quality will be harder to secure than now. If the farmers do not buy these feeders the trade cannot handle them, excepting at reduced prices. The calf market was fairly steady for choice veal. The highest price for the week was \$20 per hundred. Heavy calves and grass calves made slow sales.

With about five thousand fewer sheep and lambs than during the previous week, the market for lambs held steady until Thursday when, at the close, it was about 25 cents weaker. Some lambs sold at \$13.75, but the majority sold at \$13.50. Good two and three-year-old sheep made slow sales from \$5 to \$7. Good yearlings moved from \$8 to \$10. The older heavier sheep are apparently not wanted at all. It is unfortunate that more of the young sheep are not being shipped back to the country for breeding purposes.

The hog market has been about steady from \$20.25 to \$20.50 for selects, fed and watered. Packers were talking lower prices for the following week. If the runs continue fairly light this may have the effect of stabilizing prices.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 30, inclusive, were: 216,637 cattle, 66,503 calves, 225,297 hogs and 138,175 sheep, compared with 248,029 cattle, 53,659 calves, 279,589 hogs, and 131,105 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

There were twenty-five hundred and sixteen cattle shipped to the markets

CLASSIFICATION	No.	TORONTO			MONTREAL			
		Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price
STEERS								
heavy finished	115	\$13.36	\$12.50-\$15.00	\$15.00				
STEERS good	485	10.73	10.00-11.50	13.00				
1,000-1,200 common	103	8.36	7.75-8.75	9.00				
STEERS good	481	10.09	9.00-11.00	11.75	17	9.50	9.00-10.50	\$11.00
700-1,000 common	534	8.12	7.50-8.50	8.50	172	7.50	6.00-9.00	9.00
HEIFERS good	283	10.53	10.00-11.00	12.00	13	9.50	9.00-10.50	10.50
fair	366	7.57	7.00-8.00	8.50	12	7.75	7.50-8.50	9.00
common	286	6.75	6.00-7.00	7.00	136	6.25	6.00-7.00	7.00
COWS good	256	9.79	9.00-10.50	11.00	61	8.25	8.00-8.50	8.50
common	656	6.57	6.00-7.00	7.00	213	6.00	5.50-7.00	7.50
BULLS good	48	8.59	8.00-9.00	10.00	2			
common	189	6.29	5.50-6.50	7.50	383	5.90	5.25-6.00	6.50
CANNERS & CUTTERS	337	5.00	4.00-6.00	6.00	61	3.75	3.50-4.50	5.00
OXEN					2			
CALVES veal	1,152	18.00	17.00-19.00	20.00	280	14.00	12.00-15.00	15.00
grass					1,269	6.00	6.00	7.50
STOCKERS good	1,700	8.59	8.00-9.00	10.00				
450-800 fair	438	8.00	7.50-8.00	8.00				
FEEDERS good	70	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.50				
800-1,100 fair								
HOGS selects	5,493	20.47	20.25-20.50	20.50	1,798	20.10	20.00-20.25	20.50
heavy	69	19.36	19.25-19.50	19.50	16			
(fed and watered) lights	49	18.33	18.25-18.50	18.50	232			
sows	104	16.59	15.25-17.50	17.50	100	16.10	16.00-16.25	16.50
stags	3				8			
LAMBS good	13,484	13.61	13.00-14.00	14.25	4,198	12.50	12.50	13.25
common	1,209	10.00	9.00-11.00	11.00	2,106	11.00	10.75-12.00	12.00
SHEEP yearlings	79	9.60	9.00-10.00	10.00				
light	1,195	8.00	7.50-8.50	9.00	501	6.50	6.50	7.00
common	648	4.50	4.00-5.00	6.00	864	5.60	5.50-6.00	6.00

Montreal hogs quoted on basis of weighed off cars.

during the week, and in addition a number of cars were on sale that had been held from the previous week. Despite the fact that there was a very poor demand for butcher cattle, the market was cleaned up by the end of the week. Bulls and canners were in good demand, and were readily disposed of at prices from \$5.25 to \$6.50 for bulls and around \$3.50 for canners. The best steers were sold from \$10.50 to \$11. Good cows, \$9.40, and the bulk of common butcher cattle, that is, cows, showing a small amount of quality, and light steers and heifers brought around \$7. Prices of butcher cattle have been very much lowered during the past three weeks by the condition of the Winnipeg and Calgary market. To date the receipts of cattle on the Montreal markets have been of comparatively light volume. There is a considerable difference of opinion as to the probable extent of the runs of cattle during the remainder of the fall. Provided there is no further weakness on account of Western conditions, prices on the Montreal markets will depend largely on the volume of the receipts. Grass calves were lower by about 50 cents per hundred, but veal calves remained steady.

The quality of the lambs offered was considerably below what might be expected at this season of the year, both as regards size or weight and quality.

A number of the best lots of lambs brought up to \$13 and \$13.25. The general price for good lambs was \$12.50, with very thin little lambs as low as \$8. The best sheep brought \$7. Sheep, generally, were sold from \$5.50 to \$6.50.

There was a weaker tone to the market for hogs. Packers offered \$20 per hundred. Local butchers paid \$20 to \$20.50, the latter price being paid on account of previous contracts. Sows were from \$3.50 to \$4 less than selects. The quality of the hogs offered was slightly improved.

PR. ST. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to September 30, inclusive, were 30,235 cattle, 57,507 calves, 54,690 hogs and 61,828 sheep; compared with 36,688 cattle, 62,494 calves, 63,292 hogs and 52,595 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from January 1 to September 30, inclusive, were: 32,264 cattle, 47,201 calves, 44,129 hogs and 41,205 sheep; compared with 40,971 cattle, 46,342 calves, 43,900 hogs and 39,366 sheep received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Winnipeg.

On the opening market of the week, the offerings were very liberal, and with common and medium butcher classes being the only kinds wanted, prices declined considerably. Sales were hard to make at prices 25 to 50 cents

lower on all classes excepting the medium and common grades. The following day there was an improvement in the quality of the stock, and in some cases stronger prices were realized. Under lighter receipts during the latter part of the week, and with firmer markets in the south, the market was more active. Good grades of butcher stock and heavy feeders regained practically all of Monday's losses. All other classes were steady to strong. Good to choice butcher steers of handy weights moved from \$8 to \$10.50, and common to medium kinds from \$5 to \$7.50. One choice load of Herefords topped the market at \$11.50. Light butchers of good grading sold mostly from \$7 to \$8.50, and the common to medium kind, \$4.50 to \$6.50. Good to choice butcher heifers were weighed up from \$6 to \$8, and the fair kinds from \$5 to \$5.50. A load of really choice heifers averaging eleven hundred pounds per head, sold at \$9. Butcher cows moved from \$4.25 to \$8, most of the good bulls from \$4 to \$5.50, and canners and cutters from \$3 to \$4.25. Good to choice stockers sold from \$5 to \$6, choice feeders from \$7 to \$8, medium stockers around \$4.50, and medium to good feeders from \$5 to \$6.50.

Wool Market Report.

The wool market is in a panic. Buyers are offering prices away below what