

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending June 3.

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	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending		Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
June 3	1919	May 27	June 3	1919	May 27		June 3	1919	May 27	June 3	1919	May 27	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	4,044	3,481	4,528	\$16.75	\$14.25	\$16.00	1,817	1,383	2,445	\$17.00	\$17.50	\$17.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	468	552	598	16.50	15.00	15.75	2,204	2,115	3,467	16.50	14.00	14.00	
Montreal (East End)	332	593	366	16.50	15.00	15.75	1,722	2,073	1,149	16.50	14.00	14.00	
Winnipeg	1,897	349	1,171	18.50	14.00	18.25	597	31	352	18.00	15.00	18.00	
Calgary	663		504	16.75		16.25	52		13	16.00		15.00	
Edmonton	466		409	15.00		15.50	30		119	18.50		18.00	

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	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
June 3	1919	May 27	June 3	1919	May 27		June 3	1919	May 27	June 3	1919	May 27	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	7,197	4,568	7,151	\$20.25	\$22.25	\$20.50	984	286	677	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,998	1,470	1,814	21.00	22.25	21.25	449	298	304	12.00		13.00	
Montreal (East End)	1,256	1,102	955	21.00	22.25	21.25	486	276	223	12.00		13.00	
Winnipeg	3,907	2,392	2,878	22.00	20.50	22.00	142	42	77	17.00			
Calgary	558		436	22.00		21.90			168				
Edmonton	467		511	21.75		21.50			2				

Market Comments.

(Toronto Union Stock Yards.)

Forty-two hundred cattle were on sale during the week. The small volume of stock received indicates clearly that the supply of stall-fed cattle is nearly exhausted and it follows that receipts will be meagre until the run of grass cattle begins to appear. With pasture conditions in the early part of the season unfavorable and only recently beginning to give promise it looks as though the advent of grass cattle will be later than usual, and hence existing high prices should at least remain firm. Twenty-one hundred cattle were on sale on Monday and the high values of the previous week were well maintained. On Tuesday offerings were light and as usual consisted largely of miscellaneous cattle, of which only odd lots went over the scales and at comparatively common prices; the better grades of cattle were held over for the Wednesday market. On the latter day with about ten hundred butcher cattle on sale, values advanced on some classes by about 25 cents per hundred. On Thursday the concluding market for the week, the advance was maintained, and some of the best sales of the week were recorded. Among the outstanding sales during the week was that of one lot of forty-two choice heavy steers fed and shipped by R. J. Flemming, Pickering, Ontario, averaging twelve hundred and eighty pounds and sold at \$16 per hundred, this was by far the best lot of finished steers received on the local market for some time, in fact, bullocks of similar quality are seldom in evidence except during Christmas, Easter or the Fat Stock Show season. Other good sales included one lot of twenty head which averaged twelve hundred and fifty pounds and sold at \$15.75, one lot of twenty-two averaging eleven hundred and forty pounds at \$15.60, and a lot of twelve head averaging eleven hundred at \$15.75. Three steers averaging thirteen hundred and seventy pounds sold at \$16.70. The stocker and feeder movement was light on account of the high values. Receipts of calves totalled about two thousand. Trading was active during the week at steady prices. A percentage of the calves offered were shipped to Buffalo, and this added to the strength of the local trade. A few sales were recorded up to \$16 and \$17, while good calves sold generally from \$14.50, and medium to \$15.50.

Sheep receipts totalled ten hundred and values on unclipped sheep were generally lower, due partly to the market drop in wool values, and partly to the increased supplies of spring lambs. Choice ewes were quoted from \$10 to \$13, yearlings up to \$14.50, and spring lambs up to \$22 per hundred, with the majority from \$18 to \$20; a number of common lambs were sold from \$11 to \$14.

Hog receipts totalled seventy-six hundred; values held steady on Monday but were unsettled on Wednesday. On Thursday prices were reduced to \$19.75 for selects. The market closed weak in undertone.

The total receipts from January 1 to May 27, inclusive, were: 119,447 cattle, 38,067 calves, 143,253 hogs and 18,085 sheep; compared with 127,537 cattle, 27,153 calves, 151,753 hogs, and 28,300

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Chas.)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price		
STEERS									
heavy finished	289	\$15.37	\$14.75-\$16.00	\$16.75	\$15.75	\$15.75	\$15.75		
STEERS 1,000-1,200									
good	273	14.75	13.75-15.29	15.50	16.40	16.00-16.50	16.50		
common	66	12.78	10.50-13.50	13.50					
STEERS 700-1,000									
good	709	14.43	13.75-15.00	15.50	14.50	14.50	16.50		
common	356	11.92	10.00-13.00	13.50	13.00	12.00-13.50	13.50		
HEIFERS									
good	610	14.33	13.75-15.00	15.50	14.00	13.50-15.00	16.50		
fair	68	13.00	12.50-13.50	14.00	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00		
common	18	11.29	10.00-12.00	13.25	9.50	8.50-10.50	11.00		
COWS									
good	209	12.56	11.78-13.25	13.50	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00		
common	458	10.57	9.75-11.25	11.25	9.50	8.50-10.50	11.00		
BULLS									
good	107	12.25	11.50-13.00	13.25	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00		
common	83	10.42	9.50-11.25	12.00	10.00	9.00-10.50	11.00		
CANNERS & CUTTERS	89	6.00	5.00-7.00	7.00	6.50	5.00-7.00	7.00		
OXEN									
CALVES									
veal	1,721	14.20	13.00-15.00	17.00	12.00	10.00-13.50	16.50		
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STOCKERS									
good	151	11.73	10.50-12.50	12.50					
fair	81	10.21	9.50-10.75	11.50					
FEEDERS									
good	52	13.02	12.50-13.50	13.50					
fair	10	11.50	10.75-12.75	12.75					
HOGS (fed and watered)									
selects	5,147	20.18	20.25-20.25	20.25	21.00	21.00	21.00		
heavies	24	19.10	19.00-19.25	19.25	20.10	20.00-20.50	20.50		
lights	718	18.71	18.25-18.25	18.25					
sows	210	16.20	15.25-17.25	17.25	16.70	16.50-17.00	17.00		
stags	10	14.25	13.25-15.25	15.25					
LAMBS									
good	149	18.50	17.00-19.50	20.00		7.00-12.00	12.00		
common									
SHEEP									
heavy	60	11.50	9.00-12.00	13.00					
light	361	12.93	11.25-14.50	15.00	11.10	11.00-11.50	12.00		
common	247	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	11.00		

Note.—Receipts for June 3rd not graded.

sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal

The cattle market opened at much higher prices than during the previous week, and prices established on Monday were fully maintained throughout the week. Owing to the extremely high prices on all grades of stock, buyers showed a decided preference for finished animals of good dressing percentages. The top price of the week was \$16, and was paid on a load of cattle averaging eleven hundred pounds and containing three or four choice heifers. Common light steers averaging eight hundred and forty pounds were sold from \$13 up, while \$14.50 per hundred was paid for a very fair lot of steers. Some heavy-weight cattle averaging slightly less than fourteen hundred pounds brought \$15.75. Oxen sold around \$12. Good cows sold from \$12 to \$13, and cows ordinarily termed common, brought up to \$11. Quite thin strippers were disposed of from \$9 to \$10. Top bulls were moved at \$13, good meaty bulls from \$11 to \$12, and common Eastern bulls generally from \$9 to \$10, with an odd sale as low as \$8. The new system of inspecting veal calves is gradually becoming perfected and very few immature calves escape condemnation and under this

system the average quality of the calves offered has already improved, despite the fact that the season is now well advanced. One lot of good milk-fed calves averaging one hundred and fifty pounds brought \$16.50; aside from that sale the top prices were around \$14 and \$14.50. Most of the average quality calves brought around \$12 in car lots, while common light calves moved from \$8 up.

Spring lambs, especially those of poor quality, are not wanted. Lambs which were sold by the pound brought \$18 per hundred, and by the head mostly from \$8 to \$10 each. A few selected sheep brought up to \$12 per hundred, the best of the common lots were disposed of from \$11 to \$11.50, and fair lots at \$10. Very thin old sheep were sold from \$6 to \$8.

Sales of hogs were recorded on Monday at \$21.25, that price however, being on contract account. The price for selected lots of medium weights sold to local butchers, was \$21. Mixed lots containing heavies and young sows brought from \$20 to \$20.50.

Pt. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending May 27, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 3,467 calves, 596 butcher cattle, 1,814 hogs and 280 sheep.

Canadian shipments were made up of 24 sheep. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to May 27, inclusive, were: 11,791 cattle, 31,184 calves, 24,796 hogs and 5,881 sheep; compared with 13,243 cattle, 31,353 calves, 27,946 hogs and 6,296 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending May 27, the Yards for the week ending May 27, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,149 calves, 337 butcher cattle, 955 hogs and 223 lambs. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to May 27, inclusive, were: 13,172 cattle, 25,158 calves, 16,363 hogs and 4,817 sheep; compared with 15,380 cattle, 22,580 calves, 15,146 hogs and 6,679 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Winnipeg.

Heavier live-stock receipts for the past week resulted in eighteen hundred and ninety-seven cattle, five hundred and ninety-seven calves, one hundred and forty-two sheep and three thousand nine hundred and seven hogs, passing over the scales in addition to the carry-over from the previous week. Cattle and ca

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