

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending August 16.

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 Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9	Week Ending Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9	Week Ending Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9	Week Ending Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	6,063	5,742	5,095	\$11.00	\$ 8.50	761	824	732	\$15.50	\$12.00	\$14.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,583	1,342	753	10.40	8.25	620	773	445	12.50	10.00	13.50
Montreal (East End)	1,543	1,586	983	10.25	8.25	433	483	377	12.50	10.00	13.50
Winnipeg	5,416	2,975	4,467	10.00	7.50	270	210	342	12.00	9.00	10.50
Calgary		1,332	767		6.75			183		9.00	11.00

HOGS						SHEEP					
Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
Week Ending Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9	Week Ending Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9	Week Ending Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9	Week Ending Aug. 16	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 9
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	5,132	7,895	6,887	\$18.25	\$13.00	3,623	3,278	2,238	\$16.50	\$12.75	\$17.25
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,399	1,731	1,262	18.00	13.00	2,192	2,915	1,515	14.50	11.50	15.50
Montreal (East End)	678	1,470	614	18.00	13.00	1,182	1,560	719	14.25	11.50	15.50
Winnipeg	6,035	5,333	4,720	16.85	11.90	566	7	440	13.00	10.50	12.50
Calgary		2,681	2,935		11.50		808	310		8.75	13.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards)

Sixty-two hundred cattle, the heaviest supply in several months, were offered for sale during the week. Forty-six hundred of these were on the Monday market, and while quotations were reduced by 10 to 20 cents per hundred on bulls, cows and medium weight butcher steers and heifers, prices reacted during the week, and on Wednesday and Thursday cattle were selling in a very active market, at prices on a level with those prevailing a week ago. Considerable demand existed from outside points for all classes of cattle; this undoubtedly created more local activity and was partly responsible for the steady quotations. Seven loads of heavy steers were bought for the New York trade, while several loads of butcher steers went to Buffalo, and in addition there was a fairly heavy movement of stockers and feeders to Ontario farmers. Heavy steers were steady at last week's quotations, but only limited numbers of these were on sale. Two loads of thirteen hundred pounds each shipped from Lucknow, Ontario, sold for \$12.65 per hundred, while several other loads sold from \$12 to \$12.25. Steers of one thousand to eleven hundred pounds sold from \$10.25 to \$11 for the best loads, with medium quality ranging from \$9 to \$9.75; lighter butcher steers and heifers sold from \$9.25 to \$10 for good loads, and common cattle in this class brought \$7.50 to \$8.50. Cows were in demand at prices as high as \$8.75 for choice quality, with the bulk of the good ones realizing \$7.50 to \$8, and medium and common quality, \$6 to \$6.75 per hundred. Few good bulls were on sale, and \$7.50 was about the top price paid for the quality offered. Bologna bulls were selling from \$5.50 to \$6.50 per hundred. A good demand existed for stockers and feeders, good feeders realizing as high as \$9 per hundred, and stockers ranging from \$7.50 to \$8.25. Calves were active all week, with choice veal selling from \$14 to \$15, and \$15.50 being paid in a few instances. On a heavy market on Monday lambs declined \$2 per hundred, the bulk selling from \$14 to \$14.50, although some sales were made at \$15. The market was active at a trifle higher level on Wednesday and Thursday, with the ruling price being \$14.25 to \$14.50 per hundred.

Hogs again advanced on a limited supply and established high record prices; while on Monday \$17 to \$17.25 was paid for selects, the following day saw an advance of 50 cents, with the bulk realizing \$17.75. On Wednesday \$18 hogs became a reality with all sales being made at that price. On Thursday the demand continued, and while nearly all hogs were arranged for previously, bids of \$18.25 were made on two loads. The immediate outlook is for a continuation of high prices.

Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending August 9, Canadian packing houses purchased 369 calves, 59 butcher bulls, 205 heavy steers, 3,831 butcher cattle, 8,039 hogs, and 1,507 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 293 calves, 382 butcher cattle, 222 hogs, and 667 sheep and lambs. Shipments back to country points were made up of 133 stocker calves, 72 milk cows, 172 stockers, 25 feeders and 107 hogs. A number of butcher cattle were shipped to Newfoundland. Shipments to

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)						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	246	\$12.25	\$11.75-\$12.50	\$12.65							
STEERS good	478	10.28	9.75-10.75	11.00	143	\$10.00	\$ 9.90-\$10.15	\$10.40			
1,000-1,200 common	49	9.50	8.75-9.75	10.00	92	9.25	9.00-9.50	9.75			
STEERS good	987	9.75	9.25-10.25	10.25	79	9.75	9.50-10.00	10.00			
700-1,000 common	503	8.06	7.50-8.75	9.00	367	8.25	8.00-8.50	9.40			
HEIFERS good	289	9.89	9.50-10.25	10.75	32	9.75	9.50-10.00	10.25			
fair	388	8.72	8.25-9.00	9.00	107	8.87	8.50-9.15	9.40			
common	139	7.72	7.00-8.25	8.25	63	7.74	7.25-8.00	8.25			
COWS good	543	7.68	7.25-8.00	8.75	46	8.15	8.00-8.25	8.40			
fair	1,230	6.25	6.00-6.75	7.00	186	7.21	6.50-7.50	7.75			
BULLS good	43	7.50	7.25-8.00	8.50	2	9.15	8.75-9.50	9.50			
common	207	6.11	5.50-6.75	7.50	316	7.02	6.00-8.50	8.50			
CANNERS & CUTTERS	211	5.50	5.00-5.75	5.75	126	5.78	5.25-6.40	6.40			
OXEN					2	8.00	8.00-	8.00			
CALVES	761	14.12	13.00-15.00	15.50	620	10.31	8.00-12.50	12.50			
STOCKERS good	326	7.74	7.50-8.25	8.25							
450-800 fair	263	7.08	6.75-7.75	7.75							
FEEDERS good	143	8.50	8.25-9.00	9.00							
800-1,000 fair	18	8.00	7.75-8.50	8.50							
HOGS selects	4,715	17.69	17.00-18.25	18.25	1,783	17.57	17.40-18.00	18.00			
heavy	5	17.25	17.00-18.25	18.25	75	17.15	16.50-17.25	17.50			
(fed and watered) lights	213	16.97	16.00-18.00	18.00	337	17.16	16.75-17.75	17.75			
sows	148	15.05	14.00-16.00	16.00	198	14.44	14.25-14.75	14.75			
stags	21	13.09	12.00-14.00	14.00	6	11.33	10.00-12.00	12.00			
LAMBS good	2,801	14.46	14.00-16.50	16.50	421	13.97	13.50-14.25	14.50			
common	476	12.65	12.00-15.00	15.00	1,614	13.18	12.50-13.50	13.50			
SHEEP heavy	14	7.50	7.00-8.50	8.50	27	8.94	8.50-9.25	9.25			
light	249	9.05	8.00-9.50	9.50	6	9.25	9.25-	9.25			
common	83	6.55	6.00-7.50	7.50	124	8.47	8.00-8.75	8.75			

United States' points were 3 calves, 143 heavy steers, 128 butcher cattle, 23 stockers.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1 to August 9 inclusive, were 140,863 cattle, 32,436 calves, 25,187 sheep, and 278,945 hogs; compared to 148,991 cattle, 30,482 calves, 40,403 sheep, and 256,691 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Montreal.

The supply of cattle on the Monday market was more than double the usual number for that day of the week, and trading was slow; probably not more than half of the stock was sold by noon, and prices declined from 50 cents to \$1 per hundred, with the biggest drop on light common stuff. While there was nothing choice on the market the supply of fairly good cattle was above the average. Loads of these steers weighing from one thousand to twelve hundred pounds sold up to \$10.25, but the bulk of sales were around \$10 per hundred. Common light butcher stock sold as low as \$7.25 per hundred, and common butcher cows sold mostly from \$6.50 to \$7.50; most of the ordinary quality bulls bringing about the same prices. Camers and Bologna bulls held about steady, as did all grades of calves.

A heavy supply of lambs caused a drop of nearly \$1 per hundred, with the best

grades selling from \$13.75 to \$14.50, and the bulk from \$14 to \$14.25. Common eastern lambs sold generally from \$12.75 to \$13.50. Sheep were a shade lower than the previous week.

Despite a heavy supply hogs have been strong all week. On Monday most long-run selects sold from \$17.50 to \$17.75, off cars, and one load reached \$18. Those from near-by points sell for 25 cents per hundred less in price than the long-run stock. These prices held steady on Tuesday, and on Wednesday most sales were made close to the \$18 mark. On Thursday practically all long-run selects sold at \$18.25, off cars. Sows are \$3 per hundred lower in price than selects.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition of live stock for the week ending August 9, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 338 calves, 52 camers and cutters, 119 butcher bulls, 561 butcher cattle, 1,262 hogs, 122 sheep, and 1,393 lambs. Shipments to United States' points were 107 calves.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1 to August 1 inclusive, were 22,075 cattle, 42,683 calves, 10,655 sheep, and 41,073 hogs; compared to 24,569 cattle, 32,950 calves, 15,914 sheep and 53,964 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 9,

Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 376 calves, 889 butcher cattle, 614 hogs, and 719 sheep and lambs. Shipments to country points were 94 butcher cattle. There were no shipments to the United States.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1 to August 9 inclusive, were 22,572 cattle, 33,215 calves, 9,534 sheep and 26,470 hogs; compared to 21,116 cattle, 32,022 calves, 15,220 sheep, and 32,989 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Winnipeg.

With heavy receipts of butcher cattle the market was strong throughout the week under the influence of a good demand. Prices advanced 10 to 25 cents on good butcher cattle on the Friday market, owing to a strong eastern and southern inquiry. On Monday one thousand cattle were offered and they were quickly bought up. The market continued active during the remainder of the week and closed on Thursday with a strong undertone, at from 50 to 75 cents over the closing prices of the previous week. Although there are a number of eastern and southern buyers operating, very heavy receipts may be expected to affect these prices. Some good sales were made during the week, two steers averaging twelve hundred and ninety pounds each, brought \$10.65 per hundred,