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Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending July 4.

Receipts and Market Tops.

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

CATTLE						CALVES					
(1,000-1,200)						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	Same Week
July 4	1917	June 27	July 4	1917	June 27	July 4	1917	June 27	July 4	1917	June 27
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,442	4,825	5,133	\$15.50	\$11.80	\$16.00	1,449	1,024	1,451	\$17.25	\$15.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	376	892	1,155	14.50	12.00	15.25	2,157	1,390	2,388	15.00	12.50
Montreal (East End)	705	885	1,101	14.50	12.00	15.25	1,316	784	1,241	15.00	12.50
Winnipeg	2,339	2,153	2,728	16.50	10.50	15.00	204	207	256	16.00	13.00
Calgary	987	636	991	13.00	8.50	13.00	59	8	31	14.50	12.00
Edmonton	585	438	441	13.50	8.00						14.00

HOGS						SHEEP					
Top Price Selects						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	Same Week
July 4	1917	June 27	July 4	1917	June 27	July 4	1917	June 27	July 4	1917	June 27
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,195	7,884	6,244	\$18.50	\$16.75	\$18.00	1,045	928	1,236	\$22.00	\$16.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,349	1,127	987	19.00	17.00	19.25	704	306	746	21.00	*10.00
Montreal (East End)	866	850	927	19.00	17.00	19.25	542	331	605	21.00	*10.00
Winnipeg	6,861	6,097	6,286	18.25	15.50	18.50	327	233	137	18.50	12.00
Calgary	2,908	2,841	2,990	17.35	15.35	17.35	223	8	552	14.25	13.00
Edmonton	889	588	658	17.25	15.00	17.00	445		50	14.50	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

Trading at the Stock Yards was inclined to be quiet at little change in prices from the close of the previous week. The tendency, however, was for prices to go lower. The market for choice cattle held fairly steady, but common cattle were in slow demand, and in order to dispose of this latter class of stock sacrifices had to be made in many cases. The quality of the run was, on the whole, very good. A large percentage of the cattle coming off the grass is lacking in finish, and last week's receipts showed many cattle of very inferior breeding, suitable only for "boned meat" purposes, also there is a limited demand for common classes of cattle at present. The total receipts for the week amounted to forty-seven hundred head, of which number, thirty-three hundred head were on the Monday market. Owing partly to the holiday and partly to the weaker feeling in the beef trade, business was inclined to be slow and several hundred head had to be carried well into the week for disposal. The top price paid was \$15.75 per hundred for a load of heavy steers from Dutton, Ontario. Other sales of heavy steers of good quality were made at from \$14.50 to \$15.25, while those of medium quality sold from \$13.50 to \$14. Of steers weighing from ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, six head weighing eleven hundred and twenty pounds sold at \$15.50, eighteen head averaging eleven hundred and eighty at \$15.10, and twenty-two head at \$15, while most of the sales within these weights were made from \$13.75 to \$14.50. Of the steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds offered, six head of nine hundred and twenty pounds sold at \$14.55, one load of nine hundred and ninety pounds average were weighed up at \$14.50, and the majority of the good loads from \$13 to \$13.75. Light cattle of medium quality sold from \$11.50 to \$12.50, and common eastern cattle from \$8 to \$10 per hundred. Choice cows sold mostly from \$11 to \$12, although a few sales were made as high as \$12.50. Medium cows sold from \$10 to \$10.75 and common cows from \$8 to \$9.50 per hundred. Bulls were about steady at from \$11 to \$12 for those of choice quality, \$9.75 to \$10.50 for those of medium quality, and for common bulls from \$8 to \$9 per hundred. The demand for stockers and feeders is rather quiet at present; feeders were selling from \$11 to \$11.75, and good stockers from \$10 to \$10.50. A good demand prevailed for calves, and prices were a trifle stronger, \$17.25 per hundred being paid for choice veal calves, while those of good quality moved from \$15 to \$17; medium from \$13 to \$14.50, and common from \$9 to \$11.

Sheep and lamb receipts were lighter than during the previous week, and a stronger tone prevailed in this department. Light sheep sold from \$13 to \$14.75, and heavy from \$11 to \$13. Spring lambs met with a good demand at prices ranging from \$20 to \$22 per hundred. Hog prices again advanced, \$18 per hundred was paid for selects, fed and watered, on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday prices ranged from \$18.25 to \$18.50, at least one deck being sold at the latter price and several

TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	167	\$14.75	\$14.50-\$15.25	\$15.75					
STEERS good	545	14.25	13.50-15.25	15.50	24	\$14.00	\$13.75-\$14.50	\$14.50	
1,000-1,200 common	39	12.92	11.75-13.50	13.75					
STEERS good	535	13.45	12.75-13.75	14.50	50	13.00	12.00-13.75	13.75	
700-1,000 common	196	11.21	10.00-12.00	12.50	55	10.50	9.00-11.00	11.00	
HEIFERS good	409	13.75	13.00-14.00	14.75	7	12.00	10.50-14.00	14.00	
fair	290	12.00	11.00-12.75	12.75	11	9.50	8.75-10.00	10.00	
common	58	10.33	9.50-11.00	11.00	18	8.50	7.50-8.75	8.75	
COWS good	850	11.21	10.00-11.75	12.50	55	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.00	
common	603	9.62	8.75-10.00	10.50	70	8.50	8.00-9.50	10.00	
BULLS good	64	11.49	11.00-12.00	12.50	15	10.25	10.00-11.00	11.00	
common	88	9.68	8.50-10.00	10.50	43	8.25	8.00-9.50	10.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	96	6.68	6.00-7.00	7.25	1	6.00	6.00-	6.00	
OXEN	2								
CALVES veal	1,448	14.52	14.00-16.00	17.25	2,131	13.00	11.50-14.00	15.00	
grass	1	8.00	8.00-	8.00	26				
STOCKERS good	81	11.03	10.00-11.50	11.50					
450-800 fair	204	9.78	8.00-10.75	10.50					
FEEDERS good	60	11.93	11.25-12.25	12.25					
800-1,000 fair	155	11.21	10.50-11.75	11.75					
HOGS selects	6,717	18.19	18.00-18.50	18.50	1,243	18.90	18.75-19.00	19.00	
heavies	46	18.31	18.00-18.50	18.50					
(fed and lights	159	16.86	16.00-17.50	18.25	18	18.25	18.00-18.50	18.50	
watered) sows	266	16.07	15.00-17.00	17.25	85	15.90	15.75-16.00	16.00	
stags	7	14.04	14.00-14.25	14.25	3				
LAMBS good	321	20.62	20.00-22.00	22.00	86	20.50	20.00-21.00	21.00	
common	23	18.00	17.00-19.00	19.00					
SHEEP heavy	260	11.78	10.50-13.00	13.00	331	13.50	13.00-14.00	14.00	
light	284	13.77	12.50-15.00	15.00	287	12.50	11.00-12.00	12.00	
common	157	8.51	7.00-10.00	10.00					

decks at \$18.40. The outlook appears to be for a trifle higher market.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending June 27, Canadian packing houses purchased 808 calves, 3,959 butcher cattle, 6,534 hogs and 920 sheep. Local butchers bought 428 calves 448 butcher cattle, 307 hogs and 396 sheep. Canadian shipments consisted of 47 calves, 49 milch cows, 710 stockers and 144 feeders. Shipments to United States points consisted of 105 calves, 63 butcher cattle, 75 stockers and 21 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1 to June 27, inclusive, were: 125,532 cattle, 34,483 calves, 187,632 hogs, and 16,659 sheep; compared to 112,772 cattle, 27,968 calves, 247,934 hogs and 15,550 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

Following the comparatively heavy run of the previous week the receipts of cattle were very light, shipments being fewer by about twelve hundred and fifty head. There were, however, about one hundred and fifty head held over from the previous week and both buyers and sellers seemed to welcome the opportunity to get the markets cleared up. Prices are rapidly approaching a basis for summer trading and while buyers are predicting

a further adjustment on all grades of light steers, the market closed in a much better condition than at the end of the previous week. There seems to be prospects of a good outlet for canners and for cattle for boning at from \$5.50 to \$7.50 per hundred, and also for good steers that will dress six hundred pounds or over; these were selling around \$14.50. There was also a demand for fat cows at \$9.50 to \$11 for the local butcher trade. The supply of light unfinished steers, however, seemed out of proportion to the requirements and the marketing of these animals in too great numbers is likely to have a depressing effect on prices of other stock. One load of steers weighing between eleven hundred and twelve hundred sold for \$14.50 and one load weighing about ten hundred and fifty sold for \$13.75. The balance of the steers sold from \$8.50 to \$13. Fairly fat two-year-old steers weighing ten hundred to ten hundred and fifty pounds sold from \$12.40 to \$13. Steers weighing eight hundred and fifty to nine hundred pounds from \$10.50 to \$11, and a few head of still lighter steers sold at \$8.50. Good cows sold from \$10 to \$11. Cows weighing about ten hundred pounds and showing some fat sold at \$9 and the average price for cows of lower grade was \$6. One bull weighing fourteen hundred

and fifty pounds, held from the previous week, brought \$11. Fairly fat bulls weighing eleven hundred to thirteen hundred pounds sold at \$10. The majority of the bulls offered were just good strong animals of dairy breeds and sold at \$8. One lot of nice little Holstein heifers sold at \$8.50. The number of heifers offered, however, would not warrant any attempt to select them for breeding purposes. Receipts of calves have been fairly even for some time and prices are being well maintained. No calves were shipped to the United States during the week.

Hogs remained at \$19 to \$19.25 off cars, with a slightly firmer feeling at the close of the week. If hogs continue to remain firm at these prices it is likely to have a steadying effect on business generally. The high and low levels are inclined to create a feeling of uncertainty which is not an advantage to either the producer or to the trade.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending June 27, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,248 calves, 36 canners and cutters, 95 bulls, 889 butcher cattle, 987 hogs and 672 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 2 calves, 39 milkers and 86 butcher cattle. Shipments