

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending October 30.

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	
Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23		Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23	
Toronto (U.S.Y.)	11,643	7,194	9,335	\$12.50	\$12.75	\$12.25	1,156	631	969	\$20.00	\$17.50	\$18.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	2,078	2,680	2,940	12.50	11.50	11.50	463	783	1,047	16.00	15.00	17.00	
Montreal (East End)	2,246	3,032	2,594	12.50	11.50	11.50	571	506	1,251	16.00	15.00	17.00	
Winnipeg	16,390	7,238	17,185	11.00	13.00	11.00	1,652	283	1,644	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Calgary	3,964	1,531	5,993	10.25	11.50	10.00	683		1,262	8.25		9.50	
Edmonton	2,712	2,193	2,268	9.50	12.50	9.75	368	209	381	8.00	9.00	8.00	

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	
Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23		Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	1918	Oct. 23	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	15,076	9,750	8,857	\$18.50	\$18.25	\$18.50	18,156	7,783	17,401	\$14.60	\$15.75	\$15.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,584	1,734	2,398	17.25	17.75	17.80	4,791	4,543	7,934	13.75	15.00	13.00	
Montreal (East End)	2,042	1,678	2,290	17.25	17.75	17.80	2,446	4,278	5,093	13.75	15.00	13.00	
Winnipeg	4,052	2,338	3,066	17.00	18.00	19.00	6,061	1,977	2,714	13.00	15.00	13.00	
Calgary	288	1,483	439	18.25	17.75	18.25	1,692	2,079	1,327	11.50	13.00	12.00	
Edmonton	208	1,124	111	17.25	16.75	18.25	303	153	885	11.50	14.00	11.50	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

There was a very heavy movement of cattle to the market during the week, thirteen thousand five hundred head being offered for sale. Included in the offering was quite a liberal sprinkling of good to choice cattle, and for that class of stock demand was fairly active, except perhaps for a short time on Monday. Local abattoirs purchased most of the good quality stock, while speculators catering to the American trade were competitive bidders and made fairly liberal shipments across the border. Fully three thousand head consisting of stockers, feeders, good and light butcher cattle were shipped South. The market became somewhat congested with common and medium stock, and in order to effect a clearance shippers were frequently forced to sacrifice. Included in the sales of heavy cattle were the following: one load of steers averaging thirteen hundred pounds at \$12.50, and seven head averaging twelve hundred pounds at \$12.75; other sales were made at equally good prices. Of the offering of steers between the weights of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, twenty-three head of eleven hundred pounds sold at \$12.25, eighteen head of equal weight at \$12, two loads at \$11.90, and two loads of western cattle averaging ten hundred and fifty pounds at \$11.95. Included in the previous class were a few extra choice bullocks, two head selling at \$14.75, and another pair at \$13.25. Handy-weight butcher steers and heifers in fair flesh were readily absorbed, and a few sales were made at prices ranging from \$10 to \$11.50. The majority of the light cattle were, however, of medium and common quality, and these found an outlet within a range of \$6 to \$8.50 per hundred. Cows and bulls were slightly easier, very few cows selling above \$10 per hundred, and few bulls as high as \$10.25. Cannors and cutters had a good steady movement from \$5 to \$5.50 per hundred. Stockers and feeders were a trifle slower, and while heavy shipments were made to Buffalo, New York, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, quotations were slightly easier in sympathy with the weaker tone in other classes of stock. Calves of veal quality had a steady trade; a few choice calves sold at \$20 per hundred, but heavy calves were hard to move within a range from \$8 to \$12 per hundred.

Lambs continue to move very freely, over eighteen thousand head being on sale. The trade was easier on Monday with top quality at \$13.75 per hundred; prices advanced on Wednesday to \$14.60, but the market closed very weak on Thursday at \$14, and many lambs remained unsold.

Heavy receipts forced a reduction in hog prices. Seventeen thousand head were on sale, and prices declined to the extent of \$1.50 per hundred, the market closing with selects selling at \$16.75 per hundred, lights at \$14.75, and sows from \$2 to \$4 below select prices.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 23, Canadian packing houses purchased 429 calves, 6,601 butcher cattle, 9,946 hogs and 15,197 lambs. Local butchers purchased 471 calves, 551 butcher cattle, 512 hogs and 1,978 sheep. Canadian shipments

TORONTO					MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	87	\$12.00	\$11.50-\$12.50	\$12.75					
STEERS good	838	11.25	10.75-11.50	12.50	86	11.75	10.75-12.50	12.50	
1,000-1,200 common	289	9.51	9.00-10.00	10.50					
STEERS good	975	9.84	9.50-10.50	11.50	225	10.00	9.75-10.75	10.75	
700-1,000 common	2,229	6.78	6.25-7.50	9.00	268	8.25	7.50-9.25	9.50	
HEIFERS good	866	9.93	9.25-10.50	11.75	42	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.50	
fair	489	8.03	7.50-8.50	8.50	58	7.75	7.50-8.50	8.50	
common	703	6.33	5.75-7.00	7.50	181	6.75	6.00-7.25	7.50	
COWS good	184	9.45	9.00-10.00	10.25	53	8.75	8.00-9.50	9.50	
common	1,286	6.72	6.00-8.00	8.00	224	6.75	6.50-7.50	8.00	
BULLS good	64	9.45	9.00-10.00	10.25	1				
common	254	6.75	6.00-7.50	8.50	475	5.75	5.50-6.00	6.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	1,569	5.25	5.00-5.50	5.50	459	5.00	4.75-5.50	6.00	
OXEN					4				
CALVES veal	686	14.82	12.00-17.00	20.00	56	13.00	10.00-16.00	16.00	
grass	470	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00	407	6.15	6.00-6.50	6.50	
STOCKERS good	551	7.84	7.50-8.25	8.25					
450-800 fair	828	6.57	6.00-7.50	7.50					
FEEDERS good	326	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.00					
800-1,100 fair	138	8.53	8.25-9.00	9.00					
HOGS selects	14,191	17.33	16.75-18.50	18.50	1,333	16.80	16.75-	17.25	
heavies	6	16.25	15.75-18.50	18.50	8				
(fed and watered) lights	635	15.33	14.75-16.50	16.50	209	15.50	14.75-15.75	16.75	
sows	234	13.91	11.75-16.25	16.25	29	11.75	11.75-	11.75	
stags	10	11.70	11.25-12.25	12.25	5				
LAMBS good	14,795	13.61	13.00-14.50	14.60	1,840	13.75	13.75-	13.75	
common	856	10.44	9.00-12.00	12.00	2,356	12.00	10.50-12.25	12.50	
SHEEP heavy									
light	1,953	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00	216	8.00	8.00-	8.50	
common	525	4.87	3.00-6.00	6.00	379	7.00	6.00-7.50	7.50	

were made up of 92 calves, 18 heavy steers, 639 stockers, 355 feeders, 36 hogs and 255 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 365 calves, 44 cannors and cutters, 99 bulls, 1,750 butcher cattle, 811 stockers and 806 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 23, inclusive, were: 279,213 cattle, 57,509 calves, 301,741 hogs, and 180,130 sheep; compared with 228,344 cattle, 48,389 calves, 277,619 hogs and 92,363 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

On Monday with a comparatively small number of cattle on sale prices advanced 25 to 75 cents per hundred. The increase in price had the effect of bringing out a larger percentage of fair butcher cattle during the balance of the week, and remained steady with Monday's quotations. Experienced men in connection with the trade are predicting heavy runs of cattle yet this fall. One load of steers averaging eleven hundred and forty pounds sold at \$12.50 and the remainder of the good cattle offered sold from that figure down to \$10.75. A number of straight loads of medium to good quality light steers were weighed up from \$9 to \$9.75 per hundred; these loads in some cases contained a few heifers and good cows. Common light

steers sold from \$7.50 to \$8.50, and a handful of young poor quality steers from \$6.50 to \$7. Heifers were weighed with other cattle of equal quality and brought from \$6 to \$9.50. Good cows sold up to \$9.50, and generally between \$8 and \$9. Common butcher cows sold from \$6.50 to \$7.50, and cannors from \$4.50 to \$4.75. One good bull weighing sixteen hundred and sixty pounds was sold for \$10, common bulls ranged from \$5.50 to \$6, and very poor yearlings sold at \$5.25. There were very few veal calves offered, and for the few on hand prices ranged from \$14 to \$16. One lot of sixteen choice calves of good beef grading which averaged four hundred and thirty-four pounds at \$10.50, weighed off cars; grass calves sold from \$6 to \$6.50.

Lambs were good sellers at an advance of 75 cents over the previous week's prices, and those of top quality realized \$13.75. Sheep sold from \$7 to \$8.50. Most of the good sheep were weighed up at \$8.10.

Hogs showed improvement in both weight and quality, and some good lots were offered. On Monday, a very few select hogs were sold at \$17.50 per hundred, weighed off cars, while during the balance of the week the price was \$17. Hogs weighing below one hundred and thirty-five pounds sold at \$2 per hundred less than selects. Hogs between one hundred and thirty-five and one

hundred and fifty pounds are used for the local fresh meat trade, and sell from \$1 to \$2 per hundred less than selects. Sows were \$5 off and stags \$7 off select prices.

Pt. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending Oct. 23, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 778 calves, 1,041 bulls, 709 butcher cattle, 2,398 hogs and 782 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 128 calves and 350 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 141 calves and 6,732 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 23, inclusive, were: 45,977 cattle, 66,793 calves, 69,471 hogs and 81,165 sheep; compared with 40,739 cattle, 57,947 calves, 58,409 hogs and 38,313 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending Oct. 23, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,029 calves, 1,624 butcher cattle, 1,391 hogs and 3,124 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 161 calves, 899 hogs and 292 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 61 calves, 236 butcher cattle, and 1,677 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 23, inclusive, were: 50,408 cattle, 50,851 calves, 49,309 hogs and 54,774 sheep; compared with 43,280