

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending June 21.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

| CATTLE | | | | | | | CALVES | | | | | | |
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| 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 21 | 1916 | June 14 | June 21 | 1916 | June 14 | | June 21 | 1916 | June 14 | June 21 | 1916 | June 14 | |
| Toronto (Union Stock Yards) | 3,792 | 4,479 | 4,560 | \$11.95 | \$10.50 | \$11.75 | 739 | 1,238 | 1,359 | \$15.50 | \$12.50 | \$14.50 | |
| Montreal (Pt. St. Charles) | 449 | 782 | 474 | 11.15 | 9.85 | 11.50 | 1,430 | 1,390 | 2,280 | 13.00 | 11.00 | 13.00 | |
| Montreal (East End) | 253 | 612 | 619 | 11.15 | 10.25 | 11.50 | 994 | 1,029 | 1,625 | 13.00 | 11.00 | 13.00 | |
| Winnipeg | 2,566 | 2,652 | 2,296 | 11.60 | 9.50 | 11.40 | 179 | | 155 | 13.00 | 10.50 | 13.00 | |
| Calgary | | 1,478 | 1,036 | | 8.00 | 9.75 | | 15 | | | | | |

| HOGS | | | | | | | SHEEP | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|---------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Receipts | | | Top Price Selects | | | | Receipts | | | Top Price Good Lambs | | | |
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| June 21 | 1916 | June 14 | June 21 | 1916 | June 14 | | June 21 | 1916 | June 14 | June 21 | 1916 | June 14 | |
| Toronto (Union Stock Yards) | 6,625 | 6,679 | 7,281 | \$15.50 | \$11.35 | \$16.00 | 537 | 1,875 | 457 | \$18.00 | \$16.00 | \$18.00 | |
| Montreal (Pt. St. Charles) | 935 | 1,116 | 1,301 | 16.00 | 11.90 | 16.10 | 130 | 794 | 209 | * 9.00 | * 8.00 | * 9.00 | |
| Montreal (East End) | 514 | 735 | 650 | 16.00 | 11.60 | 16.10 | 188 | 595 | 320 | * 9.00 | * 8.00 | * 9.00 | |
| Winnipeg | 5,451 | 8,265 | 6,523 | 15.00 | 11.00 | 14.50 | 46 | 86 | 39 | 13.00 | 11.00 | 13.00 | |
| Calgary | | 4,066 | 1,356 | | 9.40 | 13.40 | | 685 | 54 | | 10.00 | 12.50 | |

*Quotations per head.

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

Twenty-three hundred cattle, including a few loads of direct shipments to packing plants, comprised the total receipts at the Union Stock Yards over the week end. With a good demand prevailing, trading after the first hour on Monday morning was exceptionally brisk and everything was bought up by one o'clock at an advance in price of 10 to 15 cents per hundred on all grades of butcher cattle, with the possible exception of bulls and cows. Light receipts followed on Tuesday and Wednesday and a further advance of 10 to 15 cents was made. Trading closed on Thursday with a fairly strong undertone at the advance. A few loads of heavy steers were on sale and one extra good load averaging 1,360 pounds per head sold on Monday at \$12.10 per hundred. This was followed by other sales of odd lots at \$12.25 and \$12.35 per hundred, with the bulk selling from \$11.60 to \$12.10. Heavy butcher steers sold at similar levels. An extra well-finished load reached \$12.25, and odd lots brought \$12.40 per hundred, with the bulk of the best loads going between \$11.25 and \$11.85. A few head of choice light steers and heifers or baby beef, sold at \$12.00 and \$12.25 per hundred, but most of the sales of good loads were made between \$10.75 and \$11.50, with common and medium selling one dollar less per hundred. Bulls and cows barely held at the previous week's quotations but were high in comparison with other grades of cattle. A few odd bulls reached \$10.50 and one sold at \$11.00 per hundred, but the bulk of the best sold between \$9.50 and \$10.25. Good and choice cows sold from \$9.25 to \$10.00. Stockers and feeders were about steady at last week's quotations with only a limited demand prevailing. Reviewing the past three months' prices, those of last week are about 50 cents per hundred lower on all grades of butcher cattle than the top prices during part of April and the month of May. Calves were on hand in moderate numbers and sold at \$13.50 to \$14.50 for the bulk of the best veal, with a few extra choice ones reaching \$15.50 per hundred.

Lambs and sheep sold at prices steady with the previous week's quotations. Spring lambs sold at \$17.00 to \$18.00 per hundred for the best lots, with light lambs at \$15.00 to \$16.50 per hundred. Light sheep sold at \$8.00 to \$9.50 per hundred and heavy at \$7.00 to \$8.00, with the latter in slow demand.

The bulk of the hogs on the Monday market was contracted for at the previous week's quotations of \$15.50 per hundred for selects but on Tuesday prices were reduced to \$15.00, the bulk of the receipts being sold at this level. On Wednesday shippers held out and were successful in gaining an advance of 25 cents. Many lots of good hogs sold at \$15.25 on Thursday and practically all the transactions were made at that figure.

During last week shipments of hogs were made from counties in Southern Ontario direct to the Buffalo market, where the present hog quotations are from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hundred higher than at Toronto. Should this difference increase, it is more than likely that

| 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 | 116 | \$11.60 | \$11.40-\$12.00 | \$12.10 | | | | | | | |
| STEERS good | 514 | 11.36 | 10.75-11.75 | 11.95 | | 46 | 10.65 | 10.50-10.85 | 11.15 | | |
| 1,000-1,200 common | 36 | 10.33 | 9.75-10.75 | 11.00 | | 19 | 9.75 | 9.50-10.20 | 10.20 | | |
| STEERS good | 692 | 10.96 | 10.50-11.50 | 11.75 | | 31 | 10.25 | 10.00-10.50 | 10.75 | | |
| 700-1,000 common | 214 | 9.80 | 9.26-10.40 | 10.50 | | 48 | 9.15 | 8.75-9.50 | 9.70 | | |
| HEIFERS good | 478 | 11.03 | 10.60-11.60 | 11.90 | | 12 | 10.25 | 10.00-10.50 | 10.75 | | |
| fair | 117 | 9.80 | 9.50-10.25 | 10.25 | | 21 | 9.40 | 9.25-9.60 | 9.70 | | |
| common | 27 | 8.81 | 8.00-9.25 | 9.25 | | 19 | 8.50 | 8.25-8.75 | 8.90 | | |
| COWS good | 488 | 9.70 | 9.25-10.25 | 10.25 | | 24 | 9.25 | 9.00-9.50 | 9.85 | | |
| fair | 507 | 7.55 | 7.00-8.25 | 8.75 | | 113 | 8.02 | 7.50-8.75 | 8.75 | | |
| BULLS good | 84 | 9.94 | 9.50-10.25 | 11.00 | | 8 | 9.85 | 9.50-10.25 | 10.25 | | |
| common | 53 | 8.63 | 7.00-9.50 | 9.75 | | 34 | 8.18 | 6.00-9.50 | 9.50 | | |
| CANNERS & CUTTERS | 54 | 6.00 | 5.75-6.25 | 6.25 | | 30 | 6.15 | 5.75-6.50 | 7.00 | | |
| OXEN | 16 | 9.50 | 8.25-9.75 | 9.75 | | 6 | 8.75 | 8.75- | 8.75 | | |
| CALVES | 739 | 13.22 | 12.50-14.50 | 15.50 | | 1,430 | 10.65 | 7.50-13.00 | 13.00 | | |
| STOCKERS good | 192 | 8.75 | 8.50-9.00 | 9.25 | | | | | | | |
| 450-800 fair | 75 | 7.92 | 7.50-8.50 | 8.75 | | | | | | | |
| FEEDERS good | 116 | 9.75 | 9.50-10.00 | 10.00 | | | | | | | |
| 800-1,100 fair | 13 | 9.25 | 9.00-9.50 | 9.50 | | | | | | | |
| HOGS selects | 5,704 | 15.23 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.50 | | 841 | 15.65 | 15.50-15.75 | 16.00 | | |
| heavy | 10 | 15.50 | 15.00-15.50 | 15.50 | | 1 | 15.50 | 15.50- | 15.50 | | |
| (fed and lights | 715 | 14.19 | 14.00-14.50 | 14.50 | | 36 | 15.50 | 15.50- | 15.50 | | |
| watered) stags | 179 | 12.23 | 12.00-12.50 | 12.50 | | 57 | 12.58 | 12.00-13.00 | 13.00 | | |
| sows | 17 | 10.25 | 10.00-10.50 | 10.50 | | | | | | | |
| SHEEP heavy | 10 | 7.90 | 7.00-8.50 | 8.50 | | 25 | 9.73 | 9.25-10.00 | 10.00 | | |
| light | 211 | 8.85 | 8.00-9.50 | 9.50 | | 33 | 10.25 | 10.00-10.50 | 10.50 | | |
| common | 98 | 6.35 | 5.50-7.00 | 7.00 | | 47 | 8.99 | 8.50-9.50 | 9.50 | | |
| LAMBS good | 202 | 17.14 | 16.50-18.00 | 18.00 | | 7 | | 8.00-9.00 | * 9.00 | | |
| common | 16 | 16.00 | 15.00-17.00 | 17.00 | | 18 | | 6.20-7.00 | * 7.00 | | |

*Quotations per head.

heavier shipments will follow. Therefore it would appear that for the present, Ontario prices will depend largely on Buffalo quotations, and if Buffalo prices hold steady a further decline on the Toronto market can scarcely be expected.

Of the disposition of live stock from the Union Stock Yards for the week ending June 14th, Canadian packing houses purchased 750 calves, 96 bulls, 48 heavy steers, 3,155 butcher cattle, 7,596 hogs and 315 sheep. Local butchers purchased 310 calves, 336 butcher cattle, 337 hogs, and 133 sheep. Shipments back to country points were made up of 145 stocker calves, 59 milch cows, 1 bull, 250 stockers, 40 feeders and 145 hogs. United States' shipments were 77 calves, 203 heavy steers and 49 stockers.

The total receipts at the Union Stock Yards from January 1st to June 14th inclusive, were 103,166 cattle, 23,346 calves, 13,413 sheep and 230,653 hogs; compared with 109,298 cattle, 22,726 calves, 15,959 sheep and 214,760 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Montreal.

A light run of cattle which were on the whole poor in quality, sold during the week at prices slightly below those of the last week. The demand showed some improvement over the close of the

previous week, and as drovers were unwilling to hold on to their stock after their experience of the past two weeks, offerings were quickly bought up. The bulk of the heavy butcher steers sold from \$10.50 to \$11.00 per hundred, with a few small lots slightly higher. Butcher cows of the poorer grades were plentiful, but choice cows closed the week fairly strong. Cannery and cutters held about steady. Calves were in good demand at last week's figures. Grass calves are beginning to reach the market in considerable numbers and sell from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

Sheep took another drop of about \$1.00 per hundred. Spring lambs were not in much demand although very few are arriving at the Yards.

Hogs opened the week at \$15.50 to \$16.00 per hundred for selects, fed and watered, and held about steady all week. Only a few small lots sold at the top figures, most long-run hogs going at \$15.75, and those from nearby points at \$15.50. Sows sold at from \$12.50 to \$13.00 during the week.

Pt. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Pt. St. Charles' Yards for the week ending June 14th, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 1,874 calves, 58 cannery and cutters, 55 bulls, 8 heavy steers, 289 butcher cattle, 1,301

hogs, 161 sheep, and 48 lambs. Shipments to United States' points totalled 406 calves.

The total receipts at the Pt. St. Charles' Yards from January 1st to June 14th inclusive, were 16,374 cattle, 33,668 calves, 5,895 sheep and 31,643 hogs; compared with 18,322 cattle, 24,057 calves, 5,125 sheep, and 45,146 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition of live stock from the East End Yards for the week ending June 14th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,467 calves, 598 butcher cattle, 609 hogs, and 320 sheep. Shipments to outside points totalled 21 butcher cattle, and 41 hogs. United States' shipments amounted to 158 hogs.

The total receipts at the East End Yards from January 1st to June 14th inclusive, were 16,060 cattle, 27,363 calves, 6,075 sheep, and 20,356 hogs; compared with 14,273 cattle, 25,445 calves, 7,505 sheep, and 26,391 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Winnipeg.

The receipts of butcher cattle although not heavy, were sufficient to meet the requirements of the trade last week. The total run of cattle was six hundred

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