

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending October 24

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. 24	1917	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	1917	Oct. 17		Oct. 24	1917	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	1917	Oct. 17	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards).....	8,076	9,534	6,236	\$13.00	\$11.00	\$14.00	621	762	520	\$17.50	\$15.50	\$17.50	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles).....	2,389	3,036	1,781	12.00	10.50	12.00	673	1,004	768	15.00	15.00	15.00	
Montreal (East End).....	2,103	3,431	2,051	12.00	10.50	12.00	607	640	508	15.00	15.00	15.00	
Winnipeg.....	10,336	9,313	11,363	13.00	9.75	14.00	472	623	429	11.00	10.00	11.00	
Calgary.....	2,417	2,940	5,585	11.50	9.00	13.50				9.00	9.00	9.00	
Edmonton.....	1,944	1,098	2,451	11.00	8.25	13.00	239	134	60	9.00	9.00	9.00	

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. 24	1917	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	1917	Oct. 17		Oct. 24	1917	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	1917	Oct. 17	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards).....	8,016	9,736	8,227	\$17.50	\$18.00	\$18.75	7,473	9,002	5,617	\$16.50	\$16.75	\$16.25	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles).....	2,184	1,339	1,731	18.50	17.25	18.50	1,542	5,637	1,644	15.00	16.00	15.00	
Montreal (East End).....	1,102	1,332	787	18.50	17.25	18.50	1,575	1,933	1,983	15.00	16.00	15.00	
Winnipeg.....	3,902	3,273	2,278	18.00	16.75	18.50	5,542	1,635	1,282	15.50	15.25	16.75	
Calgary.....	533	1,061	1,375	17.75	15.25	17.75	1,025	621	3,236	13.25	15.65	14.00	
Edmonton.....	243	324	685	17.75	14.75	17.75	460	864	503	13.35	12.50	13.00	

Market Comments.

Toronto.

Drovers were forced to accept lower quotations on all grades of cattle in a week of listless trading. Heavy shipments of Western cattle were received by the local abattoirs, and with liberal receipts at the Yards from Ontario points, the abattoir buyers were indifferent bidders, and prices settled to a level of about fifty cents per hundred below the closing quotations of the previous week. While receipts from Ontario points are about normal for this season of the year and there is nothing to indicate that the farmers are becoming uneasy, and, therefore, marketing their stock in unusual numbers, there has been a remarkable curtailment of demand for stockers and feeders. Shipments during the past two weeks averaged only about six hundred per week, while for the corresponding two weeks of last year the average was two thousand per week. This is unfortunate; many feeding steers are either going south or are moving to the shambles. It seems reasonable to expect that even if the war shall have been terminated by next spring, choice cattle will be at a premium at that season. A few loads of heavy cattle were on sale and a number of head of thirteen hundred pounds sold at \$13.50; two loads of almost equal weight and quality at \$13.40, and twenty-seven head of twelve hundred and forty pounds at \$12.75 per hundred. Steers of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds in weight, sold up to \$12.75, twenty-three head of ten hundred and sixty-five pounds bringing that figure. Other good sales were made from \$11 to \$11.75 per hundred. Butcher cattle of lighter weights sold from \$9.75 to \$10.50 for those of choice quality, while lower grades ranged from \$7 to \$9. Cows and bulls suffered in sympathy with other grades, and \$9 to \$9.75 was the range for those of choice quality in these grades; common and medium grades sold from \$6 up to \$8.50 per hundred. Breedy stockers sold from \$8.75 to \$9.25, and good feeders from \$9.75 to \$10.50. Common stockers can be bought at \$7. One load of breedy but backward springer-heifers of about eight hundred and fifty pounds each, were shipped out at \$8.50 per hundred. Calves moved at unchanged quotations, but heavy calves were slow sellers.

Lambs were up on Monday, \$16 to \$16.25 being the ruling range with one or two decks at \$16.50. On Wednesday the market weakened and a cut of 25 cents was sustained, followed by further reductions on Thursday, when only two decks of lambs sold at \$15.75, the balance moving from \$15.25 to \$15.50 per hundred. Breeding sheep were in slow demand and could be bought from \$12 to \$14 per hundred.

Hog quotations remain unchanged from the previous week's figures, fed and watered selects selling at \$18.25 per hundred. One or two decks reached \$18.50 per hundred.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 17, Canadian packing houses purchased 3,856 butcher cattle, 87 sheep and 5,103 lambs. Local butchers purchased 201 calves, 250 butcher cattle, 211 hogs and 1,050 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 22 calves, 86 canners and cutters, 380 stock-

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.....	199	\$12.75	\$12.50-\$13.25	\$13.40					
STEERS good.....	913	11.99	11.00-12.50	13.00			\$11.00-\$12.00	\$12.00	
1,000-1,200 common.....	257	10.25	9.75-10.75	11.50					
STEERS good.....	806	10.55	10.00-11.00	12.00			10.00-11.25	11.50	
700-1,000 common.....	941	8.62	7.75-9.50	9.50			8.00-10.00	11.00	
HEIFERS good.....	574	10.78	10.50-11.50	13.25			9.50-10.25	12.00	
fair.....	296	9.20	8.50-9.50	9.50			8.50-8.75	9.50	
common.....	189	7.14	7.00-8.00	8.00			7.00-8.00	8.25	
COWS good.....	447	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.75			9.00-9.50	10.00	
common.....	923	7.14	6.50-7.50	7.75			7.00-8.00	8.50	
BULLS good.....	31	9.15	8.50-9.75	10.00					
common.....	179	7.19	6.50-7.50	8.75			6.00-7.00	8.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS.....	851	5.50	5.00-6.00	6.00			5.50-6.25	6.25	
OXEN.....							7.00-11.00	11.00	
CALVES veal.....	621	14.77	13.00-16.50	17.50			10.00-14.00	15.00	
grass.....							6.00-7.00	7.00	
STOCKERS good.....	614	8.80	8.50-9.25	9.50					
450-800 fair.....	561	7.47	7.00-8.00	8.75					
FEEDERS good.....	238	10.44	10.00-10.75	10.75					
800-1,000 fair.....	57	9.75	9.50-10.00	10.00					
HOGS selects.....	7,501	18.25	18.25-	18.25			18.00-18.25	18.50	
(fed and watered) heavies.....	5						17.00-17.25	17.25	
lights.....	253	16.68	16.00-17.25	17.50			16.00-16.25	16.25	
sows.....	255	15.75	15.00-16.00	16.25			15.00-15.25	15.25	
stags.....	2	14.25	14.25-	14.25					
LAMBS good.....	6,661	16.08	15.00-16.50	16.50			14.00-15.00	15.00	
common.....	341	14.22	13.00-15.00	16.00			13.50-14.00	14.50	
SHEEP heavy.....	64	11.40	10.00-13.00	13.00					
light.....	267	13.52	12.00-15.00	15.00			11.00-	11.00	
common.....	140	8.85	7.00-10.00	10.00			10.00-	10.00	

ers, 292 feeders and 219 sheep. Shipments to United States points were 64 butcher cattle, 167 stockers and 711 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 17, inclusive, were 222,148 cattle, 49,295 calves, 272,377 hogs and 85,316 sheep; compared with 227,485 cattle, 40,905 calves, 371,278 hogs and 100,054 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

The combined offerings of live stock at the Montreal Yards totalled forty-four hundred and eighty-nine cattle, thirty-one hundred and seventeen sheep, thirty-two hundred and eighty-six hogs and twelve hundred and seventy-three calves. With the exception of sheep, receipts of all classes of stock were in excess of those of the previous week. The offering of cattle were mostly common and medium in quality; practically all the good cattle that were on hand were held over from the previous week, and consisted of a few cars of mixed cattle from Toronto, which were sold on the opening market of the week. There were few buyers on the Monday market, but trading was fairly good notwithstanding. Butcher bulls and cows met with a fairly ready demand, and trading in steers of which there were many of poor quality on hand, was steady. The market held up well despite

the liberal receipts and few buyers, and was only a shade off in price compared with the previous week. Quality considered, the market could be quoted as unchanged. Most of the steers of good quality and weighing ten hundred pounds and up, sold from \$11 to \$12 per hundred. Lighter grades which were largely of inferior quality and thin, were off in price about 15 cents per hundred, as also were oxen, butcher cows and heifers. Canner cows-and canner bulls were the strongest market class, being steady to 25 cents per hundred higher compared with prices of the previous week. Canner cows sold from \$4.50 to \$4.75 per hundred, and bulls from \$6 to \$6.50. Butcher bulls sold up to \$8 per hundred. The calf market, which was inclined to be weak, was featureless.

Sheep and lambs were advanced 25 cents per hundred. Demand was keen, and a number of choice lambs were weighed up at \$15.50. Ewes sold from \$10 to \$11 per hundred.

The market for hogs was unsteady to 25 cents per hundred lower. Receipts were more than those of the previous week, but there was a slight improvement in the weights of the hogs. Long-run selects sold mostly at \$18.25 per hundred off cars, although a number of decks sold at \$18.50. Short-run selects sold at 25 cents per hundred below these

prices. Sows, lights and stags were subjected to similar cuts as last week.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition for the week ending October 17, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 591 calves, 280 canners and cutters, 483 bulls, 839 butcher cattle, 1,731 hogs, 1,418 lambs; Canadian shipments consisted of 112 canners and cutters, and 102 lambs. Shipments to United States points were made up of 177 calves, 26 stockers and 124 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 17, inclusive, were 40,739 cattle, 57,947 calves, 58,409 hogs and 38,313 sheep; compared with 39,547 cattle, 49,506 calves, 74,082 hogs and 49,688 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition for the week ending October 17, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 234 calves, 1,786 butcher cattle, 787 hogs and 660 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 86 calves. Shipments to United States points were 188 calves, 27 butcher cattle, and 1,323 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 17, inclusive, were 40,248 cattle, 44,128 calves, 37,040 hogs and 32,177 sheep; compared with 43,660 cattle, 38,465 calves, 39,382 hogs and 31,248 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.