

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets.

Comment on week ending November 4.
Quotations on last Monday's markets.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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CATTLE							CALVES						
Week Ending	Receipts		Week Ending	Top Price Good Steers			Week Ending	Receipts		Week Ending	Top Price Good Calves		
	Same Week	Nov. 4		Same Week	Nov. 4	Oct. 28		Same Week	Nov. 4		Same Week	Nov. 4	Oct. 28
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,327	12,265	5,421	\$12.00	\$12.25	\$13.00	584	954	924	\$18.50	\$18.50	\$18.50	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	925	2,247	1,269	10.00	11.50	10.50	456	335	682	16.00	17.00	15.00	
Montreal (East End)	1,820	2,779	1,572	10.00	11.50	10.50	388	918	784	16.00	17.00	15.00	
Winnipeg	20,099	15,376	16,651	10.00	11.00	10.25	1,466	1,184	1,353	8.00	10.00	10.00	
Calgary	3,844	5,794	3,384	8.00	10.25	8.10	365	782	900	8.50	8.00	8.25	
Edmonton	2,471	3,385	1,819	8.00	9.50	8.00	347	322	437	8.00	6.50	8.00	

HOGS							SHEEP						
Week Ending	Receipts		Week Ending	Top Price Selects			Week Ending	Receipts		Week Ending	Top Price Good Lambs		
	Same Week	Nov. 4		Same Week	Nov. 4	Oct. 28		Same Week	Nov. 4		Same Week	Nov. 4	Oct. 28
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	7,046	9,219	6,771	\$18.25	\$17.00	\$19.25	11,308	17,823	6,439	\$14.25	\$14.25	\$14.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,849	1,991	2,120	18.00	16.75	19.00	3,951	3,365	5,333	13.00	13.75	12.50	
Montreal (East End)	1,307	1,485	2,563	18.00	16.75	19.00	2,478	2,558	2,670	13.00	13.75	12.50	
Winnipeg	2,892	2,442	2,298	17.00	15.50	18.50	6,506	4,062	4,412	9.00	13.00	10.25	
Calgary	224	356	174	19.25	15.75	19.25	2,532	1,800	1,594	11.00	11.50	11.25	
Edmonton	229	161	123	17.75	16.00	18.75	602	179	69	9.50	11.25	9.00	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Receipts for the week consisted of 7,999 cattle, 600 calves, 8,991 hogs, and 13,342 sheep, on sales account, and 1,625 cattle, 962 hogs, and 585 sheep on through billing. Most of the cattle offering consisted of the common and inferior grades and as a consequence, choice cattle sold at steady prices, while the common and inferior grades sold at slight declines. A few heavy good quality cattle sold at \$12, and fair kinds from \$11 to \$12.50. Good butchers which were very few, sold from \$11 to \$12, fair kinds from \$9 to \$9.50, and light weights from \$6 to \$7. One good load of heifers was sold at \$12, and others from \$9 to \$11. Choice cows sold as high as \$10, but generally from \$8 to \$9. Canner cows moved steadily at \$4.50 per hundred, good bulls from \$9 to \$9.75, common from \$6 to \$6.50, and light from \$4.75 to \$5. Milkers and springers of good to choice quality were in demand at steady prices with those of last week. Stockers and feeders were in a little better demand all week, good breedy feeding steers weighing eight hundred pounds and upwards selling as high as \$11.50, a slight increase over prices of the previous week. A number of orders from country buyers were left unfilled owing to the scarcity of good breedy feeders. This trade has shown more activity of inquiry than for some time past and is expected to increase to even greater proportions in the next few weeks; that is, providing quality is in evidence. With a fair run of calves, choice veal sold at steady prices throughout the week ranging from \$17.75 to \$18.50. The best quality veal has been coming in small quantities, the greatest proportion of the calf receipts being of common grading; these sold about steady. Medium veal moved from \$16 to \$17, and common from \$12 to \$15.

With almost twice as many sheep and lambs on hand as during the previous week, practically all classes sold lower after Monday. On Monday, the best lambs moved from \$13.75 to \$14.50, on Wednesday, the best lambs sold from \$13 to \$13.25, and on Thursday, choice lambs moved from \$12.50 to \$12.75. Choice yearlings moved from \$9 to \$10, choice lightweight sheep from \$7.50 to \$8, and heavy fat sheep from \$6 to \$7. The market closed with a little weaker tendency. Light handyweight sheep and choice yearlings seem to be in best demand. The market was well cleaned up at the close.

With about 1,200 more hogs on the market than during the previous week, prices seemed to be on the downward trend. On Monday, they were about steady at \$18.25, fed and watered. This price was changed from \$17.25 to \$17.75, fed and watered, on Wednesday, and on Thursday, \$17.25 to \$17.50, fed and watered.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 28, inclusive, were: 241,218 cattle, 70,407 calves, 248,838 hogs and 184,951 sheep; compared with 290,768 cattle, 58,780 calves, 317,341 hogs, and 198,635 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

TORONTO					MONTREAL				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished.....	92.....								
STEERS good.....	299.....	\$10.50.....	\$10.00-\$11.00.....	\$12.00	50.....	9.50.....	9.00-\$10.00.....	\$10.00	
1,000-1,200 common.....	33.....	8.25.....	7.75- 8.75.....	9.00					
STEERS good.....	523.....	9.00.....	8.00- 9.75.....	10.00	72.....	9.25.....	9.00.....	10.00	
700-1,000 common.....	523.....	7.50.....	6.50- 7.75.....	7.75	109.....	7.75.....	5.75- 8.50.....	8.75	
HEIFERS									
good.....	433.....	10.50.....	10.00- 11.00.....	12.00	12.....	9.25.....	9.00.....	10.00	
fair.....	357.....	8.30.....	7.00- 8.50.....	8.50	17.....	7.50.....	7.00- 8.50.....	8.50	
common.....	279.....	6.50.....	6.00- 7.00.....	7.00	68.....	6.00.....	5.75- 6.50.....	6.50	
COWS									
good.....	100.....	8.50.....	7.00- 10.00.....	10.00	20.....	7.75.....	7.50- 8.00.....	8.00	
common.....	651.....	6.36.....	5.00- 8.00.....	8.50	234.....	6.00.....	5.00- 7.00.....	7.00	
BULLS									
good.....	48.....	8.50.....	8.00- 9.00.....	9.00					
common.....	245.....	6.00.....	5.50- 6.50.....	7.50	150.....	4.50.....	4.50.....	5.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS.....	841.....	4.93.....	4.00- 6.00.....	6.00	180.....	3.50.....	3.00- 4.00.....	4.50	
OXEN.....					8.....	7.50.....	7.50.....	7.50	
CALVES									
veal.....	584.....	16.68.....	15.00- 18.00.....	18.50	178.....	14.00.....	12.00- 15.00.....	16.00	
grass.....					278.....	5.50.....	5.50.....	6.00	
STOCKERS									
450-800 good.....	1,313.....	8.50.....	8.00- 9.00.....	10.35					
fair.....	372.....	8.00.....	7.50- 8.50.....	8.50					
FEEDERS									
800-1,100 good.....	187.....	10.48.....	9.25- 11.00.....	11.90					
fair.....	21.....	9.40.....	9.00- 9.75.....	9.75					
HOGS									
selects.....	6,829.....	17.99.....	17.25- 18.25.....	18.25	1,662.....	17.60.....	17.50.....	18.00	
heavies.....					23.....				
(fed and lights.....	79.....	16.25.....	15.25- 16.25.....	16.25	124.....				
watered) sows.....	137.....	13.90.....	12.25- 15.75.....	15.25	38.....	13.75.....	13.50- 14.00.....	15.50	
stags.....	1.....				2.....				
LAMBS									
good.....	8,892.....	13.48.....	12.50- 14.25.....	14.25	2,541.....	13.00.....	13.00.....	13.00	
common.....	666.....	9.74.....	8.00- 11.00.....	11.00	901.....	11.00.....	11.00- 11.50.....	11.50	
SHEEP									
yearlings.....	162.....	8.87.....	8.00- 10.50.....	11.00					
light.....	1,231.....	6.00.....	5.50- 6.50.....	6.50	293.....	6.10.....	6.00- 6.50.....	7.00	
common.....	357.....	4.00.....	3.00- 5.00.....	5.00	216.....	5.00.....	4.00- 5.50.....	6.00	
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Montreal.

The fact that Monday's receipts were comparatively light was attributed to the Holiday. On Tuesday, receipts were also light and on Wednesday and Thursday there were very few fresh arrivals of any kind. It is most likely that there is more than one cause for the continued light runs, but among the most common given are the fine open weather that has prevailed throughout the fall, the low price being offered for stock as compared with the price of hay and other feeds that have been consumed by the cattle, the amount of straw of good quality and other rough feeds in store, that could be fed to any cattle carried over, and the fact that producers are not pressed for money. A number of dealers also express the opinion that there is not a very large surplus of cattle in the surrounding districts. Packers are still looking for heavy runs as soon as the rough weather sets in and are quite firm in their attitude towards lower prices. Canners reached a level of \$3, during the week, and while a few lots of Bologna bulls were weighed up at \$4.75, the most common price was \$4.50. There was a larger percentage than usual of fair and common butcher steers. These, together with quite liberal shipments direct to packers from Winnipeg

made up more of this class of stock than the trade were willing to purchase. One load of good steers was reshipped to Toronto and a number of lots of commoner grades were left unsold. From \$8.50 to \$9 was the most common range for the better grades of steers and heifers. The best of the medium cows and stocky little two-year-old heifers, weighing around seven hundred to seven hundred and fifty pounds were weighed up at \$7. Thinner grades of cows and heifers, with light young steers from \$5.75 to \$6 and poor yearlings around \$4.25. There was a strong tone to the market for veal calves. Common grass calves were sold, for \$5.50.

There were not enough lambs to supply the demand and a number of small butchers were unable to secure stocks. Good lambs brought \$13. Prices ranged from that figure down to \$8 for culls. Sheep in mixed lots of fairly good average brought \$6 and those of more even grading \$6.50.

There was a break of \$1 per hundred in prices for hogs as compared with those of the previous week. A number of sales were made at \$17.75 and \$18, but the standard price was \$17.50. A few selected fat sows were weighed up at

\$15.50. Sows were generally \$4 below steers.

PT. ST. CHARLES—The total receipts from January 1 to October 28, inclusive, were: 35,633 cattle, 61,945 calves, 62,718 hogs and 88,172 sheep; compared with 48,055 cattle, 67,256 calves, 71,058 hogs and 85,956 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from January 1 to October 28, inclusive, were: 39,491 cattle, 52,515 calves, 53,257 hogs and 56,954 sheep; compared with 52,654 cattle, 51,422 calves, 51,351 hogs and 57,220 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Wool Market Report.

At the recent Government sales held in Boston, 2,867,000 lbs. of wool were sold, being fully 95% of the offerings. The sale was essentially a carpet wool auction, and in view of the fact that the wools were two years old, 16½ cents, which was the top price paid, was considered sufficient for the quality of the wools. American quarter blood wools are quoted at 30 to 32 cents, while the finer grades of Ohio and Michigan fleeces are quoted as high as 60 cents. Half blood combing is quoted at 50 cents to 52 cents and ¾ blood combing at 38c. to 40 cents.