

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending June 14

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	
June 14	1916	June 7	June 14	1916	June 7		June 14	1916	June 7	June 14	1916	June 7	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,560	4,017	3,640	\$11.75	\$10.35	\$12.10	1,359	1,118	901	\$14.50	\$12.25	\$14.50	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	474	408	631	11.50	9.75	12.00	2,280	1,128	1,342	13.00	10.00	13.25	
Montreal (East End)	619	459	677	11.50	9.75	12.00	1,625	1,601	1,772	13.00	10.00	13.25	
Winnipeg	2,296	1,074	2,836	11.40	9.50	12.50	155	141	228	13.00	10.50	13.00	
Calgary		1,168	1,148		7.25	9.50		6				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	
June 14	1916	June 7	June 14	1916	June 7		June 14	1916	June 7	June 14	1916	June 7	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,281	8,171	6,557	\$16.00	\$10.85	\$16.50	457	1,494	367	\$18.00	\$13.50	\$16.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,301	950	1,503	16.10	11.40	16.50	209	549	326	* 9.00	* 8.00	*10.00	
Montreal (East End)	650	913	856	16.10	11.40	16.50	320	888	275	* 9.00	* 8.00	*10.00	
Winnipeg	6,523	6,412	6,897	14.50	10.00	15.15	39	8	28	13.00	10.50		
Calgary		4,090	2,374		9.50	14.50		256	24		10.00		

*Quotations per head.

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Twenty-nine hundred head of cattle were on sale at the Union Stock Yards on Monday, and in addition the abattoirs received two hundred and fifty head direct from Western Canada, and several loads of distillery-fed steers from Ontario points. The supply offered for sale was above trade requirements, and in what proved to be an extremely slow market, buyers were again successful in reducing prices by 50 to 75 cents per hundred on heavy steers, and from 35 to 50 cents per hundred on all other grades of butcher cattle. No demand existed for heavy steers, as the abattoirs have been able to fill most of their requirements, which at the best are rather limited for this class, from supplies of their own and from distillery-fed steers that are available at the present time. As a consequence, about three hundred head, or almost the entire offering of heavy steers, were shipped from the market to Buffalo, where a wider outlet exists. The week was a poor one for the drovers and most of them were forced to accept losses, which, in individual cases, reached \$200 and \$300 per load. Trading on Tuesday continued slow at the decline, but considerable activity was displayed on Wednesday. The market was quiet again on Thursday, although most of the offerings were sold out at prices about steady with Monday's decline. Bids as high as \$11.85 were made on choice heavy cattle, but \$11.50 per hundred was as high as buyers cared to offer on the bulk; consequently, very few sales were put through. Heavy butcher steers sold at \$11.00 to \$11.65 per hundred, with one load of good steers reaching \$11.75, the top price of the week for this class. Light handy butcher steers and heifers sold from \$10.75 to \$11.25 per hundred for choice quality, with a few loads reaching \$11.50. Choice bulls reached \$11.00 per hundred in one or two instances, but the bulk sold from \$9.50 to \$10.50. The best cows offered, ranged in price from \$9.25 to \$10.25. Stockers and feeders were in slow demand at a 25 to 40 cents' decline, good feeders selling from \$9.50 to \$10.00, and good stockers from \$8.50 to \$9.00. Calves came forward in liberal numbers and met a steady demand at from \$13.00 to \$14.50 per hundred for good veal with a few choice ones reaching \$15.00.

Lambs and sheep are moving a trifle more freely now with choice spring lambs selling from \$17.00 to \$18.00 per hundred, clipped light sheep from \$8.00 to \$9.00, and heavy at \$7.00 to \$8.00. The feeling is easier in this department.

Select hogs sold on Monday at last week's quotations but were reduced on Tuesday by 50 cents per hundred, selling at \$15.50 fed and watered. Light hogs were \$1.00 per hundred lower, while sows sold at \$12.50 and stags at \$10.50. Buyers are looking for lower hog prices for next week.

Of the disposition of the live stock from the Union Stock Yards for the week ending June 7th, Canadian packing houses purchased 668 calves, 124 butcher bulls, 206 heavy steers, 2,642 butcher cattle, 8,229 hogs, and 228 sheep. Local butchers purchased 371 butcher cattle, 158 hogs, and 97 sheep. Shipments to

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	141	\$11.74	\$11.25-\$12.00	\$12.00		8	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$11.25	
STEERS good	587	11.25	11.00-11.65	11.75		42	10.60	10.25-10.75	11.50	
1,000-1,200 common	44	10.27	9.75-10.75	11.00		13	9.75	9.50-10.00	10.20	
STEERS good	1,191	11.02	10.75-11.50	11.50		21	10.35	10.25-10.60	11.00	
700-1,000 common	306	9.84	9.50-10.25	10.50		16	9.00	8.75-9.25	9.90	
STEERS good	513	11.24	10.75-11.50	11.75		3	10.25	10.00-11.00	11.00	
HEIFERS fair	203	10.06	9.75-10.25	10.25		8	9.50	9.25-9.90	9.90	
common	37	9.15	8.50-9.50	9.50		18	8.79	8.25-9.20	9.20	
COWS good	324	9.78	9.50-10.50	10.75		28	9.64	9.25-9.75	10.00	
fair	679	7.71	7.25-9.50	9.00		136	8.16	7.50-8.50	8.70	
BULLS good	81	9.97	9.50-10.50	11.00		8	10.00	6.25-10.50	10.50	
common	45	8.88	8.50-9.50	10.00		47	8.29	6.00-9.50	9.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	26	6.00	5.75-6.25	6.75		58	6.15	5.50-6.75	7.00	
OXEN						4	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	
CALVES	1,359	13.00	12.50-14.00	14.50		2,280	10.45	8.00-13.00	13.00	
STOCKERS good	219	8.88	8.50-9.25	9.25						
450-800 fair	76	8.35	7.75-8.75	8.75						
FEEDERS good	85	9.96	9.50-10.25	10.25						
800-1,100 fair	3	9.25	9.00-9.75	9.75						
HOGS										
selects	6,512	15.66	15.50-16.00	16.00		1,099	15.80	15.50-16.00	16.10	
heavies	17	15.85	15.00-16.00	16.00		20	15.75	15.50-15.75	15.75	
lights	537	14.69	14.50-15.00	15.00		76	15.75	15.50-15.75	15.75	
stags	204	12.61	11.50-13.00	13.00		102	13.68	12.50-14.00	14.00	
sows	11	10.87	10.50-11.00	11.00		4	10.38	10.00-12.00	12.00	
SHEEP										
heavy	15	7.45	7.00-8.00	8.50		39	10.25	10.00-10.50	10.50	
light	234	9.12	8.00-10.25	10.50		25	11.19	10.25-11.25	11.50	
common	96	5.80	5.00-6.50	6.50		97	9.16	9.00-9.75	9.75	
LAMBS good	105	17.37	17.00-18.00	18.00		13	8.19	7.00-9.00	* 9.00	
common	7	16.14	15.00-17.00	17.00		35	7.00	6.00-8.00	* 8.00	

*Quotations per head.

country points amounted to 14 calves, 94 milch cows, 307 stockers, 148 feeders, 49 hogs, and 18 sheep. There were 18 heavy steers shipped to Buffalo market and these comprised the total United States' shipments from the market, during the week.

The total receipts at the Union Stock Yards from January 1st to June 7th, inclusive were: 98,606 cattle, 23,987 calves, 12,956 sheep, and 223,372 hogs; compared with 108,840 cattle, 21,598 calves, 15,519 sheep, and 215,129 hogs, received during the similar period of 1916.

Montreal.

The market for live stock during the week was most unsatisfactory, the outstanding feature being a falling off in the demand for all classes of stock. Even the best informed apparently had not anticipated this condition, as some of the packers are reported to have contracted heavily for distillery cattle, at the prices which prevailed on the market, about two weeks ago and which were about \$1.50 per hundred higher in price than those sold during the past week. The supply of stock was slightly below normal in most grades but proved too large for the demand. A few heavy cattle sold from \$11.00 to \$11.50 per hundred, but the bulk of this class brought

from \$10.50 to \$11.00. Butcher cows of the poorer grades were plentiful and prices for these suffered severe reductions. Canners were few in number and held about steady. Calves opened the week fairly strong but eased off about \$1.00 per hundred later in the week. Sheep prices declined about \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hundred, and spring lambs were reduced about \$1.00 per head, on a slow market.

Hogs sold on Monday at \$16.00 to \$16.25 per hundred, off cars, for selects, but dropped 25 cents later in the week. There are too many sows coming in and packers have announced that beginning with next week this class will be cut \$3.00 per hundred, instead of \$2.00, as has been the custom heretofore.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition of live stock from the Pt. St. Charles market for the week ending June 7th, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 1,110 calves, 66 canners and cutters, 49 bulls, 2 heavy steers, 473 butcher cattle, 1,253 hogs, 228 sheep, and 98 lambs. Shipments to United States' points totalled 232 calves.

The total receipts at the Pt. St. Charles Yards from January 1st to June 7th, inclusive, were: 15,900 cattle, 31,358 calves, 5,686 sheep, and 30,342 hogs; compared with 16,925 cattle, 17,157 calves, 6,126 sheep, and 48,452 hogs,

received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition of live stock from the East End market for the week ending June 7th, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 1,442 calves, 677 butcher cattle, 798 hogs, and 275 sheep. Shipments to United States' points totalled 280 calves.

The total receipts at the East End Yards from January 1st to June 7th, inclusive, were: 15,441 cattle, 25,738 calves, 5,755 sheep, and 19,702 hogs; compared with 13,207 cattle, 23,027 calves, 7,448 sheep, and 25,961 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Winnipeg.

The market for butcher cattle opened slow and draggy, and continued so until Wednesday on which day there was a more attractive demand, followed by additional strength in all grades on Thursday. The receipts were comparatively light, being nine hundred head fewer than those of the previous week. The quality of the bulk of the offerings ranged from common to fair and very few choice cattle were offered. Most of the cattle now being received are grass fed and are meeting with poor demand, whereas stall-fed beef is quickly picked up by the buyers. On five cars of the latter from