

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending September 18.

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 Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11	Week Ending Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11		Week Ending Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11	Week Ending Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	8,224	10,863	7,830	\$13.75	\$15.00	\$13.75	922	937	1,109	\$23.00	\$17.75	\$23.50	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,055	2,334	1,300	14.00	13.50	13.00	855	897	511	17.00	15.50	18.00	
Montreal (East End)	2,108	2,701	1,765	14.00	13.50	13.00	1,055	828	659	17.00	15.50	18.00	
Winnipeg	7,520	7,517	6,956	11.50	15.00	11.65	811	244	586	11.50	12.00	11.50	
Calgary	2,598	3,894	3,504	10.00	13.50	10.50	781		883	10.00		10.25	
Edmonton	791	1,528	1,137	10.50	13.00	9.75	113	43	90	9.50	7.75	9.00	

HOGS							SHEEP						
Receipts			Top Price Selects				Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs			
Week Ending Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11	Week Ending Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11		Week Ending Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11	Week Ending Sept. 18	Same Week 1918	Week Ending Sept. 11	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	8,403	4,365	7,767	\$19.25	\$19.75	\$20.25	14,733	8,640	10,034	\$15.65	\$18.25	\$15.65	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,193	2,553	1,048	19.25	20.00	19.25	3,761	3,206	2,379	14.50	17.50	13.50	
Montreal (East End)	1,146	1,635	1,312	19.25	20.00	19.00	2,702	2,589	2,547	14.50	17.50	13.50	
Winnipeg	979	1,418	1,067	18.00	19.00	19.00	3,950	1,074	1,567	13.00	17.00	15.00	
Calgary	369	898	261	17.75	19.00	17.75	882	460	649	12.50	14.00		
Edmonton	48	708	151	17.25	18.75	17.75	335	96	294	12.50	13.00	12.50	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Cattle receipts were on a level with those of the previous week, while there was a slightly higher proportion of choice cattle. When trading opened on Monday choice cattle sold at prices fairly steady compared with the previous week's quotations, while common cattle moved at fifty cents per hundred lower. A general weakness developed during the remainder of the week, and on the closing market good cattle sold at prices 50 cents to 75 cents per hundred lower, while common cattle were fully \$1 off. Most of the cattle were sold to local abattoirs but a few hundred head were shipped across the border. Several loads of heavy cattle were on sale, and on Monday several loads were absorbed by the trade at prices about twenty-five cents below those of the previous week. One good load averaging thirteen hundred pounds sold at \$14.50 per hundred, while a second load of almost equal weight and quality was weighed at \$14.25. Later in the week heavy cattle were hard to move at a decline of fifty to seventy-five cents per hundred. For steers of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, \$13.75 was quoted as a top price on Monday, but on Wednesday \$13.25 was the best price for anything within those weights, while most of the best cattle sold from \$12 to \$12.50 per hundred, and medium from \$10 to \$11. Handy-weight butcher steers and heifers of quality moved readily at the decline in values. A top of \$12.50 on that class was realized for a few small lots, while good loads sold from \$11.50 to \$12.25, medium quality stock from \$8 to \$9.50 and common eastern cattle at \$5 to \$8 per hundred. Choice cows were lower in sympathy with other grades, although quite a number of transactions were made from \$10 to \$10.75, a few at \$11, and one or two at \$12 per hundred. Fed good bulls were offered and for those of good quality prices ranged from \$9.75 to \$10.50 per hundred, and for bologna bulls from \$5 to \$7; the largest percentage of bulls on the market were included in the latter grading. Cannors and cutters moved freely from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per hundred. There was very little local demand for stockers and feeders and prices were fifty cents per hundred lower. Calves were in good demand, choice veal selling up to \$23 per hundred, good veal calves from \$16 to \$19, and common calves at \$9 to \$13.

An exceptionally heavy offering of lambs was on sale and prices dropped considerably during the week. Altogether about fifteen thousand lambs were weighed up, and probably constituted the heaviest run in the history of the yards. On Monday \$14.75 was the top price, a decline of \$1 per hundred. On Wednesday a few lambs sold at \$13.75, while most of the sales were made at \$13, and on the following day nothing was sold above \$12.75.

Hogs developed further weakness, fifty cents per hundred being taken off within the past week. On Monday selects sold at \$18.75, fed and watered, while on Wednesday and Thursday they were quoted at \$18.25. The market closing with a weaker undertone.

Of the disposition from the Yards

TORONTO					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	222	\$13.80	\$12.75-\$14.25	\$14.50					
STEERS good	673	13.07	11.50-13.50	13.75	173	\$13.00	\$12.00-\$14.00	\$14.00	
1,000-1,200 common	270	10.44	9.75-11.00	11.50					
STEERS good	853	11.70	10.75-12.25	12.75	284	11.25	10.50-12.00	13.00	
700-1,000 common	1,020	7.77	7.00-8.50	10.00	323	8.00	7.50-9.50	10.25	
HEIFERS good	711	11.84	10.75-12.50	12.75	29	10.00	9.00-11.00	11.50	
fair	504	8.68	8.50-9.50	9.75	56	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00	
common	339	6.78	6.25-7.50	8.00	154	7.25	6.50-7.50	7.75	
COWS good	240	9.69	9.00-10.25	11.00	87	9.50	9.00-10.50	10.50	
common	1,103	7.25	6.75-7.50	8.75	267	7.25	6.25-8.50	9.00	
BULLS good	41	9.68	9.00-10.25	10.75	5	8.75	8.00-10.00	10.00	
common	149	7.15	5.75-7.75	9.50	514	6.00	5.75-6.50	6.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	434	5.37	4.75-5.75	5.75	104	5.25	4.50-6.00	6.00	
OXEN	2				11	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	
CALVES veal	922	16.87	15.00-19.00	23.00	176	14.00	12.00-17.00	17.00	
grass					679	8.25	8.00-8.50	8.50	
STOCKERS good	637	9.02	8.50-9.75	9.75					
450-800 fair	639	7.20	6.50-8.00	8.75					
FEEDERS good	287	10.75	10.50-11.00	11.25					
800-1,100 fair	120	10.21	9.75-10.50	10.50					
HOGS selects	7,877	18.79	18.25-19.25	19.25	966	19.00	18.75-19.10	19.25	
(fed and watered) heavies	8	18.75	18.75	18.75	52				
lights	314	16.77	16.25-17.25	17.25	160	17.75	16.75-18.75	18.75	
sows	200	15.75	15.75	15.75	13	14.00	13.75-14.25	14.25	
stags	4	13.37	13.25-14.25	14.25	2				
LAMBS good	12,570	13.97	12.00-15.65	15.65	1,698	14.25	14.25	14.50	
common	1,018	12.40	10.00-14.50	14.50	1,852	13.25	13.00-13.50	13.50	
SHEEP heavy	110	8.32	7.50-9.00	9.00					
light	558	9.45	8.75-10.00	10.00	89	8.00	8.00	8.00	
common	477	5.97	4.00-7.00	7.00	122				

for the week ending September 14, Canadian packing houses purchased 314 calves, 5,267 butcher cattle, 347 hogs and 6,598 lambs. Local butchers purchased 475 calves, 450 butcher cattle, 216 hogs and 1,400 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 6 calves, 127 cannors and cutters, 313 stockers, 283 feeders, 49 hogs, 110 sheep and 44 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 684 calves, 38 cannors and cutters, 611 butcher cattle, 59 stockers, 370 feeders and 1,473 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 11, inclusive, were, 224,488 cattle, 50,414 calves, 258,566 hogs and 889,640 sheep; compared with 180,797 cattle, 44,898 calves, 238,998 hogs and 47,062 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

There was a good demand for all live stock offered during the week, and although hogs were lower in price other classes sold at prices equal to, and in some instances better, than those of the previous week. The top price paid for steers was \$14 for seven head averaging a few pounds less than twelve hundred pounds. Twenty-four steers averaging about ten hundred and fifty pounds, sold at \$13; a number of lots of good steers weighing close to ten hundred

pounds per steer were sold at \$11.50, \$11.75 and \$12 per hundred. Medium quality steers sold around \$9, while a lot of sales of very common light steers were made from \$7.25 to \$8. Fat cows sold up to \$10.50, and generally from \$9 to \$9.50. Medium to common cows changed hands from \$7 to \$8, thin cows from \$6 to \$6.25, and cannors and cutters from \$4.50 to \$5.50. Heifers were in nearly all cases weighed up with other stock of equal value and prices ranged all the way from \$5.75 for very common yearlings to \$11.50 for the best. Most of the young heifers of dairy breeding are in poor flesh and sell around \$7 to \$7.50. Bulls sold almost entirely between \$5.75 and \$6.50 per hundred. Good veal calves are not plentiful; prices paid for the best were \$14 to \$17 per hundred and for grass calves from \$8 to \$8.50.

There was quite a marked increase in the prices for lambs. On the opening market \$14.25 to \$14.50 was paid for good stock as compared with \$13 to \$13.50 on the previous Monday. At the close of the week the price was lowered to \$14, and in the event of a heavy run may go still lower. Sheep sold at almost a flat price of \$8 per hundred.

Hogs sold from \$19 to \$19.50, off-car weights. Many of the hogs offered

weighed less than one hundred and fifty pounds, but as the offerings are very light at present these are sold at about the same price as the selects. Sows sold at \$5 per hundred below select prices.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending September 11, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 511 calves, 457 bulls, 533 butcher cattle, 1,048 hogs and 1,896 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 17 milch cows and 27 butcher cattle. Shipments to United States points consisted of 33 butcher cattle and 483 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 11, inclusive, were: 30,195 cattle, 59,087 calves, 59,078 hogs and 34,258 sheep; compared with 30,650 cattle, 53,860 calves, 48,251 hogs and 24,080 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending September 11, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 659 calves, 1,729 butcher cattle, 1,165 hogs and 2,345 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 147 hogs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 25 butcher cattle and 202 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 11, inclusive, were: 33,578

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