

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending August 15.

Receipts and Market Tops.

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts		Top Price		Good Steers		Receipts		Top Price		Good Calves	
	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week
	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 8
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,712	5,149	3,889	\$15.25	\$11.00	\$15.00	788	729	643	\$16.50	\$15.50	\$16.75
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,159	753	1,263	14.00	10.40	13.50	1,267	445	799	15.00	12.50	15.00
Montreal (East End)	2,017	983	1,177	14.00	10.40	13.50	595	377	597	15.00	12.50	15.00
Winnipeg	8,767	5,467	5,884	16.00	10.00	15.80	723	342	339	13.50	12.00	14.00
Calgary		949	3,751		8.75	15.00						
Edmonton	1,389	547	1,177	13.00	7.75	12.25	131	42			11.00	

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts		Top Price		Selects		Receipts		Top Price		Good Lambs	
	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	Same Week
	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 15	1917	Aug. 8	Aug. 8
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,506	8,368	4,998	\$20.25	\$19.25	\$20.00	1,756	2,274	3,723	\$23.25	\$16.50	\$19.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,626	1,262	1,364	20.75	18.00	20.75	1,049	1,515	1,058	18.50	14.50	18.00
Montreal (East End)	1,601	614	1,097	20.75	18.00	20.75	776	719	812	18.50	14.50	18.00
Winnipeg	6,199	4,720	4,858	20.50	16.85	20.50	570	440	497	17.50	13.00	17.50
Calgary		2,935	2,939		17.10	19.25		310	500		12.50	
Edmonton	1,182	515	1,791	18.75	16.50	18.50	192	10	114	13.00	12.00	

Market Comments.

Toronto.

There was little change in price quotations during the week at the Union Stock Yards. Choice heavy cattle were in keen demand and prices advanced 25 to 50 cents on this class of stock. There was also a good inquiry for choice cows, while medium cows, heifers and common steers were sold more slowly, forcing a decline of about 25 cents per hundred on this class of stock. There is a limited demand for beef for local consumption and anything dressing under five hundred pounds is unsuitable for the export trade, hence the sluggish demand for cattle of that grade. One extra good load of steers, averaging thirteen hundred and thirty five pounds sold on Monday at \$16.25, this being the highest price paid for cattle for some weeks. Other good sales were made from \$14.75 to \$15.50. For steers between ten hundred and twelve hundred pounds as high as \$15 per hundred was paid for several good loads averaging from eleven hundred and fifty pounds to twelve hundred pounds, while numerous sales were made from \$14 to \$14.75 per hundred. Steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds were in rather slow demand and if anything, the prices on these were easier, heifers suffering more than steers, and they are now being sorted out and sold separately. Choice cows and bulls were about steady at the previous week's level and sold from \$10 to \$10.75 per hundred, while medium cows moved at \$8 to \$9, and were hard to sell. Canners and cutters sold from \$5.50 to \$6.50 per hundred. There is very little demand for stockers and feeders on account of the pasture shortage, and few are going to country points; prices, however, remained unchanged. Choice calves were in good demand from \$16 to \$17 per hundred, while \$17.35 was paid for a small lot. Common and medium calves were not in keen demand on this market, and are finding an outlet at Buffalo, U. S. A.

Lamb receipts fell off and the market developed a stronger tone. On Monday prices advanced to \$20 and on Tuesday to \$21, while on Wednesday \$23.50 was paid for some lambs. Most of the top lambs sold on Thursday at \$23 but the market developed a somewhat weaker tone late in the day and buyers were latterly only bidding \$21 as a top price.

Hogs were steady on Monday at \$20 per hundred. On Tuesday a few were sold at \$20.25 and most of the sales were made at that level on Wednesday, although one or two lots sold at \$20.50. The market closed with a steady undertone on Thursday, \$20.25 being the top price.

Of the disposition from the yards for the week ending August 8, Canadian packing houses purchased 240 calves, 3,163 butcher cattle, 4,882 hogs and 2,703 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 225 calves, 315 butcher cattle, 124 hogs and 915 sheep. Canadian shipments were made up of 14 calves, 15 milk cows, 597 stockers and feeders, 141 hogs and 43 sheep. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 162 calves, and 198 butcher cattle.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 8, inclusive, were: 151,425 cattle, 40,973 calves, 220,113 hogs and 28,409 sheep; compared with 141,999

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	127	\$15.10	\$14.00-\$15.50	\$16.25							
STEERS good	605	14.00	13.50-14.50	15.25		36	\$13.50	\$12.50-\$14.00	\$14.00		
1,000-1,200 common	23	12.50	11.00-12.75	12.75		14	12.25	12.00-12.50	12.50		
STEERS good	635	12.50	12.00-13.50	13.50		110	12.25	12.00-12.50	12.50		
700-1,000 common	529	10.25	9.50-10.75	11.00		239	9.00	8.25-9.50	9.50		
HEIFERS good	358	13.25	12.50-13.50	14.25		26	10.25	10.00-12.00	12.00		
fair	194	10.75	10.00-11.00	11.00		84	9.25	8.50-9.50	9.50		
common	131	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.75		134	8.00	7.00-8.50	8.50		
COWS good	565	9.94	9.00-10.50	10.75		97	9.50	9.00-10.00	12.00		
common	759	7.98	7.50-8.50	9.00		339	8.25	7.75-8.75	8.75		
BULLS good	33	10.00	9.75-10.50	11.00		87	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00		
common	194	8.00	7.50-8.50	10.00		749	7.65	7.50-7.75	7.75		
CANNERS & CUTTERS	121	6.50	6.00-7.00	7.00		220	6.50	5.75-7.00	7.00		
Oxen											
CALVES veal	783	14.50	13.00-16.00	16.50		1,246	13.50	9.00-15.00	15.00		
grass	5	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00		21	7.75	7.00-8.00	8.00		
STOCKERS good	50	10.57	9.50-10.00	10.00							
450-800 fair	179	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.50							
FEEDERS good	136	10.75	10.50-11.00	11.00							
800-1,000 fair	73	10.25	10.00-10.50	10.50							
HOGS selects	3,831	20.16	20.00-20.25	20.25		2,218	20.75	20.75-	20.75		
(fed and watered) heavies	14	20.00	20.00-	20.00		54	20.50	20.50-20.75	20.75		
lights	301	18.10	17.00-19.25	19.25		218	20.50	20.25-20.75	20.75		
sows	155	17.49	17.25-18.25	18.25		124	17.75	17.75-	17.75		
stags	5					12	16.75	16.75-	16.75		
LAMBS good	1,443	20.53	18.00-23.25	23.25		206	18.50	18.50-	18.50		
common						736	18.00	18.00-	18.00		
SHEEP heavy											
light	278	14.00	13.00-15.00	15.00		39	13.50	13.50-	13.50		
common	35	9.00	8.00-10.00	10.00		68	13.00	13.00-	13.00		

cattle, 33,249 calves, 294,439 hogs, and 25,449 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

The brisk condition of trading at the Montreal yards was further exemplified during the week, when with twice the number of cattle on hand as compared with the fairly large offerings of the previous week, all classes of stock were readily purchased at prices equal to, and in some cases higher than, those prevailing at the close of the previous market. Receipts at the two yards totalled over four thousand head of cattle compared with about two thousand head the week before. A similarly good demand as for cattle was in evidence for calves, hogs and sheep, of which classes the receipts were also much larger than during the previous week. Owing to the supply and the keen inquiry for cattle for boning and freezing, a market was held on Saturday and most of that class of stock then on hand for the Monday trade was weighed up for the local packing plants at the previous week's closing figures. By Monday morning over fifteen hundred additional cattle were unloaded and these were all sold by noon, while the three hundred and fifty cattle received during the remaining days of the week, moved to the scales as soon as each day's market opened. While most of the offerings con-

sisted of canners and cutters and medium to common light-weight bulls, there was also offered a fairly generous number of finished steers, cows and heifers, of good weights, and for these the improved demand noticeable during the previous week was again in evidence. Heavy cattle are not in strong demand but stock of fair finish weighing around ten hundred pounds is finding a ready market. Of the sales transacted during the week, nineteen steers weighing around ten hundred and seventy pounds each were weighed up at \$14 per hundred, one lot consisting of nineteen mixed steers and cows sold at \$13 and two steers averaging ten hundred and five pounds, not as well finished, at \$12. Seventeen steers averaging nine hundred and ninety-nine pounds moved off the scales at \$12.50, and several lots of slightly heavier weights at a similar price, while a considerable number of sales were made between \$11 and \$12 per hundred. Cattle weighing less than nine hundred pounds sold mostly from \$8 to \$9.50 per hundred. Individual sales of butcher heifers were made at equally good prices as those for steers, quality considered; one heifer weighing ten hundred and fifty pounds sold at \$12 per hundred, and another of seven hundred and twenty-five pounds at \$10, while most of this class were weighed up in mixed lots with steers and cows at from \$7.50 to \$9.50 per hundred.

Small picked lots of butcher cows sold readily at \$10 per hundred, while most of the sales of those of good quality were made from \$9 to \$9.50, and those of fair quality from \$8 to \$9. Canners and cutters were quickly disposed of despite the large number offered, and for these prices were equal to those paid during the previous week for stock of similar quality. Sales of this class were made mostly at \$5.75 per hundred, but a large number were weighed up at \$6 and \$7, and a few as high as \$8, per hundred. Bulls were also readily disposed of, the demand for this class continuing strong despite the large numbers of light thin animals offered. Sales of fairly good bulls were made mostly from \$8 to \$9 per hundred, while those of common grading sold from \$7.50 to \$7.75. The top price for calves was \$15 per hundred, a limited number of fairly choice veal calves selling at that figure. Numerous small lots sold at \$14 down to \$11, and a large number at \$9. Grass calves of which the receipts were fairly large sold mostly from \$7 to \$8 per hundred.

The market for sheep and lambs continued firm and trading was brisk throughout the week. A number of sales of lambs were made at \$18.50 per hundred, while most of the offerings were weighed up at \$18. Sheep sold from \$13 to \$13.50.

While the receipts of hogs were considerably in excess of those of the previous