

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending April 4.

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 Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	Week Ending Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	Week Ending Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	Week Ending Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,830	4,113	4,970	\$12.75	\$12.00	\$12.25	2,023	1,711	1,336	\$17.25	\$15.00	\$17.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	226	626	896	12.70	10.85	13.00	1,432	2,682	1,640	12.50	12.00	14.00
Montreal (East End)	156	505	376	12.70	10.85	13.00	1,206	2,290	1,640	12.50	12.00	14.00
Winnipeg	1,582	3,295	2,076	12.00	11.00	12.50	62		34	15.00	12.50	16.50
Calgary	1,615	1,083	1,316	11.50	9.25	12.15						

HOGS							SHEEP					
Receipts			Top Price Selects				Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
Week Ending Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	Week Ending Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	Week Ending Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	Week Ending Apr. 4	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Mar. 28	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	8,408	12,216	4,836	\$12.25	\$16.75	\$21.00	185	236	190	\$20.75	\$15.25	\$20.85
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,588	1,419	1,411	21.75	17.00	21.75	8	25	36		14.75	17.00
Montreal (East End)	355	1,025	700	21.75	17.00	21.75	24	52	76		14.75	17.00
Winnipeg	5,275	8,100	7,632	21.00	15.50	20.25	53	4	90	20.00		20.00
Calgary	3,117	1,842	1,510	19.25	15.10	19.25	134	1,130		10.75		17.25

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards)

Cattle receipts for the week totalled approximately five thousand head, twenty-two hundred of which were on sale on Monday and the balance on the following three days. Although no record prices were established, quality considered, cattle sold as high, if not higher, than they have for some months past. The market was particularly active on Monday, on which day the offerings were nearly all weighed up by the noon hour. On the following day the market was fairly quiet, while on Wednesday cattle of good quality sold at steady prices, but the lower grades were reduced from 10 to 15 cents per hundred, and common loads were a trifle hard to sell. The market closed about steady on Thursday with the week's supply fairly well sold out. Only a few heavy cattle were on sale; small lots of this class realized \$13 per hundred. Steers weighing from one thousand to twelve hundred pounds sold at higher prices than those of the previous week, one choice load of eleven hundred and thirty pounds realizing \$12.90 on Monday, while on Wednesday other loads of about equal weight and quality sold at \$12.75; these figures were, however, slightly above the ruling quotations, most of the best in these weights ranging from \$11.75 to \$12.35 per hundred. Butcher steers and heifers of eight hundred to one thousand pounds reached \$12.35 per hundred for one or two loads, while the majority of the best sales were made between \$11 and \$11.75, and medium from \$10.25 to \$10.75. The market for cows and bulls was about steady, although this class of

is probably suffering more from the recent sharp decline in hide prices than are the other grades of cattle, coarse, rough bulls being particularly affected. A few choice cows sold at \$11, while \$10.25 to \$10.75 covered most of the sales of those of choice quality, and \$9.25 to \$9.75 for those of good grading. Common and medium cows sold from \$7 to \$8.50. Good bulls were weighed up from \$10 to \$10.75, medium from \$9 to \$9.75, and common from \$8 to \$8.75. Stockers and feeders were in good demand at steady prices, and continued to move freely to country points; feeders are selling from \$9.75 to \$10.50, and stockers from \$8, according to quality. Grass cows are realizing from \$7.50 to \$8.75 per hundred. Calf receipts are liberal in volume at present, and over two thousand were offered for sale during the week. Prices barely held steady, although \$17 was realized during the week. The majority of the calves offered were purchased by local buyers, although a few hundred were reshipped to Buffalo, New York, by dealers. Quite a number of calves from one to two weeks of age were sold for reshipping to Ontario farmers during the week. Nearly all were of beef breeding and cost from \$8 to \$10 per head.

There was little change in the market for lambs and sheep. Only two hundred being on sale during the week. A few spring lambs are being marketed and are selling up to \$16 each.

Hog receipts continue to be light in volume, but notwithstanding this the market was a trifle unsteady during the week. On Monday \$21.25 per hundred was paid for a number of fed and watered hogs, while on Tuesday \$21 was the top price. On Wednesday selects ranged

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	80	\$12.40	\$11.00-\$12.75	\$13.00					
STEERS									
1,000-1,200 good	611	11.75	11.25-12.25	12.75	11	\$12.25	\$11.50-\$12.50	\$12.70	
common	11	10.64	10.00-11.00	11.25	8	11.10	11.00-11.25	11.25	
STEERS									
700-1,000 good	1,281	11.46	11.00-11.75	12.35	20	11.75	11.00-12.75	12.75	
common	403	10.35	9.75-10.75	10.75	37	9.90	9.00-10.00	11.00	
HEIFERS									
good	644	11.56	11.25-12.00	12.75	5	11.75	11.00-12.75	12.75	
fair	371	10.44	9.75-10.75	10.75	13	10.25	10.00-10.75	10.75	
common	29	9.34	8.75-9.75	10.00	10	8.90	8.50-9.50	9.50	
COWS									
good	218	9.80	9.00-10.00	11.00	7	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.25	
common	521	8.04	7.50-8.50	8.75	31	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.50	
BULLS									
good	87	9.51	9.00-10.00	11.00	16	11.00	10.50-11.50	11.50	
common	50	8.25	7.75-8.75	9.75	13	9.50	8.50-10.00	10.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	144	6.55	6.25-7.00	7.00	45	6.25	5.50-6.50	6.50	
OXEN									
CALVES									
veal	2,023	15.00	14.00-16.50	17.25	1,426	10.50	10.00-11.00	12.50	
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STOCKERS									
450-800 good	51	9.25	9.00-9.75	9.75					
fair	58	8.46	8.00-8.75	9.00					
FEEDERS									
800-1,000 good	135	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.00					
fair	136	9.75	9.50-10.00	10.00					
HOGS									
(fed and watered)									
selects	8,023	20.88	20.50-21.25	21.25	1,433	21.50	20.75-21.75	21.75	
heavies	9	20.75	20.50-21.25	21.25					
lights	203	19.44	18.50-20.25	20.25	81	20.75	20.00-21.00	21.00	
sows	165	19.42	18.50-20.25	20.25	64	19.80	18.25-19.85	19.85	
stags	8	16.81	16.50-17.25	17.25	10				
LAMBS									
good	121	20.25	19.50-20.75	20.75	4				
common	5	17.00		18.00					
SHEEP									
heavy	35	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00					
light	19	13.89	13.00-15.00	15.00	4				
common	5	8.00		10.00					

from \$20.50 to \$21 per hundred, with the market inclined to a lower level on Thursday.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 28th, Canadian packing houses bought 766 calves, 113 bulls, 30 heavy steers, 3,875 butcher cattle, 10,004 hogs and 155 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 700 calves, 327 butcher cattle, 93 hogs and 71 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 173 calves, 73 milch cows, 168 butcher cattle, 492 stockers, 303 feeders and 303 hogs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 95 calves, 34 butcher cattle, 49 stockers, 49 feeders and 174 hogs.

The total receipts from January 1st to March 28th, inclusive, were 58,902 cattle, 8,996 calves, 101,650 hogs and 10,097 sheep; compared to 55,782 cattle, 9,730 calves, 125,805 hogs and 11,503 sheep received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

There was very little activity in the market for butcher cattle during the week, owing to a lack of demand and light receipts. The packing houses had an ample supply of meat on hand, as also had the local butchers and, anticipating this, the drovers shipped in only light supplies. Only a sprinkling of choice stock was received and as a consequence of this condition, while the market held steady and

unchanged with the close of last week on a quality basis, there were fewer sales made at as high prices. The highest sales made were those of two steers averaging eight hundred and fifteen pounds at \$12.75, three heifers and six steers weighing eleven hundred pounds at a similar figure, eighteen mixed cattle weighing about ten hundred pounds each, at \$12.50 per hundred, eight mixed steers and heifers averaging nine hundred and forty-five pounds at \$11.50 per hundred, eleven averaging around ten hundred pounds at \$11.25, three weighing eight hundred and sixty pounds at \$11, and fourteen averaging eight hundred and ninety pounds at \$10. Most of the steers of medium quality within these weights sold at \$9.50 per hundred. Many of the butcher cows were weighed up in mixed lots with the steers at the best prices of the week. Of the straight sales on cows, most were made around \$10 per hundred for those of good quality, and from \$8.50 to \$9.50 for those of medium grading. Cannery and cutters were steady in tone from \$5.50 to \$6.75. Butcher bulls sold readily as the supplies of this class of stock were inadequate for the demand. A few sales were made from \$11 to \$11.50, while most of the animals were weighed up from \$8.50 to \$10. Receipts of calves were light during the early part of the week, but had assumed generous proportions by Thursday. The market held steady and

unchanged at the quotations ruling at the close of the previous week, while the average price of the sales was about 25 cents better on account of the improved quality of the offerings.

There were not enough sheep and lambs on hand to make a market.

The market for hogs opened at the previous week's closing figures, and held steady throughout the week, closing fairly firm on Thursday with indications of lower prices in the event of large receipts for the next market. The volume of receipts during the past three or four weeks while small, has been sufficient to fill requirements. Select hogs sold from \$20.75 to \$21.75 per hundred, fed and watered, and sows from \$18.25 to \$19.85.

Pr. St. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending March 28th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 1,267 calves, 80 cannery and cutters, 80 bulls, 668 butcher cattle, 5,638 hogs and 172 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 21 milch cows. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to March 25th, inclusive, were 8,092 cattle, 6,779 calves, 15,659 hogs and 5,039 sheep; compared to 9,681 cattle, 7,879 calves, 16,609 hogs and 4,606 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

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