

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending July 17.

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	Same Week	Week Ending	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	8,226	4,146	7,168	14.25	14.25	14.50	1,551	1,037	1,337	22.00	16.75	22.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,160	700	837	14.00	13.00	14.00	2,064	1,897	1,794	17.00	15.50	16.50
Montreal (East End)	1,348	682	828	14.00	13.00	14.00	1,222	777	1,132	17.00	15.50	16.50
Winnipeg	2,273	4,500	2,252	13.25	15.00	12.50	502	309	287	16.00	15.00	16.00
Calgary	4,099	4,342	388	12.50	13.65	11.25				8.50		9.50
Edmonton	1,326	7	792	10.50	12.00	12.00	209		163	9.00	12.00	12.00

	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	Same Week	Week Ending	
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	6,390	5,836	7,297	24.75	18.60	24.40	2,534	1,813	2,207	21.00	23.00	22.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	3,038	1,277	2,626	24.00	19.25	23.75	1,624	775	934	19.00	21.00	20.00
Montreal (East End)	2,699	575	1,910	24.00	19.25	23.75	1,398	319	1,293	19.00	21.00	20.00
Winnipeg	6,871	6,971	7,667	23.50	17.75	22.50	799	908	594	16.00	18.50	16.25
Calgary	1,589	3,947	899	22.75	17.50	22.25	13	1,102	1,657	12.50		13.00
Edmonton	445		895	22.50	17.25	21.75	345		1,227	13.00		13.50

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

An exceptionally heavy offering of medium and common cattle was responsible for a slight decline in prices, most of the stock moving from twenty-five to fifty cents per hundred below the closing level of the previous week. Choice heavy cattle, however, held fairly steady, and moved at values equal to those of the previous week. Speculators bought freely for shipment to American markets, three hundred head were handled locally for shipment to Belgium, and, in addition, outside abattoirs made generous purchases. A few loads of heavy cattle were on sale, and of these two loads totalling thirty-four head, averaging twelve hundred and seventy-five pounds, sold at \$14.75 per hundred; these were shipped in by L. Campbell, of Shedden, Ontario. Several other loads of heavy butchers sold from \$14 to \$14.25 per hundred. Steers between the weights of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds sold at prices steady with the previous week's close; one load of twenty-one head averaging eleven hundred and eighty pounds went to the bidder at \$14.35; twenty-two head of eleven hundred pounds at \$13.50; forty-two head of eleven hundred and twenty pounds at an equal price, while a considerable number were bought from \$13 to \$13.25 per hundred. Handy-weight steers and heifers were cut fully fifty cents per hundred, thereby widening the spread between light and heavy cattle. This new spread gives the market a better balance, as during the past two weeks handy-weight butchers were selling out of proportion to the sale prices of the heavier grades of cattle. An extra good load of light cattle averaging nine hundred pounds sold at \$13, most of these of good quality for \$12 to \$12.75 per hundred, and those of common to medium quality from \$9 to \$11. Choice heavy bulls changed hands at steady prices, as high as \$11.50 per hundred being paid for those of export quality. Medium bulls were lower in price, as also were all grades of cows, \$10.75 per hundred taking the best quality of the latter, while common and medium stock sold from \$7 to \$9. A fair demand existed locally for stockers and feeders, and in addition fairly liberal shipments were made to United States markets on speculation. Included with stocker shipments were a few loads of butcher cattle destined for New Jersey. Quotations on stocker and feeders ranged from \$10 to \$12.50 per hundred, according to weight and quality. Over fifteen hundred head were shipped across the line during the week, most of them going to the Buffalo and Lancaster market. Calves were a shade easier, and toward the end of the week prices were 50 cents to \$1 per hundred lower, with the best veal realizing \$21 per hundred. Lambs were a little easier in price and demand; those of top quality moving from \$20 to \$21 per hundred. Sheep prices were unchanged. Hogs continued to be in strong demand, and new high records were established during the week. A \$25 price for hogs is now a probability. On Monday \$24.25 was the figure quoted for fed and watered selects, while on Wednesday and

CLASSIFICATION	No.	TORONTO (Union Stock Yards)		Top Price	MONTREAL (Pt. St. Charles)		Top Price	
		Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales		Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales		
STEERS								
heavy finished	169	\$14.19	\$13.50-\$14.50	\$14.75				
STEERS								
good	703	13.50	13.00-13.75	14.25	68	13.25	13.00-14.00	14.00
1,000-1,200	118	12.22	11.50-12.50	12.75				
STEERS								
good	377	12.78	12.25-13.25	13.25	90	12.50	12.00-13.25	13.25
700-1,000	448	10.52	9.50-11.75	12.00	92	9.00	8.00-10.00	11.50
HEIFERS								
good	856	12.91	12.25-13.25	13.50	27	11.00	10.50-12.00	12.00
fair	775	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.00	45	10.00	9.00-10.50	10.50
common	374	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.50	104	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00
COWS								
good	637	10.00	9.50-10.50	10.75	150	10.00	9.50-10.75	11.00
common	1,805	8.64	7.75-9.25	9.50	229	8.25	7.00-9.00	9.50
BULLS								
good	105	10.50	10.00-11.00	11.50	11	10.00	9.50-10.50	10.50
common	113	8.32	7.75-9.50	10.00	239	8.00	6.50-9.00	9.50
CANNERS & CUTTERS	117	5.04	4.50-6.00	6.00	41	6.00	5.00-6.50	6.50
OXEN	11				9	8.00		9.00
CALVES								
veal	1,551	17.50	15.00-19.00	22.00	1,587	12.00	9.00-16.00	17.00
grass					477	7.00	6.50-7.50	8.00
STOCKERS								
good	676	10.91	10.50-11.50	11.50				
450-800	457	9.60	8.75-10.00	11.25				
FEEDERS								
good	865	12.25	12.00-12.75	12.75				
800-1,100	120	11.85	11.50-12.00	12.00				
HOGS								
selects	5,381	24.37	24.25-24.75	24.75	2,136	23.75	23.75-	24.00
heavy	8	24.24	24.25	24.75	89	22.25	21.75-22.75	22.75
lights	628	22.25	22.25	22.50	222	23.75	23.75-	23.75
(fed and watered)					563	18.75	18.75-	18.75
sows	362	21.31	21.25-21.50	21.50	28	16.75	16.75-	16.75
stags	11	19.34	19.25-19.50	19.50				
LAMBS								
good	1,706	20.15	19.00-21.00	21.00	405	18.00	18.00-	19.00
common	140	18.00	17.00-19.00	19.00	735	16.50	15.00-17.00	17.00
SHEEP								
heavy	235	9.16	8.50-10.00	10.00				
light	270	10.88	10.00-12.00	12.00	135	10.00	10.00-	10.00
common	183	6.29	5.00-7.00	8.00	349	9.00	9.00-	9.00

Thursday a few decks sold at \$24.75, and the bulk of the sales made at \$24.50. Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 10, Canadian packing houses purchased 250 calves, 5,148 butcher cattle, 178 hogs and 1,167 lambs. Local butchers purchased 457 calves, 554 butcher cattle, 192 hogs, and 2,126 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 26 calves, 19 milch cows, 121 butcher cattle, 311 stockers, 116 feeders and 228 hogs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 782 calves, 212 butcher cattle and 175 stockers. The total receipts from January 1 to July 10, inclusive, were 154,961 cattle, 35,731 calves, 18,675 hogs and 34,582 sheep; compared with 134,354 cattle, 37,311 calves, 200,780 hogs, and 19,254 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

Receipts of stock actually for sale on the two yards amounted to twenty-four hundred cattle, thirty hundred and eighty-five calves, three thousand and twenty sheep and lambs, fifty-six hundred and fifty hogs; there was a steady demand, and most of the offering sold at firm prices. The few good steers offered sold at values equal to those of the previous week; one lot of seventeen steers, averag-

ing eleven hundred and seventy-five pounds, being weighed up at \$14 per hundred, twenty-four steers averaging ten hundred and thirty pounds at \$13.25, and one lot of rough steers at \$12. The majority of the steers offered were of light weights, and some of them very thin; these sold, in most cases, from \$8 to \$10. Good quality cows were weighed up at prices ranging from \$10.75 to \$11, and most of the cows, which were of fairly good quality, from \$8 to \$9; canners sold at \$5. Very common small bulls weighing from four hundred and fifty to seven hundred pounds sold from \$6.50 to \$7, bulls weighing from eight hundred to ten hundred pounds at prices ranging from \$8 to \$8.50 per hundred, and up to \$10.50. Veal calves were even firmer than during the previous week, small lots averaging one hundred and thirty pounds, selling at \$17 per hundred, a number of the best veal lots at \$16.50, and the majority of these of good grading from \$14 to \$16. Common calves sold in car lots within a range of \$9 to \$11, many sales being recorded at \$9.50. Small yearling and grass calves sold from \$6.50 to \$8. Lambs were about \$2 per hundred lower than on the previous week's market, selling at \$18, and choice lots at \$19. Sheep of good grading sold at \$10.

One or two small lots of select hogs sold for \$24.25 per hundred, weighed off cars, but the ruling price of selects was \$24. Mixed lots, containing a large percentage of sows and roughs sold, in many cases, around \$22.50 and \$22.75 off car weights. Sows went at \$5, and stags at \$7 per hundred, below the price for selects.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 10, Canadian packing houses purchased 1,592 calves, 52 canners and cutters, 96 bulls, 669 butcher cattle, 2,626 hogs, and 934 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 20 milch cows. Shipments to United States points consisted of 102 calves.

The total receipts from January 1 to July 10, inclusive, were 16,239 cattle, 43,105 calves, 40,934 hogs and 9,450 sheep; compared with 17,982 cattle, 44,443 calves, 33,553 hogs, and 8,471 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending July 10, Canadian packing houses purchased 1,028 calves, 828 butcher cattle, 1,646 hogs and 1,293 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 264 hogs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 104 calves.

Wool Wins.

Wool prices were unchanged. Sheep prices were unchanged. Hogs continued to be in strong demand, and new high records were established during the week. A \$25 price for hogs is now a probability. On Monday \$24.25 was the figure quoted for fed and watered selects, while on Wednesday and