

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending November 7

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 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
Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30	Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30	Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30	Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,532	8,697	4,586	\$13.75	\$11.00	441	706	423	\$17.75	\$15.50	\$17.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,915	2,454	2,680	12.00	10.25	511	578	1,738	15.50	15.00	15.50
Montreal (East End)	1,337	2,091	2,051	12.00	10.25	245	396	508	15.50	15.00	15.50
Winnipeg	11,586	12,419	8,717	12.50	10.25	517	501	376	10.00	9.00	10.00
Calgary	5,204	4,112	3,114	12.50	9.00	46	99	209	8.50	9.00	9.00
Edmonton	936	1,125	1,984	11.25	8.75						

HOOGS						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
Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30	Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30	Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30	Nov. 7	1917	Oct. 30
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	8,678	8,147	7,539	\$18.25	\$17.00	8,183	9,090	7,661	\$15.75	\$16.00	\$15.75
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,624	1,393	1,404	18.00	17.25	2,859	2,328	4,543	14.75	16.00	15.00
Montreal (East End)	673	1,020	787	18.00	17.25	4,452	3,093	1,863	14.75	16.00	15.00
Winnipeg	4,281	4,075	3,376	17.50	15.75	2,976	983	2,101	15.50	15.50	15.00
Calgary	1,974	1,199	1,754	17.00	15.25	3,769	1,750	2,479	12.50	17.00	13.00
Edmonton	785	204	1,124	16.50	15.00	466	305	153	13.00	14.00	14.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

A considerably stronger tone developed in the cattle market on Monday, and trading was more active than for some weeks past. The total number of cattle offered for sale was about normal, but choice killing stock was scarce, while a good percentage of the week's receipts consisted of canners. Towards the close of the week prices eased up, and common cattle and canners were again selling on a level with the previous week's closing quotations, or fifty cents below the prices prevailing on Monday. A few loads of heavy cattle were offered for sale, and on Monday, one load averaging twelve hundred and seventy-five pounds sold at \$14 per hundred, and another load of equal weight at \$13.65. Two or three loads were weighed up at \$13.40 per hundred, and several loads changed hands from \$13 to \$13.25. One load averaging ten hundred and seventy-five pounds per head sold on Wednesday at \$13.75, while other good sales were made from \$12.75 to \$13.25. Lighter butcher cattle changed hands up to \$11.50 per hundred. Cows and bulls sold at an advance in price in sympathy with other grades of cattle; a few choice cows and bulls realized around \$10 each, while most of the best ones moved from \$8.75 to \$9.50. Stockers and feeders were in a trifle better demand at prices ranging 50 cents above the previous week's sales. There was a keen inquiry for calves, and choice veal calves sold generally from \$17 to \$17.50 per hundred, while a few realized \$17.75. Heavy fat calves continued to move slowly.

Lamb prices are moving downward, and a decline of about 75 cents per hundred occurred during the week. On Monday, lambs sold generally from \$15.25 to \$15.50 per hundred, on a fed and watered basis. Ten decks of lambs from the Ottawa Valley sold at \$17.75, off car weights. On Wednesday, few lambs sold above \$15, while on Thursday \$14.50 to \$14.75 was the range for the best lambs. Breeding sheep were about steady and five hundred head were shipped out at prices ranging from \$12 to \$14 per hundred.

The hog market was a trifle stronger. Selects sold on Monday at \$18 per hundred, fed and watered. By Wednesday, prices had advanced generally to \$18.25, while a few hogs were sold at \$18.50.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 31, Canadian packing houses purchased 312 calves, 3,426 butcher cattle, 3,776 hogs and 5,530 lambs. Local butchers bought 155 calves, 250 butcher cattle, 820 hogs and 1,250 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 26 milch cows, 349 stockers, 390 feeders and 313 sheep. Shipments to United States points consisted of 271 butcher cattle, 207 stockers and 341 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 31, inclusive, were 233,296 cattle, 49,509 calves; 285,158 hogs and 93,024 sheep; compared with 245,906 cattle, 42,352 calves, 389,780 hogs and 116,625 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

Following the poor market of the pre-

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.....	45.....	\$13.00.....	\$12.75-\$13.50.....	\$14.00.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
STEERS good.....	322.....	12.31.....	12.00- 13.00.....	13.75.....	40.....	\$11.40.....	\$11.00-\$12.00.....	\$12.00.....	
1,000-1,200 common.....	33.....	10.52.....	9.50- 11.50.....	11.75.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
STEERS good.....	665.....	10.89.....	10.50- 11.50.....	11.50.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
700-1,000 common.....	1,002.....	9.04.....	7.75- 9.50.....	9.50.....	258.....	8.50.....	7.50- 9.50.....	10.00.....	
HEIFERS good.....	246.....	11.04.....	10.75- 11.75.....	12.00.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
fair.....	428.....	9.25.....	8.75- 9.50.....	9.50.....	24.....	8.75.....	8.50- 9.50.....	9.50.....	
common.....	151.....	7.67.....	7.00- 8.00.....	8.00.....	264.....	7.50.....	7.50- 8.50.....	8.50.....	
COWS good.....	265.....	8.52.....	8.00- 9.00.....	9.75.....	28.....	9.00.....	8.50- 9.50.....	9.50.....	
common.....	942.....	6.89.....	6.25- 7.50.....	7.50.....	146.....	7.25.....	6.50- 8.00.....	8.50.....	
BULLS good.....	25.....	8.75.....	8.50- 9.50.....	9.75.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
common.....	241.....	6.86.....	6.50- 7.50.....	8.50.....	332.....	6.75.....	6.00- 7.00.....	7.50.....	
CANNERS & CUTTERS.....	1,862.....	5.56.....	5.25- 6.00.....	6.25.....	794.....	5.25.....	5.00- 6.00.....	6.00.....	
OXEN.....	18.....	_____	_____	_____	8.....	_____	_____	_____	
CALVES veal.....	397.....	14.80.....	13.00- 17.00.....	17.75.....	123.....	12.00.....	10.00- 15.00.....	15.50.....	
grass.....	44.....	7.00.....	6.00- 8.00.....	8.00.....	388.....	6.00.....	6.00-.....	6.00.....	
STOCKERS good.....	333.....	9.10.....	8.50- 9.50.....	9.50.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
450-800 fair.....	566.....	7.75.....	7.50- 8.25.....	9.00.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
FEEDERS good.....	291.....	10.25.....	10.00- 10.50.....	10.50.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
800-1,000 fair.....	97.....	9.75.....	9.50- 10.00.....	10.00.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
HOGS selects.....	7,898.....	18.08.....	17.75- 18.25.....	18.25.....	1,303.....	17.90.....	17.75- 18.00.....	18.00.....	
heavies.....	7.....	18.00.....	18.00- 18.25.....	18.25.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
(fed and lights.....	513.....	16.42.....	16.00- 17.00.....	17.25.....	117.....	15.90.....	15.75- 16.00.....	16.00.....	
watered) sows.....	257.....	15.42.....	14.75- 16.00.....	16.00.....	31.....	14.90.....	14.75- 15.00.....	15.00.....	
stags.....	3.....	14.83.....	13.75- 14.25.....	14.25.....	3.....	_____	_____	_____	
LAMBS good.....	7,280.....	15.10.....	14.50- 15.50.....	15.75.....	1,117.....	41.50.....	14.50-.....	14.75.....	
common.....	335.....	12.51.....	12.00- 14.00.....	14.00.....	1,483.....	13.75.....	13.50- 14.00.....	14.00.....	
SHEEP heavy.....	63.....	9.20.....	8.00- 11.00.....	11.00.....	_____	_____	_____	_____	
light.....	351.....	1.074.....	9.50- 13.00.....	13.00.....	113.....	10.50.....	10.00- 11.00.....	11.00.....	
common.....	154.....	7.02.....	6.00- 9.00.....	9.00.....	146.....	9.50.....	9.00- 10.00.....	10.00.....	

vious week, receipts of cattle were much smaller, and under a good demand prices were advanced on all grades of stock offered. There were, however, no well-finished cattle on sale, and the best steers consisted of a small lot of eight head averaging ten hundred and eighty pounds, which sold for \$12 per hundred. One load of twenty-three head averaging eleven hundred and twenty-five pounds sold at \$11.50, and twenty-four head weighing about eleven hundred pounds each sold at \$11. Two loads of medium steers weighing around ten hundred pounds sold for \$9.75 and \$10, respectively. The balance of the offering was very common stock, sales being made at \$7, \$7.60 and \$8.40, and a limited number at \$8.50. A few good cows were offered. One lot of twelve cows averaging ten hundred and seventy-five pounds sold at \$9 per hundred; the majority of the cows were, however, poor and sold around \$7. The general price for canners was about \$5 per hundred; a few very poor animals were sold for less, but there was apparently a lack of desire on the part of the buyers to discriminate between canner and cutter quality. Good veal calves remained firm, while grass calves were 50 cents per hundred higher in price.

The main outlet at Montreal for lambs is through the buyers for Boston and New York firms; lambs of fair to good quality

were sold on this account at a flat rate of \$14.50 per hundred. A few select lots sold at \$14.50 to \$15 to the local trade. Common grades sold from \$13.50 to \$14. Sheep ranged from \$9 for common quality to \$10 and \$11 for good.

Select hogs sold at \$18 per hundred, off cars, on Monday. The receipts were very light and the price was advanced to \$18.25 the following day, at which figure it remained for the balance of the week. There is a good demand for hogs and, at present, a great many loads are being bought by packers, "f.o.b." at country points, and shipped direct to their own sidings. Light hogs are \$2 per hundred less in price than selects, heavies \$1 per hundred, and sows \$3 per hundred less. Very few sows and stags are being offered.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition for the week ending October 31, Canadian packing houses purchased 459 calves, 619 canners and cutters, 908 bulls, 918 butcher cattle, 1,404 hogs and 2,171 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 195 canners and cutters, and 76 lambs. Shipments to United States points were made up of 279 calves, and 2,296 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 31, inclusive, were 43,419 cattle, 58,685 calves, 59,813 hogs, and 42,856 sheep; compared with 44,701 cattle, 51,160 calves, 77,016 hogs and 60,019

sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending October 31, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 351 calves, 2,405 butcher cattle, 1,505 hogs and 2,273 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 155 calves, 173 feeders and 40 lambs. Shipments to United States points were 150 butcher cattle and 1,965 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to October 31, inclusive, were 44,386 cattle, 45,241 calves, 39,820 hogs and 37,910 sheep; compared to 49,290 cattle, 39,626 calves, 41,953 hogs and 35,324 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Winnipeg.

The volume of receipts for the week was exceptionally heavy, consisting of fourteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven cattle, seven hundred and eighty-seven calves, five thousand five hundred and fifty-two hogs, and three thousand one hundred sheep. Compared with those of the previous week, receipts of all classes of stock were almost doubled. During the week, a number of heavy steers sold around \$13.75 per hundred, while butcher steers of good quality were weighed up from \$11.50 to \$13. Butcher steers of medium grading sold from \$9.50 to \$10. Stocker and feeder cattle of good