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Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending August 30.

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 Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23	Week Ending Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23	Week Ending Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23	Week Ending Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,380	5,420	7,665	\$11.00	\$ 8.00	\$11.00	764	897	834	\$15.00	\$11.75	\$15.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,409	911	1,183	9.50	8.00	10.25	546	444	549	13.00	10.50	13.00
Montreal (East End)	1,935	1,247	1,425	9.50	8.00	10.25	541	666	295	13.00	10.50	13.00
Winnipeg	9,491	4,940	6,967	10.50	7.00	10.00	267	181	230	9.50	9.00	10.00
Calgary	1,676	731		6.25	8.50					8.75		

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23	Week Ending Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23	Week Ending Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23	Week Ending Aug. 30	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Aug. 23
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	6,835	7,666	7,467	\$19.50	\$12.25	\$19.75	4,513	5,778	3,569	\$15.75	\$11.75	\$15.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	3,360	1,021	1,624	17.50	12.25	18.50	3,077	1,813	2,105	14.50	11.00	14.50
Montreal (East End)	2,002	984	786	17.50	12.25	18.50	1,282	1,408	754	14.50	11.00	14.50
Winnipeg	3,438	3,466	3,846	18.00	11.00	18.60	1,235	617	348	13.00	10.35	13.00
Calgary	1,566	1,652		10.95	18.75		1,364	258		9.00	12.00	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

The cattle receipts for the week totalled seven thousand five hundred, of which forty-eight hundred were on the market on Monday. Many of the cattle which were received over the week end were of good to-choice quality, but for the balance of the week an inferior lot were on hand; they were mostly from Eastern Ontario points. During the week a number of heavy cattle were on sale and brought from \$11.50 to \$12.60 per hundred, one load from Wingham, Ontario, of thirteen hundred pounds each, bringing the latter price, while another good load sold at \$12.50. Also three loads of this class were shipped to New York during the week. Good butcher steers weighing from one thousand to eleven hundred pounds sold from \$10.25 to \$11, with common quality realizing \$9.25 to \$9.75. Light handy butcher steers and heifers sold from \$9.25 to \$9.75 per hundred for good quality; those of medium grade ranging from \$8.25 to \$9 per hundred. Common cattle were weighed up at from \$7 to \$8 per hundred. Cows and bulls were about steady at last week's quotations, with \$8.50 being paid for choice quality in these classes. Cannors and cutters sold at from \$5 to \$5.75 per hundred. Stockers and feeders were on hand in liberal numbers. Many loads of Western Canadian steers were in the alleys and fairly heavy shipments went to Ontario points. A few loads were shipped to the States, while some are going to the killing pens. Calves were selling at steady values all week, with choice veal realizing \$15 per hundred, and extra good quality \$15.50; the bulk, however, were bought at \$13 to \$14.50.

Lamb receipts were moderate for the week and prices remained fairly stationary, with the bulk selling at perhaps 25 cents lower on Monday, but this was regained during the week and the market closed at quotations on a level with those prevailing last week.

A report of an embargo being placed on Canadian hog products by the British Food Controller, together with a weakness developing on the American markets brought hog prices down \$2.50 per hundred over the week end, entailing rather serious losses to certain drovers. Select hogs realizing \$17 fed and watered on the Monday market, but during the week a firmer tone developed, and \$17.25 was paid for the bulk on the closing market.

The total receipts of live stock at the Yards from January 1st to August 23rd inclusive, were 134,591 cattle, 34,031 calves, 32,379 sheep, and 291,544 hogs; compared to 100,017 cattle, 32,141 calves, 50,090 sheep and 280,020 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Montreal.

A liberal supply of cattle, totalling over thirty-five hundred head, was on hand at the Montreal markets during the week. Despite this large number trading was active, and while quotations were reduced anywhere from 25 to 75 cents per hundred on most of the classes, the lower quotations were due rather to lack of quality in the bulk of the offerings than to any real reduction in the market. No choice steers were on sale, but there were several loads of good, weighty cattle

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	318	\$12.00	\$11.75-\$12.25	\$12.60	4	\$10.25	\$10.25-	\$10.25	
STEERS good	415	10.22	9.75-10.50	11.00	32	9.25	9.00-\$ 9.50	9.50	
1,000-1,200 common	60	9.25	8.75-9.75	9.75	66	8.20	8.00-8.50	8.50	
STEERS good	968	9.73	9.25-10.00	10.00	70	8.60	8.50-8.75	9.00	
700-1,000 common	342	8.55	7.75-8.50	9.00	303	7.24	6.75-7.50	7.75	
HEIFERS									
good	367	9.77	9.25-10.25	10.50	74	8.35	8.00-8.50	9.00	
fair	273	8.65	8.00-9.00	9.75	85	6.90	6.75-7.25	7.50	
common	142	7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00					
COWS									
good	910	7.79	7.25-8.25	8.50	34	8.12	8.00-8.25	8.50	
common	1,191	6.26	6.00-6.75	7.25	168	6.90	6.75-7.25	7.50	
BULLS									
good	58	7.68	7.25-8.00	8.50	16	8.43	8.00-8.50	8.75	
common	308	6.33	5.75-7.00	7.75	363	6.71	6.25-6.75	7.75	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	117	5.50	5.00-5.75	5.75	163	5.50	5.25-5.75	6.00	
OXEN					2	8.00	8.00-	8.00	
CALVES									
veal	703	13.88	13.00-15.00	15.00	166	11.01	8.00-13.00	13.00	
grass	61	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	380	6.77	6.50-7.00	7.00	
STOCKERS									
good	798	7.83	7.50-8.25	8.25					
fair	567	7.22	6.75-7.75	7.75					
FEEDERS									
good	467	8.77	8.50-9.50	9.50					
800-1,000 fair	79	8.26	8.00-8.75	8.75					
HOGS									
selects	5,982	17.37	17.00-19.50	19.50	2,598	16.96	16.50-17.25	17.50	
heavies	198	17.00	17.00-19.50	19.50	87	16.24	16.00-16.50	16.50	
(fed and watered)	329	16.62	16.00-18.00	18.00	464	16.29	16.00-16.50	16.50	
lights	321	14.51	13.00-17.00	17.00	202	13.47	13.25-13.50	13.75	
sows	5	12.60	12.00-15.00	15.00	9	12.60	12.25-12.75	12.75	
stags									
LAMBS									
good	3,999	15.14	14.75-15.50	15.75	933	14.25	14.00-14.50	14.50	
common	224	11.61	12.00-14.00	14.00	1,817	13.23	13.00-13.50	14.00	
SHEEP									
heavy	106	8.70	8.00-9.50	9.50	48	8.50	8.25-9.00	9.00	
light	105	10.00	9.00-10.50	10.50	35	9.02	8.75-9.25	9.50	
common	79	7.00	6.50-7.50	7.50	244	7.60	7.50-8.00	8.00	

from Ontario points. These sold from \$9 to \$9.50 per hundred, with \$10 and \$10.25 being paid in a few instances. There was a good export demand for butcher cattle, as also for cannors and cutters for shipment to the United States. Such inquiry did much to maintain prices on the common to medium cattle which made up the bulk of the receipts. Butcher heifers and cows of good quality were scarce and met with a good demand at from \$8.50 to \$9 per hundred. Quality considered, these prices were on a level with last week. Butcher bulls were also strong despite the prevalence of those of common quality. These sold up to \$8.75 in a number of instances, but the bulk of the best realized from \$8.25 to \$8.50. Common bulls brought from \$6 to \$6.75. Calves were very active all week under a good local and United States' inquiry, and light receipts; these sold up to \$13, with the bulk of the sales between \$10.50 and \$11.50. The market closed firm at these prices.

Sheep and lambs were very liberal in supply, there being over thirty-three hundred head on sale. The market was firm throughout the week at last week's closing prices, with a particularly good demand for shipment to Boston and Somerville, Massachusetts; over two thousand sheep and lambs, mostly medium to common lambs, to these

points. Good sheep sold up to \$9.50, while the best lambs brought from \$14 to \$14.50. The market closed firm at these figures.

There was a reaction in the hog market from the high prices that have prevailed of late, and prices were reduced by \$2 to \$2.50 per hundred, on all grades of hogs. Buyers refused to pay above \$17.50 for selects, off cars, and, with receipts amounting to over five thousand hogs on the two markets, the drovers were forced to sell at or under that price. Many of them had paid as high as \$17 at country points. During the week the bulk of the selects sold from \$16.75 to \$17.25 per hundred, fed and watered; heavies, \$16 to \$16.50; lights, \$16 to \$16.50; sows, \$13.25 to \$13.75, and stags, \$12.50 to \$12.75. The market closed at these prices, with the expectation of light receipts for next week and an improved tone to the market.

Pr. St. CHARLES.—Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending August 23rd, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 40 calves, 98 cannors and cutters, 436 bulls, 2 heavy steers, 615 butcher cattle, 1,624 hogs, 151 sheep, 997 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 1 calf and 21 butcher cattle. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 138 calves.

The total receipts of cattle from January 1st to August 23rd, inclusive, were 24,841

cattle, 43,842 calves, 14,952 sheep and 45,096 hogs; compared to 26,812 cattle, 34,167 calves, 21,642 sheep, and 56,706 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the East End market for the week ending August 23rd, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 294 calves, 1,018 butcher cattle and 786 hogs, Canadian shipment consisted of 408 butcher cattle and 61 hogs.

The total receipts at the Yards from January 1st to August 23rd, inclusive, were 25,530 cattle, 33,943 calves, 11,470 sheep and 27,934 hogs; compared to 23,949 cattle, 33,171 calves, 18,188 sheep and 35,443 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Beef, \$8 to \$16.50; Texas steers, \$6 to \$13.80; stockers and feeders, \$6 to \$9.20; cows and heifers, \$4.80 to \$13; calves, \$12 to \$16.

Hogs.—Light, \$16.90 to \$18.65; mixed, \$16.75 to \$18.65; heavy, \$16.65 to \$18.00; rough, \$16.65 to \$16.95; pigs, \$12 to \$16.75.

Sheep.—Lambs, native, \$11.25 to \$17.40.