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Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending September 5

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 Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29	Week Ending Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29	Week Ending Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29	Week Ending Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,030	7,915	5,663	\$15.00	\$10.75	\$15.50	933	685	722	\$17.50	\$15.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,510	1,396	1,553	13.65	10.25	13.00	653	513	907	15.00	15.00
Montreal (East End)	1,415	1,424	1,445	13.65	10.25	13.00	573	291	474	15.00	15.00
Winnipeg	6,380	9,332	7,993	14.50	10.50	15.00	226	196	339	13.00	13.00
Calgary	2,690	1,913	3,970	13.00	9.00	13.00					
Edmonton	1,494	912	1,387	13.50	8.00	14.00	157	114	107	8.50	9.00

HOGS						SHEEP					
Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
Week Ending Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29	Week Ending Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29	Week Ending Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29	Week Ending Sept. 5	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Aug. 29
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	3,604	4,536	3,418	\$20.00	\$18.25	\$19.75	3,456	4,976	7,792	\$17.75	\$15.75
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,916	2,308	1,630	20.00	17.75	20.00	1,251	4,476	5,070	17.00	14.50
Montreal (East End)	1,478	1,468	904	20.00	17.75	20.00	985	685	3,319	17.00	14.50
Winnipeg	2,263	2,356	3,733	19.00	17.00	19.00	760	1,153	2,478	16.50	13.00
Calgary	843	658	46	19.00	16.00	18.75	2,139	25	3,534	14.00	12.50
Edmonton	343	270	457	18.20	16.05	18.25	180	47	338	12.50	12.00

Market Comments.

Toronto.

There was a liberal movement of cattle to the stock yards during the week and an active demand existed, with prices about steady with those prevailing at the close of the previous week. Among the offerings were a number of loads of good heavy cattle for which stock the local abattoirs were ready purchasers. Cattle continue to move freely to the Buffalo market and other United States points, six hundred head being shipped south from the local yards during the week. In addition, several hundred went out on through billing. Choice heavy cattle sold from \$15 to \$16 per hundred, four head averaging fourteen hundred and thirty pounds bringing the latter price on Wednesday, while a load of thirteen hundred pounds sold on Monday at \$15.50 per hundred. Of steers between the weights of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, seventeen head of eleven hundred and seventy pounds sold at \$15, twenty head of eleven hundred and forty pounds at \$14.10; seventeen head averaging twelve hundred pounds at \$14.75; nine head of ten hundred and forty pounds at \$14.40, while other good sales were made from \$13 to \$13.75. There was little improvement in the demand for light weight butcher cattle and anything under ten hundred pounds was slow to sell. Few cattle of ten hundred pounds sold as high as \$13, and \$12.50 appeared to be the market for those of choice grading, while good quality cattle around this weight sold from \$11 to \$12, medium from \$9.75 to \$10.50, and common from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hundred. Cows and bulls were in steady demand and up to \$10.50 per hundred was paid for choice cows and, with one or two exceptions, \$10.50 was also the top level for bulls. Good cows and bulls sold from \$9 to \$9.25 and common and medium stock from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per hundred. The demand from country points for stockers and feeders showed much improvement and fully ten hundred head were shipped out to Ontario farms. A few short keep feeders of about eleven hundred pounds were bought for Christmas marketing at \$11.75 per hundred, while good feeders of eight hundred to nine hundred pounds were in demand at \$10.50 to \$11 per hundred. Breedy stockers sold from \$9.50 to \$10, with medium stock selling from \$7.75 to \$8.50. Choice veal calves were in good demand from \$16 to \$17.50 per hundred, but heavy calves were inclined to be slow sellers. Medium calves sold from \$13 to \$15 and common calves from \$10 to \$12.

The lamb trade was slow on Monday at a top of about \$17, although a few choice lambs sold at \$17.75. On Tuesday, trading was steady while on Wednesday a little more activity was displayed, the most of the lambs selling around \$17.50, with a few at \$17.75. The market closed on Thursday at this latter level. Breeding sheep are selling from \$14 to \$16 per hundred and heavy fat sheep from \$11 to \$13 per hundred.

There was little change in hog prices during the week. Packers were not willing to pay above \$19.50 per hundred for selects, fed and watered, but a few decks went to local butchers from \$19.75

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	138	\$14.75	\$14.50-\$15.25	\$15.50	122	\$13.00	\$12.50-\$13.65	\$13.65	
STEERS									
good	611	14.26	14.00-15.00	15.00					
1,000-1,200	70	12.25	12.00-13.00	13.50					
STEERS									
good	1,009	12.25	11.75-12.50	13.25	220	11.00	10.00-12.00	13.00	
700-1,000	643	9.75	9.00-10.50	10.75	179	9.25	8.50-10.00	10.00	
HEIFERS									
good	496	12.48	11.75-13.00	13.50	57	9.25	8.50-10.50	10.75	
fair	313	10.49	10.00-10.75	11.00	132	7.75	7.00-8.00	8.00	
common	164	8.75	8.50-9.50	9.75					
COWS									
good	533	9.75	9.00-10.25	10.50	41	9.50	9.00-10.50	10.50	
common	860	7.53	7.00-8.00	8.75	162	7.75	7.50-8.50	9.00	
BULLS									
good	56	9.75	9.00-10.25	10.50	2	9.00	9.00-	9.00	
common	379	8.00	7.50-8.50	9.50	510	7.35	6.75-8.50	8.50	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	341	6.00	5.75-6.50	6.75	72	5.75	5.00-6.50	6.75	
OXEN	2				7	9.50	8.50-10.50	10.50	
CALVES									
veal	923	14.50	13.00-16.00	17.50	263	10.50	6.75-15.00	15.00	
grass	10	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	390	7.00	6.50-7.50	7.50	
STOCKERS									
good	314	9.60	9.25-10.25	10.25					
fair	700	8.21	7.75-8.50	9.50					
FEEDERS									
good	181	10.84	10.50-11.50	11.50					
fair	220	10.32	10.00-10.75	10.75					
HOGS									
(fed and watered)									
selects	3,233	19.64	19.00-20.00	20.00	1,480	20.00	20.00-	20.00	
heavies	14	19.50	19.50-19.75	19.75	245	20.00	20.00-	20.00	
lights	198	18.00	17.50-18.50	18.75	106	17.00	17.00-	17.00	
sows	154	17.68	16.50-18.50	18.50	4				
stags	5	14.60	14.50-14.75	14.75					
LAMBS									
good	2,872	16.94	16.00-17.75	17.75	604	17.00	17.00-	17.00	
common	247	15.48	15.00-16.00	16.00	510	16.25	16.00-16.50	16.50	
SHEEP									
heavy	57	12.19	11.00-13.00	13.00	101	13.00	12.00-13.50	13.50	
light	161	14.39	13.00-15.00	15.50	36	12.00	12.00-	12.00	
common	119	9.00	8.00-10.00	11.00					

and \$20. Hog receipts were exceptionally light for the week.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 29, Canadian packing houses purchased 344 calves, 4,002 butcher cattle, 4,184 hogs and 3,398 sheep. Local butchers purchased 310 calves, 548 butcher cattle, 389 hogs and 1,341 sheep. Canadian shipments consisted of 16 calves, 463 stockers, 342 feeders and 266 sheep. Shipments to United States' points consisted of 82 calves, 72 butcher cattle, 31 stockers and 360 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 29, inclusive, were: 166,879 cattle, 43,108 calves, 231,417 hogs and 38,673 sheep; compared with 163,705 cattle, 35,679 calves, 317,226 hogs and 37,534 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

The week's receipts of live stock, with the exception of sheep were about equal in volume to those of the previous week. On account of the sharp decline in the price of lambs during the week ending August 29, offerings during the past week were greatly reduced, only twenty-seven hundred and fifty head being received; compared with fifty-nine hundred and fifty on hand during the previous week. As a consequence of a

good inquiry and the light receipts the price of good lambs was advanced \$1 per hundred, most of the sales being made at \$17. There was a larger percentage of cattle of fairly good quality offered than for some weeks past and a steady trade was in evidence throughout the week, and while prices were generally unchanged, there were some variations in the better grades of butcher cattle and trading in these was possibly 15 or 20 cents per hundred higher, quality considered. Sales of common butcher cattle and canner stock were mostly made at prices 25 cents per hundred higher than the sales of the previous week. The heaviest load of cattle offered was made up of rather rough fat steers weighing about twelve hundred pounds each; this load was sold at \$13 per hundred. The top price of the week was \$13.65 which was paid for a load of good quality steers averaging eleven hundred and eighty pounds. Cattle of lighter weights were weighed up from \$9.50 to \$12.50, while canners and cutters changed hands readily at prices ranging from \$5 to \$6.75 per hundred. The feature of the trade in bulls was the noticeable reduction in the offerings of stock of small size and light weights. The best bulls offered, the quality of which was only medium, sold at \$9 per hundred, and those of common quality from \$6.75 to \$8.50. Calves of

good quality sold up to \$15 per hundred in a strong market; most of the sales were made from \$13.50 to \$15, while grass calves sold from \$6.50 to \$7.50.

The market for hogs was steady throughout the week at unchanged prices, selects sold at \$20.25 per hundred off car weights, and sows at \$3 per hundred below the price for selects.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 29, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 505 calves, 73 canners and cutters, 746 bulls, 695 butcher cattle, 1,630 hogs and 1,957 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 13 calves, 15 milch cows and 361 lambs. Shipments to United States consisted of 389 calves and 1,963 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to August 29, inclusive, were: 27,618 cattle, 52,547 calves, 44,418 hogs and 21,276 sheep; compared with 26,247 cattle, 44,398 calves, 58,456 hogs and 17,949 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1917.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending August 29, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 473 calves, 1,287 butcher cattle, 904 hogs and 1,389 lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 1 calf and 380 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1