

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending September 25.

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	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18		Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,940	10,326	8,244	\$12.50	\$15.25	\$13.75	889	760	922	\$22.00	\$17.50	\$23.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,956	2,283	2,055	10.75	13.25	14.00	1,225	924	855	17.00	15.50	17.00	
Montreal (East End)	2,998	2,462	2,108	10.75	13.25	14.00	1,815	1,240	1,055	17.00	15.50	17.00	
Winnipeg	8,405	13,575	7,520	11.25	15.00	11.50	763	384	811	12.00	11.50	11.50	
Calgary	6,535	4,409	2,598	9.75	13.50	10.00			781	9.25		10.00	
Edmonton	1,316	1,829	791	9.50	13.50	10.50	81	81	113	10.00		9.50	

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	Week Ending	Same Week	Week Ending	
Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18		Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	1918	Sept. 18	
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,831	4,739	8,403	\$18.25	\$19.75	\$19.25	12,082	8,295	14,733	\$14.00	\$17.50	\$15.65	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,563	2,697	1,193	18.25	20.25	19.25	7,052	4,053	3,761	13.00	17.00	14.50	
Montreal (East End)	1,189	1,372	1,146	18.25	20.25	19.25	5,309	3,533	2,702	13.00	17.00	14.50	
Winnipeg	1,032	1,433	979	17.50	19.00	18.00	2,022	856	3,950	12.50	17.00	13.00	
Calgary	488	1,232	369	17.25	19.25	17.75	983	1,227	882	12.00		12.50	
Edmonton	186	354	48	17.25	18.75	17.25	322	48	335	12.50	13.00	12.50	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

There was a further decline on cattle ranging from 50c. to 75 cents per hundred and prices were at the lowest level reached during the year. Good cattle declined to a greater extent than the common grades, the depreciation in prices on good steers and heifers being from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hundred since two weeks ago, while common cattle were selling only \$1.00 per hundred lower. Seventy-eight hundred cattle were on sale during the week, of which number forty-five hundred were on the Monday market. On Wednesday and Thursday trade rallied slightly and prices were a shade higher. Local abattoirs handled most of the offerings, but liberal shipments were made to United States points. Several loads of heavy cattle were on sale, and were hard to move at a decline of 50 cents to 75 cents per hundred. Several loads averaging thirteen hundred pounds each were sold at \$13, compared with sales at \$14.25 to \$14.50 two weeks ago. Choice steers of eleven hundred to eleven hundred and fifty pounds each sold generally from \$11.50 to \$12 per hundred, a few lots moved at \$12.50, while those of medium quality changed hands from \$9.50 to \$10.25. A loan of good western steers averaging ten hundred and fifty pounds sold on the Thursday market at \$12 per hundred. Butcher steers and heifers of good quality met with a fair inquiry from \$10 to \$10.75 per hundred, while \$11 was quoted on really choice quality. Good butchers changed hands at prices ranging from \$8.75 to \$9.50, medium from \$7 to \$8, and common from \$6 to \$7. Good bulls were in demand from \$9.75 to \$10.50, medium from \$7.50 to \$8.50, and bologna from \$6 to \$7. Cows have depreciated less than any other grade of cattle, \$10.75 being paid for a fourteen hundred pound cow on Thursday, and most of the choice quality stock moving from \$9.75 to \$10.25, good stock from \$8.75 to \$9.50, medium from \$7 to \$7.75, and common from \$6 to \$7. Canners and cutters were steady within a range of \$5.25 to \$5.75 per hundred. Several hundred head of stockers and feeders were shipped to country points on order. Good feeders can now be procured from \$9 to \$10 per hundred and good breedy stockers from \$7.50 to \$8.50. The calf market remains unchanged with choice veal from \$20 to \$22, good calves from \$18 to \$20, medium from \$13 to \$15, and common calves at \$9 to \$12.

Lamb receipts totalled twelve thousand five hundred head, and these met with a good demand at strong values. On Monday top lambs were quoted from \$12.50 to \$13, on Wednesday from \$13.25 to \$13.50, and on Thursday \$14 per hundred was paid in several instances. Sheep sold from \$7.50 to \$9.50 per hundred, according to weight and quality. Several decks of breeding sheep were shipped to country points, and cost the purchaser from \$10 to \$11.50 per head.

Hog quotations dropped 50 cents per hundred on Wednesday bringing fed and watered hogs down to \$17.75 per hundred, a decline of \$8 from the high-point of six weeks ago. Packers claim that prices are still too high to allow of profitable operation, and lower prices are predicted.

TORONTO						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	203	\$12.45	\$11.00-\$12.75	\$13.50							
STEERS good	642	11.21	10.25-11.75	12.50		95	10.75	10.75-	10.75		
1,000-1,200 common	247	9.36	9.00-10.00	10.50							
STEERS good	434	10.13	9.50-10.50	11.50		166	10.25	9.00-10.75	10.75		
700-1,000 common	897	6.86	6.00-7.75	9.00		237	8.00	7.00-8.75	9.00		
HEIFERS good	489	10.21	9.75-10.50	11.50		12	9.50	9.00-10.50	10.50		
fair	455	8.00	7.50-9.25	9.50		56	8.25	7.75-8.75	8.75		
common	422	6.27	5.75-7.25	8.00		173	7.00	6.00-7.75	7.75		
COWS good	297	9.64	9.00-10.25	10.75		45	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.00		
common	954	6.85	6.00-7.50	8.50		227	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.50		
BULLS good	29	9.75	9.25-10.25	10.50		3					
common	137	6.69	6.00-7.50	9.50		710	6.00	5.75-6.50	6.75		
CANNERS & CUTTERS	467	5.30	4.75-5.75	6.00		216	5.25	5.00-5.75	5.75		
OXEN						6					
CALVES veal	889	16.50	14.00-19.00	22.00		184	14.00	12.00-16.00	17.00		
grass						1,041	8.25	8.00-8.50	8.50		
STOCKERS good	546	8.56	7.75-9.25	9.25							
fair	432	7.18	6.00-7.50	8.50							
FEEDERS good	228	9.78	9.50-10.25	10.50							
800-1,100 fair	56	9.03	8.50-10.00	10.00							
selects	6,410	18.00	17.75-18.25	18.25		1,353	18.00	17.75-18.25	18.25		
HOGS heavies						6					
(fed and lights	275	16.19	15.75-16.75	16.75		181	16.50	15.00-17.25	17.75		
watered) sows	143	15.67	15.00-16.25	16.25		21	13.00	12.75-13.25	13.25		
stags	3	13.08	12.75-13.25	13.25		2					
LAMBS good	9,731	12.81	12.00-14.00	14.00		3,701	12.60	12.50-13.00	13.00		
common	1,323	10.45	9.25-12.00	12.50		2,807	11.40	11.00-11.50	11.50		
SHEEP heavy	79	7.99	7.00-8.50	8.50							
light	476	9.07	8.50-9.50	10.00		317	8.00	8.00-	8.50		
common	473	5.83	5.00-7.00	7.00		227	7.25	7.00-7.50	7.50		

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending September 18, Canadian packing houses purchased 292 calves, 4,969 butcher cattle, 9,417 hogs and 11,515 sheep. Local butchers purchased 533 calves, 598 butcher cattle, 273 hogs, and 24,331 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 44 calves, 282 stockers, 336 feeders, 156 hogs, 159 sheep and 540 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 22 canners and cutters, 47 butcher cattle, 57 stockers and 52 feeders.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 18, inclusive, were: 232,836 cattle, 51,474 calves, 265,757 hogs, and 104,381 sheep; compared with 190,414 cattle, 45,828 calves, 243,192 hogs and 55,674 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

The total receipts on the two yards for the week amounted to forty-nine hundred and fifty cattle, thirty hundred and forty calves, twelve thousand four hundred lambs and twenty-seven hundred and fifty calves. In addition there were heavy shipments direct to the packing houses. Although there were very few cattle of good weights and quality, that class of stock moved very slowly and very few sales were made. On Monday the heaviest loads of steers were sold

on a dressed weight basis at \$23.50 per hundred. Two or three lots of fairly good steers averaging from ten hundred and twenty-five to ten hundred and seventy-five pounds per head sold at \$10.75 per hundred, but the balance of the steers offered changed hands below the latter figure, many sales being made from \$8.50 to \$9. The top price for good cows was \$10 per hundred. Prices on common cows and canners were, however, not much changed from the previous week, common thin cows selling from \$6.50 to \$7 and fair cows around \$8. Bulls remained about steady; light young bulls of inferior breeding sold at \$5.75, and fair bulls from \$6 to \$6.50. Very common heifers sold from \$6 to \$7; medium quality stock was weighed up with light steers within a range of \$8 to \$8.50, and a few good heifers were sold at prices ranging up to \$10.50. There was not much change in the market for calves, grass stock selling from \$8 to \$8.50 per hundred, and good veals around \$16.

There were very severe cuts in the prices paid for lambs, due in part to very heavy offerings. At the close of the previous week, packers and butchers were contracting at \$13 to \$14 for delivery on Monday, while during actual trading on the Monday market the price paid for fairly good lots was \$12.50, and a top of \$13, while common

lots sold from \$11 to \$11.50 and very common stock at \$10.

Hog sales were made mostly at \$18 per hundred, off car weights, with an odd sale of very select hogs at \$18.50. Dealers predicted a further decline of 50 cents for the ensuing week, and a cut of \$2 per hundred on hogs weighing less than one hundred and fifty pounds off cars.

PT. ST. CHARLES—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending Sept. 18, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 767 calves, 104 canners and cutters, 519 bulls, 1,355 butcher cattle, 1,193 hogs and 3,028 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 88 calves, 29 butcher cattle and 733 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 18, inclusive, were: 32,224 cattle, 59,942 calves, 60,271 hogs and 38,019 sheep; compared with 32,851 cattle, 54,757 calves, 50,361 hogs and 27,286 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

EAST END—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending September 18, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 644 calves, 2,090 butcher cattle, 1,004 hogs and 1,910 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 142 hogs. Shipments to United

