

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending December 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
	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18
Toronto (U. S. Y.).....	968.....	1,617.....	7,029.....	\$12.75.....	\$13.75.....	\$13.50.....	274.....	184.....	818.....	\$21.00.....	\$17.75.....	\$23.00.....
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.).....	967.....	717.....	1,959.....	13.50.....		12.50.....	223.....	171.....	394.....	18.00.....	14.00.....	18.00.....
Montreal (East End).....	1,452.....	1,368.....	1,885.....	13.50.....		12.50.....	375.....	187.....	404.....	18.00.....	14.00.....	18.00.....
Winnipeg.....	5,697.....	4,760.....	8,420.....	11.00.....	14.00.....	12.00.....	252.....	97.....	526.....	9.00.....	9.50.....	10.00.....
Calgary.....	4,450.....	1,492.....	5,503.....	10.50.....	13.00.....	10.75.....	592.....	56.....	399.....	8.25.....		8.75.....
Edmonton.....	1,786.....	1,023.....	1,842.....	10.00.....	12.00.....	11.25.....	119.....	101.....	150.....	4.50.....	9.00.....	8.50.....
	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
	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	1918	Dec. 18
Toronto (U. S. Y.).....	3,841.....	2,020.....	6,549.....	\$18.50.....	\$18.50.....	\$17.00.....	1,868.....	694.....	4,805.....	\$18.00.....	\$14.50.....	\$19.00.....
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.).....	595.....	704.....	1,301.....	17.75.....	18.50.....	16.90.....	1,483.....	348.....	887.....	16.50.....	14.50.....	16.00.....
Montreal (East End).....	744.....	943.....	738.....	17.75.....	18.50.....	16.90.....	1,457.....	1,179.....	1,434.....	16.50.....	14.50.....	16.00.....
Winnipeg.....	4,575.....	11,277.....	5,811.....	16.00.....	17.75.....	15.50.....	564.....	287.....	2,073.....	14.00.....	15.00.....	14.50.....
Calgary.....	1,195.....	4,014.....	1,086.....	15.75.....	17.50.....	15.75.....	1,192.....	1,772.....	806.....	13.60.....	12.50.....	15.00.....
Edmonton.....	834.....	1,044.....	718.....	15.75.....	17.00.....	15.25.....	470.....	81.....	496.....	12.00.....	13.00.....	12.50.....

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

The market was very quiet during the week and only eleven hundred cattle were on sale. Despite the light offerings the supply was ample for the requirements of the trade, as it was, in some cases, hard to find an outlet for the quality of the stock offered. In fact, in order to effect a clearance it often became necessary to make a sacrifice. Most of the cattle were handled locally, but a few loads were shipped to Buffalo, which outlet is proving very advantageous on account of the present high rate of exchange. A few head of cattle were purchased by a local firm for shipment to France, two head averaging fourteen hundred and sixty pounds being purchased for export at \$15 per hundred, which figure was the top of the market. A number of baby-beef cattle were on sale, and of these one heifer weighing six hundred and sixty pounds sold for \$14 per hundred. The best loads of handy-weight steers and heifers on the market sold from \$12 to \$12.25, the weights ranging from ten hundred to ten hundred and fifty pounds. Common and light stock had a slow call at \$6 to \$8 per hundred. The demand for cows and bulls was barely steady, good cows being sold from \$9.75 to \$10.50, good bulls from \$9.50 to \$10.50, common quality of both from \$6 to \$7.50, and canners and cutters from \$5.25 to \$6.25 per hundred. Stocker and feeder trading was steady at unchanged prices, good feeders being priced from \$10 to \$11, and good stockers from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hundred. The calf trade was steady; a few choice veal calves sold at \$21 per hundred, most of the best calves from \$16 to \$18 and heavy calves from \$8 to \$11.

The lamb and sheep market was about steady. The average quality of the lambs offered was poor, most of the supply being heavy, coarse lambs that had gone back in fleshing after being taken off the grass; in most cases this stock should have been marketed at an earlier date. For really choice lambs, well covered over the loin, as high as \$18.25 per hundred was paid, but for rough sorts, prices ranged from \$16.50 to \$17.75 per hundred, and for culls from \$12 to \$14. The sheep trade was about steady, light sheep selling up to \$8.50 per hundred.

Only five thousand two hundred hogs were on sale, and trading was very firm. On Monday, sales were made at an advance of 25 cents to 50 cents, selects selling from \$17.25 to \$17.50 per hundred fed and watered. On Tuesday \$17.50 was the general price, while on Wednesday trading seemed very irregular, as high as \$18.50 being paid for one deck of fed and watered hogs, while other sales were made from \$17.75 to \$18.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending December 18, Canadian packing houses purchased 291 calves, 4,462 butcher cattle, 20,554 hogs and 3,561 lambs. Local butchers purchased 250 calves, 500 butcher cattle, 440 hogs and 1,600 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 43 calves, 283 stockers, and 319 feeders. Shipments to United States points consisted of

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	2			\$13.75					
STEERS good	5	11.25		12.75	23	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	
STEERS 1,000-1,200 common									
STEERS good	64	10.50	10.25-11.50	11.75	64	11.00	10.25-12.50	12.50	
STEERS 700-1,000 common	48	7.25	6.25-8.25	9.00	147	9.25	8.00-10.00	10.00	
HEIFERS good	123	10.51	10.25-11.50	11.75	5	10.25	10.00-11.00	11.00	
HEIFERS fair	42	9.24	8.50-9.75	10.50	24	8.75	8.25-9.50	9.50	
HEIFERS common	45	7.25	6.25-8.25	9.00	109	7.25	6.50-8.00	8.00	
COWS good	7	10.36	9.75-11.00	11.25	53	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.50	
COWS common	161	8.47	7.50-9.50	9.75	147	7.00	6.00-7.50	8.25	
BULLS good	5	9.50		11.00	6	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.50	
BULLS common	37	7.00	6.50-9.00	9.25	125	6.25	6.00-7.00	9.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	294	5.75	5.50-6.00	6.25	209	5.50	5.25-5.75	5.75	
OXEN					41	8.70	8.75	8.75	
CALVES veal	264	17.38	16.00-20.00	21.00	55	14.00	9.00-16.00	18.00	
CALVES grass	20	6.67	5.50-7.50	7.50	168	7.25	7.00-7.50	7.50	
STOCKERS good	33	8.75	8.25-9.25	9.75					
STOCKERS fair	43	7.75	6.75-8.00	8.25					
FEEDERS good	39	9.67	9.00-10.50	11.00					
FEEDERS fair									
HOGS selects	3,552	17.34	17.00-18.50	18.50	479	17.50	17.35-17.75	17.75	
HOGS (fed and watered) heavies	11	16.11	16.00-17.50	17.50					
HOGS lights	202	15.26	14.50-16.50	16.50	98	17.00	15.35-17.75	17.75	
HOGS sows	79	14.36	12.00-15.50	15.50	16	13.50	13.35-13.75	13.75	
HOGS stags	3				2				
LAMBS good	1,477	17.50	16.75-18.00	18.80	461	16.40	16.00-16.50	16.50	
LAMBS common	105	14.00	12.50-15.00	15.50	618	15.25	15.00-15.50	15.50	
LAMBS heavy									
SHEEP light	206	8.24	7.50-8.75	9.00	155	8.90	9.00	9.00	
SHEEP common	80	5.75	5.25-6.50	6.50	249	8.00	8.00	8.50	

338 calves, 22 canners and cutters, 1,088 butcher cattle, 155 stockers, 29 feeders and 461 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to December 18, inclusive were: 369,531 cattle, 65,600 calves, 38,168 hogs and 290,202 sheep; compared with 295,502 cattle, 54,144 calves, 352,286 hogs and 162,240 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Montreal.

The market during the week cannot be construed as having much bearing on trend of trading. Drovers were notified the week previous that stock would not be wanted during the Holiday Season, as the plants would be practically closed for about half of each week, as a consequence offerings were very light. Prices followed those of the previous week, although there was a lower tendency to the market for common cattle, sales of which were in some cases from 25 cents to 50 cents per hundred lower compared with values during the previous week. One load of big framed fat steers which averaged about twelve hundred and fifty pounds was sold for \$13.50, two loads of fairly good cows from the Toronto market were sold for \$10, common steers were weighed up within a range of \$8 to \$10, thin cows sold around \$6 to \$6.50, canners in most cases

\$5.25, and bulls mostly at \$6. Grass calves changed hands generally from \$7 to \$7.50, and a few good heavy calves sold up to \$8; the best veal stock brought \$18.

Lambs sold generally at \$16.50, good light ewes from \$9.50 to \$11, and common sheep from \$8 to \$9.

Hogs were in good demand from local butchers, and as receipts were light prices advanced to \$18 per hundred, off cars. One sale was reported at \$17.50. All hogs except light feeders and sows were sold at a cut of \$4 per hundred.

Pr. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending December 18, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 394 calves, 1,910 butcher cattle, 1,301 hogs and 887 lambs. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to December 18, inclusive, were: 66,666 cattle, 71,260 calves, 83,963 hogs and 103,287 sheep; compared with 61,447 cattle, 62,788 calves, 76,285 hogs and 66,019 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

East End.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending December 18, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 372 calves, 1,677 butcher cattle, 738 hogs and 1,254 lambs.

Shipments to United States points consisted of 32 calves, 146 butcher cattle and 180 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to December 18, inclusive, were 73,585 cattle, 57,265 calves, 59,955 hogs and 73,297 sheep; compared with 63,724 cattle, 48,687 calves, 52,104 hogs and 61,855 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1918.

Winnipeg.

Fifty-six hundred and ninety-seven cattle, two hundred and fifty-two calves, five hundred and sixty-four sheep, and forty-five hundred and seventy-five hogs made up the offerings for the week. In addition, there were five hundred and sixty-four cattle, and twenty hogs, on through-billing. These figures indicate a sharp decrease in supplies compared with the previous week's offerings. Trading was dull throughout the week and all grades and classes of cattle sold at weak prices. Very little demand was noticeable for stocker and feeder cattle and heavy and light butcher steers were hard to move. Female butcher stock of respectable quality was the only class and grade for which there existed any active inquiry. Heavy steers sold from \$9 to \$12 per hundred while good quality butcher steers within the weights of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds

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