

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending February 21.

Receipts and Market Tops.

Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, Markets Intelligence Division

	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Good Steers			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves		
	(1,000-1,200)											
	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14
Toronto (Union Stock Yards).....	5,101	2,572	2,834	\$12.25	\$11.00	\$11.75						
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles).....	555	763	402	12.25	10.75	11.25	679	709	582	\$17.00	\$14.75	\$17.00
Montreal (East End).....	348	807	397	12.25	10.75	11.25	528	331	257	16.00	13.00	16.00
Winnipeg.....	1,335	1,671	1,721	11.50	10.00	12.00	378	645	163	16.00	13.00	16.00
Calgary.....	943	717	1,619	11.50	8.75	11.00	28	37	41	12.00	9.00	12.50
	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14	Week Ending Feb. 21	Same Week 1917	Week Ending Feb. 14
Toronto (Union Stock Yards).....	8,175	6,800	7,332	\$19.10	\$14.75	\$19.00	565	353	848	\$19.00	\$15.25	\$19.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles).....	1,991	1,668	603	19.75	15.60	19.75	121	111	112	17.00	14.25	17.00
Montreal (East End).....	1,348	1,622	670	19.75	15.60	19.75	85	157	34	17.00	14.25	17.00
Winnipeg.....	7,533	6,599	6,417	18.75	14.00	18.75	6	343	19			16.50
Calgary.....	2,575	3,474	3,150	19.25	13.25	19.00		48	109		10.75	

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards)

Approximately five thousand cattle were on sale during the week, two thousand and being offered on the Monday market, eight hundred on Tuesday, sixteen hundred on Wednesday, and the balance on Thursday. With a liberal demand prevailing, prices advanced on Monday morning in a very active market, all cattle ruling from 25 to 40 cents per hundred above the closing prices of the previous week. Demand continued strong throughout the week, and on Wednesday, choice cattle were selling a shade above Monday's prices, while the market closed on Thursday with cattle in continued active demand. While there are a number of choice cattle being marketed, there is still quite a number of unfinished cattle coming forward. Very few heavy cattle were on sale, there being only a few lots offered that weighed over twelve hundred pounds. Of the best quality animals over that weight, ten head sold on Monday at \$12.75 per hundred, another draft of ten realized \$12.25, while a straight load was weighed up at \$12. Wednesday \$12 per hundred was about the top for this grade, the quality being scarcely as good on that date. For steers of ten hundred to twelve hundred pounds, \$11.90 was the highest figure on Monday, being paid for a straight load weighing well over eleven hundred pounds. In addition between three and four hundred steers within these weights sold from \$11.35 to \$11.85, fifteen head of eleven hundred pounds bringing the latter price, while thirty-three head sold at \$11.75, and twenty-six at \$11.70. On Tuesday two head of eleven hundred and thirty-five pounds sold at \$12.25, and on Wednesday and Thursday quite a number of sales were made from \$11.50 to \$12. Of the steers and heifers under ten hundred pounds, a pair of choice yearlings sold on Monday at \$14.25, while on Wednesday eleven head of nine hundred and eighty pounds each realized \$12; the top price on Monday for a straight load was \$11.50, while on Wednesday thirty head sold at \$11.75. Close to five hundred head were weighed up on Monday at prices ranging from \$10.75 to \$11.50, most of them bringing from \$11 to \$11.25. On Wednesday and Thursday a number of loads sold from \$11.25 to \$11.75 per hundred. Cows and bulls were in active demand in sympathy with the demand for other grades of cattle, most of those of choice quality selling from \$10 to \$10.50, although a number of choice cows sold during the week at \$11. Good cows sold from \$9 to \$9.75, medium from \$7.74 to \$8.75, and common from \$6.50 to \$7.50. A few extra choice bulls of fourteen hundred to sixteen hundred pounds reached \$11 during the week, but most of the choice ones sold from \$10 to \$10.75, medium from \$9 to \$9.75, and common Bologna from \$7.75 to \$8.75. Little trading was done in stockers and feeders, and only a few loads were shipped to country points. Calves were in active demand, choice veal reaching \$17, while the majority of the best calves brought from \$15 to \$16.50, and common from \$9 to \$12.

Sheep receipts were light, amounting to about five hundred head for the week. The trading in this department was a little more active than that of the previous

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	118	\$12.00	\$11.50-\$12.50	\$12.75					
STEERS good	455	11.57	11.00-12.00	12.25	47	\$11.65	\$11.00-\$12.25	\$12.25	
1,000-1,200 common	75	10.25	9.75-10.75	10.75	7	10.60	10.50-10.75	10.75	
STEERS good	1,374	11.11	10.50-11.50	11.75	48	11.10	10.75-11.50	11.75	
700-1,000 common	264	9.64	9.00-10.25	10.50	96	10.00	9.00-10.25	10.50	
HEIFERS good	461	11.26	10.75-11.75	12.00	49	11.00	10.50-11.50	11.75	
fair	546	9.88	9.00-10.50	10.50	19	9.60	9.25-10.25	10.25	
common	14	8.75	8.00-9.50	9.50	12	8.75	8.00-9.00	9.00	
COWS good	293	9.39	9.00-9.75	10.75	31	9.90	9.75-10.75	10.75	
common	625	7.75	7.00-8.50	8.75	87	9.00	8.50-9.50	9.50	
BULLS good	93	9.52	9.00-10.00	10.75	19	10.30	10.50-10.75	10.75	
common	42	8.06	7.75-8.75	9.75	29	8.00	7.50-8.25	9.75	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	268	6.25	6.00-6.50	6.50	81	6.60	6.00-7.00	7.00	
OXEN									
CALVES veal	622	15.04	14.00-16.00	17.00	528	14.50	10.00-16.00	16.00	
grass	57	8.00	7.00-10.00	10.00					
STOCKERS good	41	8.50	8.00-8.75	9.00					
450-800 fair	29	7.75	7.50-8.00	8.25					
FEEDERS good	348	10.02	9.50-10.50	10.50					
800-1,000 fair	55	9.43	8.75-9.75	9.75					
HOGS selects	7,692	19.06	18.75-19.00	19.10	1,598	19.60	19.50-19.75	19.75	
(Fed and watered) heavies									
lights	318	17.50	16.75-18.00	18.00	369	19.00	18.75-19.25	19.25	
sows	159	17.50	16.75-18.00	18.00	21	17.40	17.25-17.50	17.50	
stags	6	14.96	14.75	15.00	3				
LAMBS good	417	18.39	18.00-19.00	19.00	30	16.10	16.00-17.00	17.00	
common	60	16.00	15.00-17.00	17.00	32	15.35	15.00-16.00	16.00	
SHEEP heavy	41	12.00	11.00-13.00	13.00					
light	36	13.00	12.00-14.00	14.50	59	13.00	13.00	13.00	
common	11	8.00	7.00-9.00	10.00					

week. A few choice lambs sold at \$19, and most of the best lambs offered sold from \$18 to \$18.75, light sheep from \$13 to \$14.50, heavy sheep from \$11 to \$13, and culls from \$7 to \$10.

Hog receipts totalled about ten thousand head, two thousand of which were consigned direct to a local abattoir; in addition several hundred were billed through. Select hogs sold on Monday and Tuesday at \$19 per hundred, fed and watered. On Wednesday and Thursday a number of sales were made at \$19.10, the market closing firm under an active demand on the latter day.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending February 14th, Canadian packing houses bought 352 calves, 75 bulls, 20 heavy steers, 2,245 butcher cattle, 7,639 hogs and 663 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 221 calves, 310 butcher cattle, 63 hogs and 60 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 58 calves, 93 milch cows, 20 butcher cattle, 186 stockers and 89 feeders. There were no shipments made to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1st to February 14th, inclusive, were 27,317 cattle, 2,915 calves, 47,494 hogs, and 7,802 sheep; compared to 33,036 cattle, 34,357 calves, 64,394 hogs and 8,470

sheep received during the corresponding period of 1917.

Montreal.

The total receipts of cattle at the Montreal yards were twelve hundred head compared to nine hundred the previous week and fourteen hundred and fifty, two weeks ago. A larger percentage of grain-fed stock than at any time during the last six months was on hand, while the remainder of the stock consisted largely of fair to good quality heifers and steers weighing from nine hundred to eleven hundred and fifty pounds. These classes of stock met with the requirements of the trade and quick sales were made throughout at strong prices, and in some instances at advances of from 25 to 50 cents per hundred. One steer weighing ten hundred and fifty pounds sold at \$12.25 per hundred, this price being obtainable on account of the high dressing quality, the carcass dressing five hundred and ninety pounds, or 56.2 per cent. of the live weight. Thirty head averaging nine hundred and eighty pounds, made up of a few steers weighing up to twelve hundred pounds and the remainder of light steers and heifers of various weights, sold at \$11.75 per hundred. All were of good finish and high dressing percentage. Thirty-five steers weighing from ten hundred and fifty to eleven hundred and

fifty pounds sold from \$11.50 to \$11.75, while ten heifers weighing around nine hundred pounds sold at \$10.50. Receipts of bulls were light and of a very wide range of quality.

Prices were firm at a wide spread, sales being made from \$7.50 to \$10.75, the latter price being realized on eleven head shipped in from the Union Stock Yards, Toronto, Ont. Very few choice cows were on hand, the majority of cows offered being of fair to good grading and selling from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hundred, choice animals sold from \$9.75 to \$10.50. Canner cows sold at \$6 per hundred, being 50 cents higher in price than at the close of the previous week, while cutters also advanced and sold up to \$7. About nine hundred veal calves, all of dairy breeding, were offered. Sales were quickly made at from \$13.50 to \$16 for those of good quality, \$12 per hundred for heavy veal, and \$10 for those in thin flesh.

Sheep and lambs were few in number, totalling only two hundred and six head on the two markets. Sheep sold at \$13, and lambs around \$16.50. Choice hot-house lambs, which are in light demand, sold at \$12 each during the week.

The run of hogs totalled over three thousand head compared to fifteen hundred thousand head compared to fifteen hundred last week. Despite the increase in receipts and the indifferent quality, the

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