

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Comment on week ending September 23.
Quotations on last Monday's Markets.

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			
	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week
	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending
	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,265	6,940	7,183	\$14.00	\$12.50	\$14.00	1,005	889	1,174	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$20.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,640	1,966	1,726	13.00	10.75	12.00	1,560	1,225	1,349	19.00	17.00	15.00
Montreal (East End)	1,416	2,998	1,860	13.00	10.75	12.00	1,714	1,815	1,307	19.00	17.00	15.00
Winnipeg	12,520	8,405	14,066	12.25	11.25	13.75	765	763	738	11.50	12.00	12.00
Calgary	3,691	6,535	3,663	9.75	9.75	10.00	751	—	170	10.50	9.25	10.75
Edmonton	1,539	1,316	1,191	9.50	9.50	9.50	181	81	242	10.00	10.00	10.00

	HOGS						LAMBS					
	Receipts		Top Price Selects				Receipts		Top Price Good			
	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week
	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending
	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	1919	Sept. 16
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	3,158	6,831	2,492	\$21.00	\$18.25	\$20.75	16,532	12,082	12,361	\$14.85	\$14.00	\$14.25
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,761	1,563	1,749	21.00	18.25	21.00	6,816	7,052	8,220	13.50	13.00	12.50
Montreal (East End)	2,083	1,189	2,208	22.00	18.25	21.00	3,219	5,309	5,227	13.50	13.00	12.50
Winnipeg	938	1,032	892	22.50	17.50	21.00	1,464	2,022	5,780	13.00	11.50	22.25
Calgary	227	488	311	22.25	17.25	22.00	551	983	3,511	11.50	12.00	11.35
Edmonton	177	186	177	22.50	17.25	21.25	563	322	482	12.00	12.50	12.00

Market Comments.

(Toronto Union Stock Yards)

Receipts for the week consisted of fifty-four hundred and fifty-three cattle, nine hundred and eighty-three calves, thirty-two hundred and fifty-six hogs, and seventeen thousand and seventy-eight sheep. Most of the cattle offerings consisted of common and medium stuff, very few good cattle were on the market and there was very little change in price from the close of the previous week. A few really good butcher cattle sold from 15 to 25 cents higher. There was a really choice load of steers averaging eleven hundred and ninety pounds sold at \$15. They were brought in by R. Frizzell, Meaford, Ontario. Cattle with quality and flesh were strong sellers. Most of the best butcher cattle sold around \$11.50 to \$12.50. Choice butcher heifers sold well, and cows and bulls were steady to strong; no choice bulls were on the market. Choice cows sold from \$11 to \$12.50, and bologna bulls from \$6 to \$7. There was a good demand for choice milkers and springers and these sold at slightly higher prices. The stocker and feeder market held about steady, but trade was a little quiet partly due to the dry spell of weather; there would be more inclination to buy on the part of the farmers if there was a good shower to freshen the grass. Choice feeding steers weighing around ten hundred to eleven hundred pounds sold from \$10.50 to \$11.50 per hundred, and good from \$9 to \$10. Stockers of good grading sold from \$8 to \$9.50. This trade will increase a little later. There was a fair run of calves on the market and the price held steady for choice veal. Choice calves sold from \$19 to \$20, medium, \$16 to \$17, and fair calves from \$13 to \$14. The demand is for choice veal. Heavy calves do not sell well.

The sheep and lamb market had to take care of a heavy run but notwithstanding this, prices held steady. Early in the week some lambs sold as high as \$14.85 per hundred, but only a few that were very choice. The market closed Thursday with choice lambs at \$14, yearlings \$10 to \$11 and heavy sheep and bucks from \$6 to \$7. Light handy sheep moved from \$7.50 to \$8.50. The big demand was for the well finished and not too heavy lambs. The prospects are that we will have heavy runs from now on.

The run of hogs on the market was not heavy and prices remained steady. The majority of hogs were bought by the smaller outside packers. The large packers were not operating to any extent. If hogs come in large numbers the price may have a tendency to go a little lower, but the prospects are that hogs will continue to be a fair price.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 16, inclusive, were 205,321 cattle, 64,340 calves, 217,504 hogs and 103,557 sheep; compared with 232,986 cattle, 51,515 calves, 265,922 hogs and 104,854 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

There were thirty hundred and fifty-six cattle offered for sale during the week. Of this amount thirty-one head were shipped to country points, fifty head to other markets for sale and two hundred

TORONTO						MONTREAL				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range		Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range		Top Price
STEERS										
heavy finished	24									
STEERS good	304	11.93	10.50	13.00	14.00	14	12.50	12.00	13.00	12.50
1,000-1,200 common	39	8.50	8.00	9.00	9.00	5				
STEERS good	605	11.23	10.00	12.25	13.50	27	11.00	10.50	12.00	12.50
700-1,000 common	368	8.66	8.00	9.00	9.00	288	9.00	8.00	10.00	10.50
HEIFERS good	286	11.64	10.50	13.00	14.00	10	10.75	10.00	11.50	11.50
fair	482	8.24	7.50	8.75	9.00	62	9.00	8.50	10.00	10.00
common	285	6.50	6.00	7.00	7.00	282	7.00	6.00	8.00	8.00
COWS good	370	10.50	9.00	12.00	12.75	83	9.25	9.00	10.00	10.00
common	589	7.00	6.00	8.00	8.25	322	7.00	5.00	8.00	8.00
BULLS good	93	10.50	10.00	11.00	11.50	3	8.25	8.00	9.00	9.00
common	147	7.50	6.50	8.50	9.00	404	5.50	5.00	5.75	6.00
CANNERS & CUTTERS	196	4.50	4.00	5.00	5.25	106	4.00	3.00	4.50	5.00
OXEN	4					34				
CALVES veal	1,005	18.00	17.00	19.00	20.00	252	14.00	12.00	15.00	19.00
grass						1,308	7.25	7.00	7.50	8.00
STOCKERS good	1,526	9.00	8.50	9.50	10.00					
450-800 fair	274	8.00	7.50	8.50	8.50					
FEEDERS good	30	11.00	10.50	11.50	12.00					
800-1,100 fair										
HOGS selects	2,996	20.79	20.50	21.00	21.00	1,191	20.60	20.50	20.75	21.00
heavy	16	19.71	19.50	20.00	20.00	24				
(fed and watered) lights	50	18.75	18.50	19.00	19.00	395				
sows	95	16.89	15.50	18.00	18.00	133	16.00	15.50	16.75	16.75
stags	1					18				
LAMBS good	13,472	13.75	13.00	14.50	14.85	3,145	12.00	12.50		13.50
common	1,466	9.90	8.00	11.00	11.00	3,193	10.75	10.75		12.00
SHEEP yearlings	252	10.00	9.50	10.50	11.00					
light	859	8.00	7.50	8.50	8.30	274	7.25	7.00	7.50	7.50
common	483	4.50	4.00	5.00	6.00	204	6.25	6.00	6.50	7.00
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and seventy-four head to Toronto and American packers. On Monday the market was brisk and prices a bit stronger than those paid during the previous week. Dealing on cattle after Monday was very slow and although prices remained at about Monday's level it was difficult to find buyers; \$13 per hundred was the top figure for steers. Buyers claimed that cattle bought at prices above \$13 cost so much dressed that they could not dispose of the meat. Butchers are handling cheaper grades. Canners remained at \$3 and up. Light bulls sold at \$5, and heavier bulls up to \$6. There was a good steady demand for veal calves and on one of the markets the best veal calves brought up to \$19. Grass calves were most commonly disposed of at \$7 to \$7.50.

Receipts of lambs were fewer by about four thousand head. The quality was much poorer. A number of sales were made at \$13 to \$13.50; the bulk of the fairly good lots were sold for \$12.50. The market closed strong.

There was no change in prices for hogs. Local trade paid generally \$20.70, a few sales up to \$21. Packers offered \$20 and paid in some cases up to \$20.50.

Pr. St. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1, to September 16, inclusive, were: 26,867 cattle, 54,227 calves, 50,957 hogs and 47,531 sheep; compared with 32,224 cattle, 59,942 calves, 60,271

hogs and 38,019 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from January 1 to September 16, inclusive, were: 28,918 cattle, 43,021 calves, 39,821 hogs and 33,168 sheep; compared with 35,686 cattle, 43,410 calves, 41,802 hogs and 29,775 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Winnipeg.

During the early part of the week the market was active on all good grades of cattle, eastern buyers being the most liberal operators. Stockers and feeders sold exceptionally well at prices, a shade above those prevailing on the previous market. As the week progressed prices declined and by Thursday there was a weak undertone. Handyweight butcher steers sold from \$6.50 to \$11.50 during the week, light weights of steers of good grading from \$8.50 to \$10, and common to medium from \$5.50 to \$7.50. Good to choice cows sold from \$7 to \$9.50, and common to medium from \$4.75 to \$6.25. Veal calves sold up to \$12 and from \$5 to \$11 for the majority according to quality. Good stockers moved from \$5.75 to \$6.50, and fair from \$5. Choice feeders sold from \$8 to \$9 and fair to good from \$5.75 to \$8.50.

Wool Market Report.

The market for fine wools still continues

active and there is no indication of a surplus of these wools being offered for sale. At the recent openings, many of the larger mills have received orders and as result wool has changed hands. Buying has been confined largely to fine medium and half-blood staple wools. In medium wools the demand has not been heavy. Recent reports from Australia estimate this year's clip at 1,650,000 bales as compared with 2,030,916 last year. Droughts have caused serious loss to sheep owners in Australia. On the whole, trading in wool is quiet the world over, sellers refusing to accept prices offered by buyers. At the Liverpool Sales held recently, wools from East India similar to America styled wools advanced five per cent., while information just to hand indicates that the London Sales suffered a decline of sixteen per cent. Trading in Canadian wools has been quiet during the week.

Chicago.

Cattle.—Compared with a week ago, good and choice steers steady to 50c. lower; others, \$1 to \$1.50 lower; best she-stock and canners 25c. to 50c. lower; others, \$1 to \$1.50 lower; good bulls and veal calves steady.

Hogs.—Bulk, \$15.75 to \$17.50; pigs slow, 25c. to 50c. lower.

Sheep.—Compared with week ago, fat

BULLETIN.

Attack of Corn Borer in Ontario.

Corn borer has come at last. For endeavoring to obtain a foot-note in the New York and Massachusetts, and been cautioned to be on the alert. The European corn borer has come very much out of the front townships of Western Ontario. It is rarely found, while in a pest infested area 95 per cent. infested. The European corn borer has been discovered on the coast townships of Welland and it has also been discovered in Middlesex. Prior to Saturday the borer was located in the following townships: Welland County—Bertie, Haldimand—Moulton; York—Yarmouth, Southwold, Dorchester South; Middlesex—Nissouri West, West-Elm, Delaware, Caradoc, Lobo, Oxford County—Oxford North, and Norwich South.

Biological Branch has had scouts and entomologists are working busily. The borer will be found in the Eastern but the greater part of Kent be spared. Up to the present have occurred near Crystal and near Port Stanley in the infestation spreads out as the distance increases. At the European corn borer by other townships, but the hand would lead one to serious outbreaks have been

The Farmer's Advocate" spent its time in the infested areas and its work, in practical present the insect is in the leaf, hairless caterpillar about length, lightest grey in color, presence can be detected by axils of the leaves or on or ears. It seems to enter the leaves leaving a small hole, one diameter, out of which it is severed from the stalk, partially cut off. It also enters. On some occasions in a joint near the top of the will break over. The larva corn, while in the shock just in and not until the crop is matured. Small, dark holes indicative of its presence, and for the winter. The European exterminated by leaving or it is known to live and other weeds and plants; be a very acceptable host. how serious a menace the become. It cannot fail to pair the quality of the crop, and woody.

It is to be on the watch for the borer on the part of the Agriculture to have all the in corn-growing districts, become acquainted with the may detect it all the more