

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending January 15.

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
	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	7,126	7,312	4,003	\$13.75	\$14.50	\$13.75	704	598	552	\$22.00	\$18.00	\$22.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	953	1,408	475	14.00	12.50	12.50	398	259	196	17.00	15.00	17.00
Montreal (East End)	1,181	1,863	840	14.00	12.50	12.50	118	158	78	13.00	10.50	11.00
Winnipeg	3,262	4,364	2,619	12.50	14.25	12.00	148	—	69	9.25	—	8.50
Calgary	3,015	2,824	1,318	11.60	14.50	11.25	5	28	12	9.00	—	9.00
Edmonton	250	821	498	10.25	12.75	10.25						

	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
	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	1919	Jan. 8
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	6,813	7,581	7,476	\$18.25	\$18.75	\$18.50	3,096	5,161	2,234	\$20.50	\$16.75	\$19.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,395	1,665	1,320	18.75	19.00	19.75	2,035	2,268	1,120	17.00	14.00	16.50
Montreal (East End)	1,243	2,077	717	18.75	19.00	19.75	1,212	1,435	763	17.00	14.00	16.50
Winnipeg	7,252	17,426	6,139	17.00	16.25	17.00	578	325	336	14.50	15.25	15.00
Calgary	1,440	5,790	638	17.00	16.25	16.95	1,251	1,236	1,088	—	13.00	—
Edmonton	791	1,382	678	17.00	16.00	16.50	189	193	727	—	—	11.50

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

Cattle were in good and active demand, and the values of the previous week were fully maintained. Packers and butchers are finding a ready outlet for dressed meats, and everything showing quality is readily absorbed on active markets. Few cattle are being shipped to Buffalo, as local prices are now relatively higher than those prevailing on the Buffalo market. The quality of the stock was, on the whole, fairly good, quite a number of choice cattle being offered. Several loads of heavy cattle were received and a number of these were purchased by a local firm for shipment to Europe. Choice heavy cattle ranging in weight from thirteen hundred pounds to fourteen hundred pounds sold from \$14.50 to \$15.50 per hundred, one load averaging twelve hundred and sixty pounds selling at \$15.10, and one load averaging twelve hundred and fifty pounds at \$15 per hundred. Steers between the weights of ten hundred and twelve hundred pounds sold from \$13 to \$14.50 per hundred; a few head averaging eleven hundred and fifty pounds moved at \$13.75 per hundred. Medium quality in the weights referred to sold from \$11 to \$12. A few extra choice heifers were taken at \$14, but most of the good handy-weight steers and heifers sold from \$12.50 to \$13.25, medium stock from \$9 to \$11, and very common cattle from \$7 to \$8.50. Cows and bulls were in equally good demand, one extra fancy cow sold at \$14 per hundred, while most of the good cows moved from \$11 to \$12. One massive Holstein cow weighing seventeen hundred and forty pounds sold at \$11.50 per hundred, netting the owner \$200. Good, smoothly-fleshed bulls were absorbed at from \$11 to \$12, several head changing hands at the latter figure, while medium quality in both cows and bulls sold from \$8 to \$10. Canners and cutters, as well as other common stock, did not share in the general advance, and canners and cutters could be purchased at \$5.25 to \$6.25 per hundred. The trade in stockers and feeders was very quiet, as anything showing flesh was purchased by the local abattoirs for killing purposes. Feeders were quoted from \$10.50 to \$11.50 per hundred, and stockers from \$9.50 to \$10.50. Calves had a good steady trade; and speculators catering to the American market purchased a good percentage of the calves for shipments to Buffalo. Prices were unchanged and as high as \$22 per hundred was paid for choice veal calves, with good calves selling from \$17 to \$19, and common rough calves from \$8 to \$11.

Sheep and lambs had a very strong trade, and quotations made substantial advances. A load of choice sheep weighing one hundred and thirty-four pounds sold at \$14 per hundred, with the majority selling from \$11 to \$13. A small load of choice lambs sold at \$20.50 with the bulk being weighed at prices from \$17 to \$19. Heavy sheep had a fair demand at \$9 to \$11 per hundred.

The hog market was very unsettled, and accurate prices were hard to determine. Hogs were being purchased by local abattoirs at various points in the country at \$16.75 to \$17.25 per hundred,

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	8			\$15.00	2				
STEERS good	288	\$12.91	\$11.50-\$13.50	13.75	24	\$13.50	\$13.00-\$14.00	\$14.00	
1,000-1,200 common									
STEERS good	2,129	12.20	11.00-13.00	13.25	79	12.50	12.00-13.00	14.00	
700-1,000 common	439	8.99	7.00-10.00	11.00	131	10.75	10.00-11.50	11.50	
HEIFERS good	1,660	12.23	11.00-13.00	13.25	7	11.40	10.50-12.50	12.50	
fair	201	10.22	8.50-11.25	11.25	30	9.75	9.25-10.00	10.00	
common	70	7.89	7.00-8.75	9.00	86	8.00	7.00-9.00	9.00	
COWS good	275	10.95	9.50-11.50	12.25	58	10.50	9.50-11.00	11.50	
common	1,070	8.69	7.50-9.50	10.00	162	8.25	7.00-9.00	9.50	
BULLS good	124	10.88	9.50-11.50	12.00	21	10.25	9.50-11.00	11.50	
common	98	8.08	6.50-9.00	10.00	128	7.50	6.00-8.50	9.25	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	408	5.65	5.25-6.00	6.25	187	5.75	5.25-6.50	6.50	
OXEN					12	9.50	8.60-11.00	11.00	
CALVES veal	694	18.05	15.00-21.00	22.00	136	15.50	14.00-17.00	17.00	
grass	10	6.40	5.50-9.00	9.25	166	7.50	7.50	7.50	
STOCKERS good	251	9.47	8.50-10.50	10.50					
fair	68	8.31	7.25-9.00	9.25					
FEEDERS good	37	10.57	9.50-11.50	11.50					
fair									
HOGS selects	6,408	17.67	17.25-18.25	18.25	1,106	18.65	18.75	18.75	
heavy					15				
(fed and watered) lights	257	15.60	15.25-16.25	16.25	249	18.00		18.75	
sows	142	13.57	12.25-14.75	14.75	23	14.65	14.75	14.75	
stags	6	10.75	10.25-11.25	11.25	2				
LAMBS good	2,030	18.44	17.75-19.50	20.50	329	16.80	16.50	17.00	
common	186	15.60	14.50-17.00	17.00	1,097	15.40	15.00-15.50	15.50	
SHEEP heavy					146	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.00	
light	790	11.51	10.50-13.00	14.00	463	8.75	8.00-9.00	9.00	
common	90	6.27	5.00-7.75	8.00					

f. o. b., but they seemingly did not wish to duplicate these prices at the local yards, and endeavored to purchase hogs at a decline of 50 cents or at \$17.25, fed and watered. However, the higher levels prevailed and most of the hogs were taken from \$17.75 to \$18 per hundred.

The total receipts at the Yards from January 1 to January 8, inclusive, were: 4,003 cattle, 552 calves, 7,476 hogs and 2,234 sheep; compared with 6,392 cattle, 720 calves, 11,126 hogs and 5,955 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal

The sales of butcher cattle were made at prices fully 50 cents higher than those of the previous week, and in addition to the better prices, the heavier offerings of good cattle made the market appear still higher. Three loads of good steers averaging in weight from ten hundred to ninety pounds to eleven hundred and thirty pounds were sold at \$14, two loads were sold at \$13, and the balance of the good steers from \$12 to \$13. Very good steers left the scales at prices ranging from \$9.50 to \$10, while a few poor yearling steers went at \$8. Good cows and good bulls sold at tops of \$11 and \$11.50. Canner cows were firm

at \$5.25, and canner bulls from \$3.25 to \$6.50. Good heifers sold up to \$12.50, common grades were generally weighed up with steers at prices from \$10 to \$12 and very common light heifers from \$7 to \$9. One choice veal calf was sold for \$20 per hundred. Good veal calves of dairy breeding were sold for \$16 and \$17 per hundred, and grass calves at \$7.50.

A few select lambs were sold for \$17, good lambs generally at \$16.50 and common lambs at \$15.50. Sheep moved generally at \$9.50 and \$10 per hundred.

Hogs were mostly sold at \$19 off car weights. Buyers however, were not very anxious to get hogs at that price, and a few sales were made at \$18.50 off cars. There are not many hogs at present being cut on account of light weights. Sows sold \$2 per hundred below the price of selects. The market prices depend at present on the volume of the daily receipts and their relation to the requirements of the local trade.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending January 8, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 249 calves, 67 bulls, 10 heavy steers, 259 butcher cattle, 1,431 hogs and 1,159 lambs. Canadian shipments were made up of 12 milch cows. There were no shipments to United States points during the week.

The total receipts from January 1 to January 8, inclusive, were: 502 cattle, 249 calves, 1,431 hogs and 1,159 sheep; compared with 1,015 cattle, 252 calves, 1,697 hogs and 766 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending January 8, Canadian packing houses and local butchers purchased 153 calves, 878 butcher cattle, 813 hogs and 228 lambs. Shipments to United States points consisted of 49 calves, and 491 lambs.

The total receipts from January 1 to January 8, inclusive, were: 840 cattle, 196 calves, 717 hogs, and 763 sheep; compared with 1,018 cattle, 96 calves, 700 hogs and 312 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Winnipeg.

Receipts of live stock continued to increase in volume, and during the week the Yard Company unloaded thirty-two hundred and sixty-two cattle, one hundred and eighteen calves, five hundred and seventy-eight sheep, and seventy-two hundred and fifty-two hogs. In addition seventy-eight cattle were received on through-billing. Local packing houses secured fourteen hundred and eighty-six cattle, sixty-nine hundred

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