

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending July 26.

Receipts and Market Tops.

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

CATTLE							CALVES						
Receipts			Top Price Good Steers			Week Ending	Receipts			Top Price Good Calves			Week Ending
Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week		Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	
Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	July 19	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	July 19
July 26	1916	July 19	July 26	1916	July 19	July 19	July 26	1916	July 19	July 26	1916	July 19	July 19
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	5,930	3,222	5,203	\$11.00	\$ 8.65	\$11.25	858	798	954	\$14.50	\$12.25	\$15.00	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	553	668	708	10.75	8.75	11.00	619	760	882	12.50	10.00	12.50	
Montreal (East End)	823	746	663	10.75	8.75	11.00	518	432	591	12.50	10.00	12.50	
Winnipeg	2,691	2,544	2,424	10.00	8.35	9.90	187	213	189	12.00	9.50	12.00	
Calgary	—	1,182	528	—	6.50	8.00	—	—	—	—	8.50	9.50	

HOGS							SHEEP						
Receipts			Top Price Selects			Week Ending	Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs			Week Ending
Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week		Week	Same	Week	Week	Same	Week	
Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	July 19	Ending	Week	Ending	Ending	Week	Ending	July 19
July 26	1916	July 19	July 26	1916	July 19	July 19	July 26	1916	July 19	July 26	1916	July 19	July 19
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	4,274	7,008	6,329	\$16.00	\$12.15	\$16.25	2,326	1,990	2,143	\$14.50	\$14.50	\$16.25	
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,180	840	1,122	16.25	12.25	16.50	708	1,155	515	14.00	11.50	*10.00	
Montreal (East End)	869	496	903	16.15	12.25	16.75	554	818	350	14.00	11.50	*10.00	
Winnipeg	5,617	7,578	5,479	14.50	11.00	15.15	43	731	155	11.00	10.00	12.00	
Calgary	—	3,472	2,248	—	11.00	14.35	—	385	97	—	9.50	12.50	

*Quotations per head.

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

With 4,300 cattle on sale at the Yards on Monday and with a limited demand from packers and butchers, quotations were reduced on all classes of cattle by 35 to 50 cents per hundred. Trading was very slow throughout the morning, and very few cattle were weighed up by noon; twelve hundred head remained unsold at the close of Monday's markets and with receipts of 700 head on Tuesday, prices barely held steady. A further decline of 25 to 40 cents followed on Wednesday, when an additional supply of 800 head was received. Trading closed on Thursday with a weak undertone at prices 75 cents to \$1.00 lower than those prevailing a week ago. Two extra good steers sold on Monday at \$12 per hundred, while the top price for a straight load was \$11, this figure being paid for a load of heavy steers from Chatsworth, Ontario. On Tuesday an extra fine load in the same class realized \$12 per hundred, while on Wednesday \$10.50 was the top price paid on a medium quality load. The bulk of the sales of heavy steers was between \$11.25 and \$11. Quality was lacking in the lighter weights of butcher cattle and for steers of one thousand to eleven hundred pounds, \$10 to \$10.50 was the ruling range on Monday, while by Wednesday this was reduced to \$9.75 to \$10.25. Light butcher steers and heifers sold from \$9.50 to \$10.25 for choice, and common quality ranged from \$7 to \$8.50. Bulls were in slow demand at prices ranging from \$5.50 to \$8.50, while good cows sold from \$7.50 to \$8.25 and medium from \$6.00 to \$7.00 with canners and cutters bringing \$5.00 to \$5.75. The calf market suffered in sympathy with butcher cattle, and a decline of \$1.00 per hundred was noted during the week. Choice veal sold from \$13 to \$14 per hundred; medium calves from \$10 to \$12, and common from \$7 to \$9.

With 900 lambs on sale on Monday, trade was inactive and prices were lower by \$1.75 to \$2.00 per hundred, with \$14.50 being the top price paid, the bulk being weighed up at \$14.00 to \$14.25. With a liberal run on Wednesday a further reduction of 50 cents was made, and \$13.75 was the ruling price for choice lambs of 70 to 85 pounds, while culls and light lambs of 50 to 60 pounds sold from \$10 to \$12 per hundred. Light sheep brought \$8 to \$9 and heavy sheep \$6.50 to \$7.50, with common sheep selling at \$5 to \$6.

Hogs on the Monday market were weighed up at \$15.75 for selects, but packers' quotations were \$15.25 for the balance of the week. However, with the Buffalo market remaining fairly strong and with light receipts following, the buyers were unable to purchase at these prices. With three hundred hogs on sale Tuesday the prices varied from \$15.50 to \$15.75 per hundred for selects, while on Wednesday they advanced 20 to 25 cents, the bulk selling at \$15.75 to \$15.90. On Thursday, with only four hundred on sale, the market closed with a strong undertone at prices ranging from \$15.75 to \$16 for selects.

Of the disposition of live stock from the Union Stock Yards for the week ending July 19, Canadian packing houses purchased 600 calves, 84 butcher bulls,

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	15	\$10.75	\$10.25-\$11.00	\$12.00	10	\$11.00	—	\$11.00	
STEERS good	576	10.38	9.50-10.75	11.00	104	10.40	\$10.25-10.50	10.75	
1,000-1,200 common	35	9.28	8.50-9.75	9.75	18	9.65	9.50-9.75	9.75	
STEERS good	1,204	9.75	9.25-10.25	10.50	29	10.00	9.50-10.40	10.40	
700-1,000 common	423	8.22	7.75-9.00	9.00	65	9.00	8.75-9.25	9.40	
HEIFERS good	256	9.92	9.50-10.50	11.00	17	10.00	9.75-10.25	10.50	
fair	263	8.73	7.75-9.25	9.25	46	8.85	8.60-9.25	9.25	
common	144	7.49	6.75-8.00	8.00	21	8.64	8.00-8.75	8.75	
COWS good	943	7.71	7.25-8.25	8.50	16	8.50	8.25-8.75	9.00	
fair	1,342	6.53	6.00-7.25	7.25	95	7.44	7.00-7.75	7.90	
BULLS good	41	7.99	7.50-8.50	8.75	5	9.50	7.00-10.00	10.00	
common	89	6.40	5.75-7.00	8.00	80	7.77	6.00-9.00	9.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	111	5.53	5.25-6.00	6.00	37	5.65	5.25-6.50	6.75	
OXEN	—	—	—	—	2	7.75	7.75	7.75	
CALVES	858	13.47	12.50-14.50	14.50	619	10.49	8.00-12.50	12.50	
STOCKERS good	158	7.48	7.00-8.00	8.00	—	—	—	—	
450-800 fair	178	6.74	6.25-7.50	7.50	—	—	—	—	
FEEDERS good	144	8.43	8.00-8.75	8.75	—	—	—	—	
800-1,000 fair	8	8.00	7.50-8.25	8.25	—	—	—	—	
HOGS (fed and watered)					902	15.82	15.50-16.25	16.25	
selects	3,746	15.76	15.25-16.00	16.00	12	15.50	15.50-16.00	16.00	
heavies	94	15.65	15.25-16.00	16.00	125	15.57	15.50-16.00	16.00	
lights	283	14.52	14.25-15.00	15.00	2	11.00	10.00-12.00	12.00	
stags	9	10.68	10.25-11.00	11.00	139	12.80	12.50-13.25	13.25	
sows	142	12.61	12.25-13.00	13.00	43	9.41	9.00-9.50	9.50	
SHEEP					12	9.60	9.50-9.90	9.90	
heavy	23	7.54	6.50-8.00	8.00	28	8.75	8.50-9.00	9.00	
light	283	8.45	8.00-9.00	9.00	—	—	—	—	
common	111	6.21	5.00-7.00	7.00	86	13.51	13.00-14.00	14.00	
LAMBS					539	12.81	12.50-13.00	13.00	
good	1,640	13.68	13.25-14.50	14.50	—	—	—	—	
common	269	13.07	10.00-14.00	14.00	—	—	—	—	

176 heavy steers, 4,216 butcher cattle, 8,239 hogs, and 1,587 sheep and lambs. Local butchers bought 354 butcher cattle, 184 hogs, and 488 sheep and lambs. Shipments to country points totalled 25 stocker calves, 73 milch cows, 223 stockers, 19 feeders, 261 hogs, and 49 sheep. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 164 calves, 169 butcher cattle, and 66 stockers and feeders.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1 to July 19, inclusive, were: 126,333 cattle, 30,299 calves, 19,615 sheep, and 264,084 hogs; compared to 131,978 cattle, 27,311 calves, 24,479 sheep, and 237,160 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Montreal

Although the supply of butcher cattle during the past week was slightly below normal, it was evidently sufficient to meet the demand, and prices scarcely held at last week's level. Most loads of good heavy butcher cattle sold from \$10 to \$10.35 per hundred, with only a very few small picked lots above the latter price. One pair of choice heavy steers brought \$11 per hundred. Good light butcher steers and heifers sold mostly from \$9.50 to \$10 per hundred, while butcher cows sold at the wide range of \$6.75 to \$9. There were very few good bulls on the market and those offered sold from \$9.25 to \$9.50, while the bulk

of the common kind brought around \$8, with bologna bulls selling from \$6 to \$7. Calves were in fair demand early in the week and good veals sold up to \$12.50 per hundred, but later in the week prices declined about 50 cents.

Sheep and lambs were in good demand. Lambs sold up to \$14 per hundred for good heavy stock, while several sales of light eastern lambs were made at \$13. Sheep sold slightly above last week's quotations.

The hog market was somewhat unsettled and erratic. On Monday selects sold mostly at \$16.25 per hundred, off cars, but on Tuesday prices eased off nearly 50 cents per hundred and on Wednesday \$16.15 off cars, was about the top price. On Thursday there was more active buying and several lots sold at \$16.50. Packers seem inclined to make a greater reduction than usual for rough heavy hogs. More of this class are arriving than is usually the case.

Pt. St. Charles.—Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending July 19, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 635 calves, 30 canners and cutters, 103 bulls, 8 heavy steers, 494 butcher cattle, 1,122 hogs, 170 sheep and 345 lambs. Shipments back to country points were made up of 56 stockers. Shipments to United States' points totalled 247 calves.

The total receipts of live stock from

January 1 to July 19, inclusive, were: 20,171 cattle, 20,902 calves, 7,488 sheep and 37,986 hogs; compared to 23,347 cattle, 30,260 calves, 10,780 sheep and 50,372 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition of live stock from the Yards for the week ending July 19, Canadian packers and local butchers purchased 434 calves, 643 butcher cattle, 903 hogs and 350 sheep. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 96 calves.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1 to July 19, inclusive, were: 19,900 cattle, 31,973 calves, 7,800 sheep, and 24,543 hogs; compared to 18,404 cattle, 30,419 calves, 11,262 sheep and 30,496 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

Winnipeg.

The market for butcher cattle was slow during the forepart of the week, but closed on Thursday in a brisk condition. The receipts of butcher cattle were moderate during the week. Good butcher steers held steady but medium and common grades suffered recessions in prices, especially those of the female grades. The bulk of these were of common quality, and sold from \$7 to \$8 per hundred, although a few individual sales were made at slightly higher prices. While a few choice steers sold up to