

# Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Week Ending September 27. Receipts and Market Tops.

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	CATTLE						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Good Steers (1,000-1,200)			Receipts			Top Price Good Calves		
	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20
Toronto (Union Stock Yards)	7,440	7,333	8,706	\$11.00	\$ 8.25	\$10.75	640	862	969	\$15.50	\$12.00	\$15.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	2,130	1,463	1,817	10.40	7.75	10.25	774	540	748	14.00	10.00	15.00
Montreal (East End)	2,021	2,081	1,936	10.40	7.75	10.00	588	1,012	500	14.00	10.00	14.00
Winnipeg	7,918	6,664	8,753	11.00	7.00	10.60	268	286	361	11.00	8.00	10.00

  

	HOGS						SHEEP					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20	Week Ending Sept. 27	Same Week 1916	Week Ending Sept. 20
Montreal (Union Stock Yards)	4,966	11,830	6,011	\$18.75	\$12.25	\$18.00	8,617	5,716	13,546	\$15.75	\$10.50	\$16.50
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	1,818	3,026	1,774	18.50	12.75	17.75	5,967	2,726	5,549	15.00	10.50	15.25
Montreal (East End)	1,141	1,867	1,106	18.50	12.75	17.75	4,518	2,443	3,470	15.00	10.50	15.25
Winnipeg	1,888	3,901	2,302	17.50	11.60	17.25	1,311	586	1,620	15.50	10.00	15.50

## Market Comments.

### Toronto (Union Stock Yards.)

Live stock receipts for the week dropped several thousand head below the previous week's totals in both cattle and sheep, but notwithstanding this fact there was a liberal and normal supply on sale for this season of the year. The shipments of cattle consigned to abattoirs were confined to about five hundred head, the remainder being sold on the open market. The quality of the stock offered was on the whole inferior, the exceptions being a few loads of good weighty killers on the Monday market, with a few more loads sprinkled through the receipts for the balance of the week. With thirty-eight hundred cattle on sale on Monday, trading might be classed as steady, with commission houses asking higher prices, and slightly better prices did prevail early in the morning for good quality cattle, but these were paid in a few instances only, and in common butcher cattle trading was slow. On Tuesday, the market was slow and draggy but a fairly active demand prevailed on Wednesday and Thursday. Cattle moving out on the later dates at steady prices for medium grades and about 10 cents higher for choice quality butcher cattle. One load of steers about fourteen hundred pounds in weight, from Pt. Elgin, Ont., went to Hamilton, Ontario on Monday at \$13 per hundred. Other choice cattle in this class sold at \$12 to \$12.25 with good steers selling from \$11.25 to \$12, while on Wednesday a heavy bullock again topped the market at \$13, and two loads of equal weight from Manitoulin Island realized \$11.40. Three car loads of heavy steers went to New York. Heavy butcher steers sold up to \$11 per hundred with the bulk selling from \$10 to \$10.75. While handy weight butcher steers sold as high as \$10.25, the bulk moved at \$9 to \$9.75, and common eastern lots at \$7 to \$8. Cows were steady with \$8.75 being paid for choice ones, the bulk moving at \$7 to \$7.75. The bulls offered were an inferior lot of dairy breeding and sold at \$5.75 to \$7.25. Stockers and feeders were selling freely at steady prices, limited numbers going to the States, while heavy shipments continue to be made to Ontario farmers. Feeders were selling from \$8.25 to \$9.25, according to weight and quality and breedy stockers from seven hundred to eight hundred pounds sold from \$7.75 to \$8.25, and common stuff at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per hundred. Choice veal was steady with common rough calves slow sellers. The effect of Jewish holidays was noticeable on the market for calves; \$15.50 was the top price for choice veal.

Lambs sold on Monday at \$15 to \$15.35 and on Tuesday at \$15 retaining this level on Wednesday, but losing a quarter on Thursday, when \$15 to \$15.25 was the ruling range. Common lambs sold from \$10 to \$13. American buyers are still operating and about three thousand head were bought for American abattoirs throughout the week.

Hogs advanced 25 cents on Monday to \$18.25 for selects, fed and watered, and made similar advances on Tuesday and Wednesday, the market closing firm and active at this new level on Thursday with commission houses endeavoring to realize \$19. However the bulk were weighed up at \$18.75.

Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending September 20th, Canadian packing houses bought 287 calves,

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	155	\$11.68	\$11.00-\$12.00	\$13.00	2	\$10.50	\$10.50-		\$10.50
STEERS good	554	10.27	9.50-10.75	11.00	37	10.15	10.00-\$10.40		10.40
1,000-1,200 common	77	8.86	8.25-9.50	9.75	36	9.50	9.25-9.75		9.90
STEERS good	1,142	9.50	9.00-9.75	10.25	34	9.70	9.50-9.80		10.00
700-1,000 common	457	8.25	7.50-8.50	9.00	451	8.00	7.25-8.50		9.25
STEERS good	231	9.57	9.25-10.00	10.50	10	9.50	9.50-		9.50
HEIFERS fair	451	8.59	7.75-9.00	9.75	118	8.50	8.25-8.75		9.00
common	190	7.34	6.50-8.00	8.00	154	7.50	7.50-7.75		7.90
Cows good	493	7.09	7.00-8.00	8.75	10	8.15	8.00-8.25		8.25
common	1,092	6.34	5.75-6.75	7.00	189	7.07	6.50-7.50		7.90
BULLS good	41	7.46	6.75-8.00	8.50	2	8.75	6.75-9.00		9.00
common	349	6.25	5.75-6.75	7.50	785	6.44	6.00-6.75		7.50
CANNERS & CUTTERS	155	5.25	5.00-5.50	5.50	277	5.69	5.00-6.25		6.25
OXEN	10				4	8.25	8.00-8.50		8.50
CALVES veal	495	14.00	13.00-15.00	15.50	221	11.60	8.00-14.00		14.00
grass	145	7.27	6.50-8.00	8.50	553	7.02	6.50-7.50		7.50
STOCKERS good	640	8.00	7.50-8.25	8.25					
fair	740	7.25	6.75-7.75	7.75					
FEEDERS good	306	9.00	8.75-9.25	9.25					
800-1,000 fair	357	8.50	8.25-8.75	8.75					
Hogs (fed and watered)									
selects	4,555	18.47	18.00-18.75	18.75	1,523	18.22	18.00-18.40		18.50
heavies	297	18.16	17.00-18.75	18.75	6	18.00	18.00-		18.00
lights	113	16.53	16.00-16.75	16.75	193	17.85	17.50-18.00		18.00
sows	1	14.75			96	15.26	15.00-15.50		15.50
stags									
LAMBS good	7,538	15.25	15.00-15.75	15.75	2,131	14.88	14.50-15.00		15.00
common	604	12.58	12.00-14.00	14.00	3,476	14.48	13.75-14.75		14.75
SHEEP heavy	32	8.58	7.50-9.50	9.50	56	10.38	10.00-10.50		10.50
light	322	10.09	9.00-11.00	11.00	23	11.00	11.00-		11.00
common	121	6.94	6.00-8.00	8.00	281	9.75	9.50-10.00		10.00

216 bulls, 154 heavy steers, 4,566 butcher cattle, 6,569 hogs, and 11,037 sheep and lambs. Local butchers purchased 139 calves, 543 butcher cattle, 229 hogs, and 606 sheep and lambs. Canadian shipments consisted of 68 calves, 55 milch cows, 54 butcher cattle, 1,504 stockers, 664 feeders, 7 hogs and 667 sheep and lambs. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 191 calves, 104 heavy steers, 370 butcher cattle, 501 stockers, 259 feeders and 4,157 lambs.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1st to September 20th, inclusive, were: 185,834 cattle, 37,201 calves, 73,563 sheep, and 314,053 hogs; compared to 186,908 cattle, 35,287 calves, 73,563 sheep and 330,127 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

### Montreal.

Cattle receipts for the week totalled forty one hundred head. While there was nothing choice on the market the supply of fairly good butcher stock was more liberal than for the past week or two. Prices for the better grades were about 25 cents per hundred below the previous week's quotations. Not many sales were made above \$10 per hundred, although sales were made up to \$10.50. Light butcher steers and heifers sold mostly from \$7.50 to \$8.50, with a few that approached the canning class, as low as \$6.75. Common and bologna bulls constituted a large part of the receipts.

Prices for these held fairly steady, bologna bulls selling mostly from \$6 to \$6.25, and the common butcher bulls generally from \$6.75 to \$7.50. About two hundred and twenty bulls were bought for shipments to Boston, Massachusetts. Calves of all grades held about steady under a good demand from the American buyers who took seven hundred and fifty head.

Receipts of sheep and lambs totalled nearly ten thousand five hundred head. Prices for lambs declined slightly from the previous week's quotations, with the bulk of the good ones selling from \$14.75 to \$15 per hundred and the common grades generally from \$14 to \$14.50. Sheep sold at about last week's quotations. Toward the close of the week selling began to drag slightly. American buyers shipped fifty seven hundred head across the line.

Hogs sold mostly from \$18.25 for selects, off cars. A few lots made \$18.75 but the general prices were \$18.50 off cars, for longrun selects and \$18.25 for those from near-by points.

Pr. St. Charles.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending September 20th, inclusive, Canadian packing houses and local butchers bought 239 calves, 292 canners and cutters, 683 bulls, 736 butcher cattle, 1,774 hogs, 41 sheep and 908 lambs. Twenty milch cows were shipped back to the country as also were 207 lambs. Shipments to

United States' points were made up of 509 calves, 72 bulls, 176 sheep, and 4,217 lambs.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1st to September 20th, inclusive, were: 31,412 cattle, 46,272 calves, 33,868 sheep and 55,318 hogs; compared to 32,347 cattle, 36,527 calves, 35,139 sheep and 66,194 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

EAST END.—Of the disposition from the Yards for the week ending September 20th, Canadian packing houses and local butchers bought 1,630 butcher cattle and 1,095 hogs. Canadian shipments consisted of 69 calves, 171 butcher cattle, 11 hogs, and 179 sheep and lambs. Shipments to United States' points were made up of 753 calves, 135 butcher cattle, and 3,535 sheep and lambs.

The total receipts of live stock from January 1st to September 20th, inclusive, were: 31,372 cattle, 35,683 calves, 21,788 sheep and 32,126 hogs; compared to 30,389 cattle, 35,930 calves, 28,106 sheep and 42,615 hogs, received during the corresponding period of 1916.

### Winnipeg.

Receipts of butcher cattle during the week, were one thousand head fewer than those of the previous week. Eight thousand were sold on the market and two hundred were billed through. Trading was steady to strong on all classes on Friday and this condition was maintained on Monday under heavy receipts. On