

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Comment on week ending September 30.
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 Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23	Week Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23	Week Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23	Week Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	5,184	7,562	5,265	\$14.00	\$12.75	\$14.00	1,158	1,044	1,005	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$20.00
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,728	2,508	1,640	11.50	13.00	13.00	1,720	1,327	1,560	15.00	17.00	19.00
Montreal (East End)	1,930	2,287	1,416	11.50	13.00	13.00	2,466	1,117	1,714	15.00	17.00	19.00
Winnipeg	12,245	7,815	12,520	11.50	12.50	12.25	1,034	671	765	11.00	13.00	11.50
Calgary	3,324	3,730	3,691	9.25	10.00	9.75	685	918	751	10.75	9.00	10.50
Edmonton	1,854	1,515	1,539	9.00	10.00	9.50	335	163	181	9.75	10.50	10.00

	HOGS						CALVES					
	Receipts			Top Price Selects			Receipts			Top Price Good Lambs		
	Week Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23	Week Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23	Week Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23	Week Ending Sept. 30	Same Week 1919	Week Ending Sept. 23
Toronto (U. S. Y.)	4,635	6,375	3,158	\$21.20	\$18.00	\$21.00	18,086	13,620	16,532	\$14.50	\$14.60	\$14.85
Montreal (Pt. St. Chas.)	1,972	1,458	1,761	21.00	17.75	21.00	7,481	7,524	6,816	13.00	13.00	13.50
Montreal (East End)	2,220	909	2,088	21.00	17.75	21.00	4,818	4,282	3,219	13.00	13.00	13.50
Winnipeg	1,266	1,133	938	23.00	17.50	22.50	2,747	2,404	1,464	13.00	13.00	13.00
Calgary	333	618	227	23.60	17.00	22.25	1,046	1,475	551	11.50	12.00	11.50
Edmonton	296	149	177	23.00	16.75	22.50	606	316	563	10.50	12.50	12.00

Market Comments.

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).

While prices during the week showed a considerable falling off since the previous market period, the difference in quality between the receipts of last week and the previous week must be considered. There were no choice cattle offered and the opinion was general that had there been any, prices would have been equal to those paid during the previous week. Receipts amounted to approximately fifty-two hundred cattle, eleven hundred and ten calves, eighteen thousand sheep and forty-nine hundred hogs. In addition, there were fifteen hundred and seventy-three cattle, one hundred and ninety-six sheep, and one hundred and sixty-two hogs on through billing. Most of the cattle offered, were of very inferior quality, and the best prices realized during the week, had a limit of \$14.75. On Monday, practically all classes moved from 25 to 50 cents lower. A fair class of heavy steers was sold around \$12, while most of the handy-weight butcher stock was weighed up from \$12 to \$13, and the general run from \$9.50 to \$10. Heifers of good grading sold at a top of \$13.50 and generally from \$10 to \$12.50; light common heifers were absorbed at prices from \$7 to \$8. A number of loads of good feeders were loaded for country points at prices ranging around \$11. Good stockers sold generally from \$9.50 to \$10; common stockers from \$7 to \$7.50 good cows sold from \$10.50 to \$11.50, the latter prices being obtained early in the week. There was a fair run of calves and under a good demand the market was steady; choice veal sold at \$20 per hundred, good veal from \$18 to \$19, medium veal from \$15 to \$17, and grass and common calves from \$8 to \$12. Heavy, thin, grass calves were hard to move.

Although there were approximately eighteen thousand sheep and lambs on the market, the movement was strong, choice lambs selling around \$14 to \$14.50 per hundred. Yearlings sold from \$9 to \$10.50 and medium weight sheep from \$7.50 to \$8.50. Heavy fat sheep moved from \$6 to \$7. Sheep and lambs were the strong point on the market during the week although on Thursday there was an easier tone. It is expected that a continuation of the heavy runs would result in a break in prices. The general run of lambs moved around \$13.50.

There was a fair run of hogs on the market during the week, and for these demand was steady at \$21.25 on selects, fed and watered. It is claimed that the market is being maintained on the basis of light receipts.

The total receipts from January 1 to September 23, inclusive, were: 210,586 cattle, 65,345 calves, 220,662 hogs and 120,089 sheep; compared with 240,216 cattle, 52,432 calves, 272,989 hogs and 117,087 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Montreal.

There were thirty-six hundred and fifty-eight cattle for sale on the two markets during the week. The action on the market was exactly the reverse of what it was during the season to date. There was no demand for butcher cattle and prices were off from \$1 per hundred in some cases to \$1.50 or more in others and not only this but a very large per-

TORONTO					MONTREAL				
CLASSIFICATION	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	No.	Avg. Price	Price Range Bulk Sales	Top Price	
STEERS									
heavy finished	2								
STEERS good	321	\$12.00	\$11.00-\$13.00	\$14.00	52	\$11.00	\$10.50-\$11.50	\$11.50	
1,000-1,200 common	148	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00					
STEERS good	423	11.25	10.25-12.25	13.85	42	10.00	9.50-10.50	11.50	
700-1,000 common	356	8.50	8.00-9.00	9.00	290	7.50	7.00-8.50	9.00	
HEIFERS good	191	11.00	10.50-11.50	13.00	19	9.50	9.00-10.00	10.50	
fair	240	8.25	7.75-8.75	9.00	94	7.50	7.00-8.50	8.50	
common	330	6.63	6.00-7.00	7.00	288	6.50	6.00-7.00	7.00	
COWS good	328	10.50	9.00-12.00	12.75	110	8.00	7.75-9.00	9.00	
common	721	7.00	6.00-8.00	8.25	246	6.00	5.00-7.00	7.50	
BULLS good	83	10.18	9.50-11.00	11.50	5				
common	199	6.81	6.00-8.50	9.00	485	5.75	5.25-6.30	7.00	
CANNERS & CUTTERS	282	4.96	4.00-6.00	6.00	71	4.00	3.50-4.50	4.50	
OXEN					7				
CALVES veal	1,158	18.00	17.00-19.00	20.00	373	14.00	12.00-15.00	15.00	
grass					1,367	6.50	6.00-7.00	8.00	
STOCKERS good	1,487	9.00	8.50-9.50	10.00					
450-800 fair	466	8.00	7.50-8.50	8.50					
FEEDERS good	117	11.00	10.50-11.50	12.00					
800-1,100 fair									
HOGS selects	4,512	21.11	21.00-21.25	21.25	1,575	20.60	20.50-20.75	21.00	
heavy	4	20.12	20.00-20.25	20.25	295	19.75	19.00-20.00	20.00	
lights	34	19.00	19.00-19.25	19.25					
(Fed and watered) sows	82	17.12	16.00-18.25	18.25	93	16.00	15.50-16.75	17.00	
stags	5				9				
LAMBS good	14,048	13.96	13.00-14.50	14.50	4,395	13.00	13.00-13.00	13.00	
common	1,343	10.00	9.00-11.00	11.00	3,075	11.40	11.00-11.50	12.50	
SHEEP yearlings	85	10.00	9.50-10.50	10.50					
light	1,144	8.00	7.50-8.50	8.50	493	6.40	6.00-6.50	7.50	
common	466	4.50	4.00-5.00	6.00	518	6.40	6.00-6.50	6.00	

Montreal hogs quoted on basis of weighed off cars.

centage of butcher cattle were not sold. On the other hand there was a very keen demand for bologna bulls and other grades of cattle for boning. In fact, commission men resorted to a rule whereby they would not part with bulls and canners unless the buyer would take a number of butcher cattle also. The action of the market would indicate extensive orders for frozen meats, and packers attribute the falling off in demand for butcher cattle to the fact that they are buying cattle in Winnipeg and Calgary that cost them less per pound dressed in Montreal than the local meat. Bulls sold at \$5.24 to \$6.50 with some heavy bulls up to \$7, canners around \$3.50. Rather sappy little heifers and steers that would have brought on the previous market \$7 or even more, were weighed up at \$5.75 and \$6; seventy-five head of this young stuff averaged \$5.80. One load of good branded steers brought \$11.50, a few good steers and heifers from the Ottawa district brought \$10.50 early on Monday and a few good cows at \$9 were weighed up at the same time. As the day advanced prices became lower and by the middle of the week, cattle were being shipped off the market. Owing to the variation in prices paid for the same quality of stock the price quotations this week are only approximate. There were forty-one hundred and ninety-five calves on sale or over

five hundred more calves than cattle. These were mostly all grass calves and would have realized more dollars per head if they had been vealed in the spring and sold when they were four or five weeks old. A few of the best grass calves were weighed up at \$8. Thin calves brought \$6 and the bulk of the sales were made around \$6.50. Good veal calves were scarce and prices steady. Sheep and lambs totalled eleven thousand and ninety-nine head, being fewer than last week by fifteen hundred head. The market was steady throughout at \$13 for good lambs in car lots. Most of the common lambs sold from \$11 to \$11.50 and very small poor lambs as low as \$8. There was not much grading of sheep and nearly all sales were made from \$6 to \$6.50. A few good sheep were sold up to \$7.50.

Hogs remained steady from \$20.50 to \$20.75. Roughs and mixed lots brought \$19 to \$20 off cars, and a very few small lots of selected hogs brought up to \$21.

PT. ST. CHARLES.—The total receipts from January 1 to September 23, inclusive, were: 28,507 cattle, 55,787 calves, 52,718 hogs and 54,347 sheep; compared with 34,180 cattle, 61,167 calves, 61,834 hogs and 45,071 sheep, received during the corresponding period of 1919.

EAST END.—The total receipts from

January 1 to September 23, inclusive, were: 30,334 cattle, 44,735 calves, 41,909 hogs and 36,387 sheep; compared with 38,684 cattle, 45,225 calves, 42,991 hogs and 35,084 sheep; received during the corresponding period of 1919.

Winnipeg.

During the early markets trading was slow and draggy on all classes of cattle. The eastern and southern markets were weaker and local trade were dull as a consequence. On Wednesday, under further heavy receipts prices on good butchers were 25 to 50 cents lower. Stockers and feeders were dull at about steady prices while common kinds of cattle were very hard to move at any price. On Thursday the market was flooded with stock, while demand was practically nil. All classes and grades were unevenly 50 to 75 cents lower. At the close of the market the tone was decidedly weak, with a restricted outlet for stockers and feeders. Good to choice butchers moved at prices ranging from \$8.50 to \$11.50, and medium and common kinds from \$7.50 down to \$5. Good butcher heifers sold from \$8 to \$9, fair from \$5.50 to \$7.50, and common from \$4.50 to \$5.25. Good to choice butcher cows were weighed up from \$6.25 to \$8.50, fair cows from \$5 to \$6, good bulls from \$5.50 to \$6.50 and common bulls from \$4.25 to \$5. The common

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