

## CANADIAN RANCHE CATTLE IN ENGLAND.

*(Appendix to Mr. Dyke's Report.)*

LIVERPOOL, 7th February, 1888.

A new and most important feature in the Canadian cattle trade has been the arrival of several thousand head of Canadian ranche cattle. They have been universally admired, though there was at first some little prejudice against them amongst butchers and salesmen. With a view of showing the opinions of the trade now, I beg to quote the following from letters I have received from the leading dealers and salesmen who have been connected with the disposal of them.

Mr. George Roddick writes: "They were superior to any range cattle ever landed here from the States, both in breed and condition. They weighed over 800 lbs. of dressed beef, and were good in colour and quality of flesh, and had a fair quantity of internal fat considering the time they were on rail and steamer. With proper care and skilful handling on the voyage, I have no doubt they can successfully compete in our markets with any other foreign cattle."

Messrs. Jas. Nelson & Sons write: "The cattle which came from the western cuntry are highly approved of by our butchers here; they are fully as good, if not of a higher grade, than the best Colorado beasts, and we predict that prosperity is in store for the ranchemen of the Canadian North-West, as soon as a little more breeding has made itself apparent."

Messrs. John Giblett & Son state: "We received altogether three consignments of North-Western Canadian ranche cattle last year, namely:—

64 in London, SS. "Assyrian,"	shipped by a Montreal dealer.
133 do do do	N.-W Cattle Co., Montreal.
197 in Bristol, SS. "Texas,"	do The New Oxley Cattle Co.

"These cattle came to hand in very fair condition considering their long journey and appeared to be mostly crosses with the Shorthorn, and we should think a few crosses with the Hereford. Some of them killed, rather a dark colour, but on the whole they were very fair quality beef, and compared very favourably with other shipments of Canadian cattle."

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## ADDENDUM.

Mr. S. Gardner, Immigration Agent at St. John, N. B., writes under date 3rd March, 1888, that the total settlers in New Brunswick last year were 1,662, and that this number is not included in the returns furnished *via* Customs.