

beef, mutton, cheese, or butter, if it were not for the outlet we have in Great Britain for the surplus the trade in these commodities would be reduced to a very small compass indeed. The home market, no doubt, is important, but to depend upon it altogether for a market for any of our staple products would mean the curtailing of the output to a very large extent to make the business profitable for the producer. What applies to beef, mutton, cheese or butter applies to bacon also. If we are to depend upon the local trade for a market for all our hog products we will have to return to the conditions existing before the export bacon trade was established, though it is true, no doubt, more bacon is consumed now than then, and a better quality is demanded by the home consumer.

But the present outlook for bacon may afford a solution of the problem. The outlook, as has been pointed out in our market columns in recent issues, affords good reason for believing that a turn in the tide has come and that bacon prices during the coming winter will be on a plane equal to those of a few years ago when every farmer, who managed the business at all carefully made good money out of it. A factor in the situation is price. Dear corn means dear meat. The price of American corn is higher than it has been for years. This means a proportionate increase in the cost of producing the American hog. Some recent figures also indicate a short supply of hogs in the United States. Though the price of hogs here is governed largely by the price of bacon in England, the American supply has some influence on the British market, as there will be a smaller surplus of the cheaper grades of bacon exported from that country if it is short. Then Danish killings have fallen off recently to the extent of 5,000 hogs a week, and cable reports indicate a steady demand for bacon in Great Britain at recent advances in price. To sum up, everything points to a return of the favorable conditions in the export bacon trade existing a couple of years ago, when we were all talking hog and giving special attention to producing the right quality in large numbers. Are we prepared for this change in the situation? Is the outlook sufficiently encouraging to warrant hog producers going into the business as extensively as they did at that time? A negative answer must be given to the first question. The second question we will leave to the sound, common sense of our readers.

New Brunswick Exhibition

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Willows is a strong cow of fine dairy qualifications. Roper won in three-year-old cow with imported Juniper; McMonagle, 2nd, Glenview, Dido. Roper won 1st in all the female classes, 1st in aged herd, 1st and 2nd in young herd. McMonagle was 2nd in each. McMonagle won the New Brunswick prize for best male and female, also for 1st and 3 of his grade. E. S. Stevenson, Ansonia, Ont., judged the Holsteins, Jerseys and Guernseys.

FRENCH CANADIANS

French Canadians were exhibited by Mr. J. Boden, jr., from farm of Wm. Van Horne, St. Andrews, N. B., and Guy Carr, Compton, Que. The

former took all the first prizes but one, and had a very fine display. The aged bull is a fine specimen but had to give way to his get, the senior yearling for diploma. The same may be said of their aged cow, although a cow of fine type, yet she was beaten for diploma by her daughter, the two-year-old.

A herd of Dutch Belted cattle were on hand also from Sir William's farm, their novel color, and white belt seemed a wonder to many who had never seen them before. Among the dairy grades that were shown, McIntyre Bros. Won all the reds but two, one going to Logan Bros., and one to Roper Bros.

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