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## FINISH THE FEEDERS IN CANADA KEEP THE HEIFERS AT HOME

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**L**EGEND has the fable of a goose that laid a golden egg. The moral of the story may have many applications. If we would profit by its teaching, we will do well to guard more jealousy the safety of the natural resources of Canada than did the keeper in his care of the fabled bird of history.

Canada has no source of wealth more dependable, more profitable or more permanent than that represented in her flocks and herds. The cows and heifers of this country are the potential parent of a product that is as valuable to the Dominion and to the Empire as the traditional golden egg. As a war measure the British Government has already imposed restrictions against the slaughter of calves and females. It had been felt that Canada did not need the adoption of legislation as a practical measure to obtain this end. It must be pointed out, however, that we are continuously facing the danger involved in the loss of large numbers of good beef calves, in the slaughter of very many breedy and serviceable heifers and cows, and in the exportation annually from the country of thousands of stockers and feeders.

### CALVES.

This fact suggests a drain upon our resources that, at the present moment, the country cannot afford to ignore. Consider the almost wanton destruction of our calves. A hundred-pound calf is a thousand-pound steer in embryo. Kill the calf and you net but a fifty- or sixty-pound delicacy for the table of an epicure. Kill the steer and you provide five or six hundred pounds of substantial beef for the upbuilding of the manhood of Europe. Canada cannot view without serious concern the killing of its beef calves. The country wants the six hundred, not the sixty. It will be counted against us if we fail to utilize the provender, grass, hay, straw, and grain that otherwise is annually uselessly lost on the Western prairies. Such illustrates the difference between waste and thrift. We fully recognize that a considerably larger