

blood meal is recommended, say at the rate of 1 pound of tankage to 6 pounds of any of the afore-mentioned mixtures. Where whole corn is used, one pound of tankage could be added to every eight of corn.

Wool Grading and Sales in Quebec.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

The wool grading and sales recently completed in Quebec by ten associations have once more demonstrated the benefits of co-operation in the marketing of farm products. The average price obtained for the total output this year, including all grades, was just 11.57 cents higher than the average price received last year, which was 41.7 cents a pound. The first sales were made when 40 to 45 cents a pound was the ruling price in country districts.

The entry of the United States into the war had a great tendency to inflate the price of domestic wools, and the withholding of the wool embargo enabled American buyers to compete on an even footing for Quebec wool, while the shortage of bottoms for carrying the Australian product assigned by the British Government for the use of Canadian mills had a tendency to place a new value on home-grown wools for home manufacture, and made competition keener than it otherwise would have been.

Through their associations the farmers have received the full benefits of the advances in wool prices. Without the associations the greater part of the wool would have been in the hands of the local dealers before the farmer was made acquainted with present market conditions, and he would have received little benefit from the present market.

In the matter of sale six of the associations in Quebec made a joint offering of 136,686 lbs. at Lennoxville on May 26. At this sale lots varying from 5,000 to 30,000 lbs. in extent were offered, and although one firm eventually secured the entire offering there was nothing to hinder the smaller purchaser from securing the amounts desired. The remaining associations sold their offerings individually with hardly as good results as those who sold collectively. At the Lennoxville sale the following prices were received:

Medium clothing.....	56¼ cents
Medium combing.....	56¼ "
Low medium combing.....	55¼ "
Coarse combing.....	52¼ "
Black and gray.....	43¼ "
Rejections.....	43¼ "
Tags.....	5 "

Prices for the other associations ranged between the following figures:

Medium combing.....	55 to 52¼ cents
Low medium combing.....	54 to 51 "
Coarse combing.....	53 to 48¼ "
Rejects and black.....	40 to 35 "
Tub washed.....	70 to 63 "

With perhaps one or two exceptions the associations have shown considerable improvement in the preparation of their wool for market. One new association was organized during the winter, and the other associations, with one exception, have increased their membership and the amount of wool marketed.

Statement of Wool Grades.

Name of Association	Med. Clothing	Med. Combing	Low med. Combing	Coarse Combing	Black and Gray	Rejections	Tags	Miscellaneous (washed)	Total
Pontiac.....		21,230	17,362	5,916	362	761	266	405	46,302
Richmond.....	162	2,615	8,418	19,827	335	3,634	57	Damp 119	35,048
Compton.....		11,389	11,984	9,137		2,013	44		34,686
Sherbrooke.....	75	11,442	6,117	1,438	196	754	231		20,253
Stanstead.....		8,411	8,461	1,374	101	1,373	131		19,851
District of Bedford.....	612	6,616½	8,908	1,62½	246½	352½	159		18,521
Argenteuil.....		1,400	6,278	5,299	349	1,365	26		14,717
District of Beauharnois.....		1,771	5,147	4,699		224	73		11,914
Megantic.....		232	2,967	4,903	121	104			8,327
Ottawa.....		805	1,277	808		189		(washed) 1,000	4,079
Totals.....	849	65,911½	76,919	55,027½	1,710½	10,769½	987	1,524	213,693
Per cent of totals.....	.04	30.87	35.9	2.57	.82	0.5	.04	.75	

Statement of Membership, No. of Fleeces, Average Weight and Price per Fleece and Total Value of Wool Marketed.

Name of Association.	No. of members	No. of fleeces	Ave. weight fleece	Ave. price per fleece	Total value
Pontiac.....	348	6,166	7.5 lbs.	\$3.80	\$23,441.07
Richmond.....	253	4,545	7.7 "	4.00	18,200.90
Compton.....	373	4,923	7.002 "	3.80	18,720.04
Sherbrooke.....	196	2,779	7.28 "	3.97	11,037.91
Stanstead.....	166	2,816	7.04 "	3.85	10,767.07
District of Bedford.....	182	2,454	7.5 "	4.11	10,098.89
Argenteuil.....	130	1,980	7.4 "	3.74	7,410.82
District of Beauharnois.....	117	1,394	8.55 "	4.38	6,115.80
Megantic.....	94	986	8.44 "	4.51	4,453.41
Ottawa.....	17	372	8.2 "	4.40	1,636.17
Totals and averages.....	1,876	28,415	7.66 lbs.	\$4.05	\$111,882.08

The accompanying tables give a detailed statement of the grading for each association:
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THE FARM:

A Political Miracle.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

A political miracle has been wrought. Members of parliament have "broken with their party," have failed to "follow their leader." The situation has been pathetic. Eyes have filled with tears and "voices have choked with emotion," because differences of opinion have arisen where, for years, apparently, no differences have existed. A local paper puts it thus touchingly:

Such a gratifying result, from a government point of view, has only been made possible through the splendid patriotism of so many Liberal members, in deciding

not to follow their leader on an issue of this kind. Nor must the generosity of the leader himself be forgotten, because he has of his own accord freed his followers from party allegiance in order that they might follow the dictates of conscience.

"That they might follow the dictates of conscience!" The leader has, for once, "freed his followers from party allegiance in order that they might follow the dictates of conscience!" Most singular! As this local paper remarks:

There has been no such display of independence of party since Confederation, the Conservative revolt at the time of the Pacific scandal, or the Liberal revolt against reciprocity, fading into insignificance in comparison.

It is, therefore, a most unique condition that the "member of a party," the "follower of a political leader" should be free to follow the dictates of his conscience! Yes; "there has been no such display of independence of party since Confederation." Fifty years have passed; fifty stormy sessions of parliament have deliberated long into the night, and have "divided" in the "wee small hours," and now, as never before, members have been free to "follow the dictates of conscience."

What a commentary upon the mockery, insincerity and demoralizing influences of "The Party System!" In this time of emergency the "System" has broken down, and for almost the first time in fifty years members of parliament, at least on one side, have followed the dictates of their own consciences. For once allegiance to truth has risen above allegiance to party. May God help Canada if, when the present crisis is over, those who make our laws should again regard loyalty to party as the supreme obligation!

Brant Co., Ont.

W. C. GOOD.

Prosperity in Leeds County.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

I have been taking an auto trip over a portion of Leeds County, and it might be interesting to your readers to hear how the prospects are. The crops look fine, but corn is a little backward. The roads on the whole are pretty fair. It is a pleasure to see the interest farmers are taking in keeping their homes and yards in a tidy and clean condition. There isn't much building going on. If one was to judge by the number of automobiles on the road, you would come to the conclusion the manufacturers were working night and day to keep orders filled. It appears to me from the fine crops of potatoes and garden truck one sees, such stuff will be lower in price next fall and winter. Everywhere you go, no matter on what road, farmers are taking more pride in making "home" more attractive. It was also pleasing to see the attractive appearance of the rural school buildings and grounds. From what I could see I think old Leeds County is keeping pace with neighboring counties.

Leeds Co., Ont.

D. F. ARMSTRONG.



Britannia.

The Chicago-winning show heifer that sold at the recent Watt-Gardhouse Shorthorn sale at \$2,025.