

This is the best evidence that they will rise. While this kind of reasoning may not always hold good, these low prices will deter a number from going into the cattle feeding business. This will lessen the supply of finished cattle later on, causing a corresponding advance in values. Of course a great deal will depend upon the outcome of the American corn crop, which, according to the United States crop report for August was several points below the average of the past ten years in condition on August 1st last.

Such are some of the main features of the American cattle trade and Canadian feeders may draw their own conclusions as to what effect they will have on future prices for the finished animal. One thing is certain the outlook is more assuring for better profits for the cattle feeder than it was a year ago. The cost of feeders is not so high and there will be plenty of rough feed to feed them.

The Breeder's Opportunity

One or two points in Mr. Matthews' article on "Cattle Raising in the Canadian West," on page 567 of this issue are deserving of special notice. He refers to the change in the methods of the rancher by which he is giving more attention to raising his ranch cattle than to buying them in the east, as has been largely practiced in former years. The effect of this will be less buying of eastern stockers (dogies) and more buying of eastern bills for breeding purposes.

Eastern breeders should make a note of this. A general change on the ranches from buying to breeding ranch cattle means that there will be a greatly increased demand for bulls at reasonable prices. This demand means a greatly increased market for good, blocky, serviceable Shorthorn bulls at reasonable values. The Dominion Live Stock Associations have done good work in developing this trade. Their efforts should be backed by the breeders, who, by helping to develop this market for the average pure-bred bull, are increasing the demand for the higher priced animal, which the eastern farmer will have to buy in order to raise bulls suitable for ranching purposes. The hope of the live stock trade is in the West. While the very high priced bull may not be in large demand, there is a growing demand for the good serviceable bull at reasonable values.

Honest Maple Sugar Wanted

A petition, largely signed by farmers and maple sugar makers in Ontario and Quebec, is being prepared for submission to the Government at Ottawa, asking for proper protection for the maple sugar industry of this country. The peti-



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tions ask that legislation be passed to prevent the adulteration of maple products, or at least to have adulterated articles stamped as such. If the present legislation in regard to adulterated food products be considered sufficient for the purpose then inspectors should be appointed to insure a strict enforcement of the law and the prosecution of all offenders, both in the country and town. The petitioners further recommend that competent instructors be appointed to demonstrate throughout the country the correct method of production.

In the preamble to the petition it is stated: that the adulterated article bears no label or other distinguishable mark to enable it to be detected from the genuine article, which is greatly injuring the sale of the genuine article; that the practice of adulteration has grown to an alarming extent in recent years; that the industry, if properly protected, would be a source of great revenue to the country; that the industry at present is only in its infancy, since a large proportion of the maple trees cannot be worked to advantage, owing to the low prices at which the adulterated article can be sold; that there is a continually growing demand for genuine maple sugar; that the industry is one that can be followed by nearly every farmer in the maple districts with profit; and that the industry is one deserving of encouragement and protection by the Government of the Dominion.

We quite sympathize with the petitioners in their efforts to stamp out the maple sugar fraud, which has been a glaring one for years, and we trust their efforts will meet with the success they deserve. In no other Canadian industry is so openly practiced as in connection with maple sugar. In many sections it has reached such a pass with maple sugar makers that as soon as the season approaches it is the usual thing to get in a stock of common sugar to help out the product of the maple. We question if even one-tenth of the so-called maple sugar offered for sale is genuine and people have become so suspicious that they don't buy any, or in only very limited quantities. It is time something were done to stop this fraud and we would advise every farmer interested in honest maple products to make sure that his name is attached to this petition. There is no room in this country for adulterated food products of any kind.

Our Western Letter

Owing to some unaccountable delay our Western letter from our regular Winnipeg correspondent had not come to hand up to the time of going to press. We are sorry this delay should occur in connection with our Exhibition number,