

hospitals. These animals without brands are known under the name of "mavericks."

Beef is sold in two ways, so much per head and take the "bunch," or so much per pound live weight, generally three cents, less five per cent for shrinkage. This year the price of beef is a little lower than last year, owing to shipments of Argentine cattle to England, but the general opinion is that the drop is only temporary; however, this year's price although it is \$5.00 lower than last year's will give in the vicinity of \$40.00 per head for four-year-old steers and take them as they come. The percentage of loss



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in this part of Alberta is exceptionally small, and more so lately, as everybody now puts up hay for winter use, a practice which was unknown five or six years ago, but it is also necessary to have the right sort of cattle. The breeds that seem the best adapted to the country are the Herefords and Shorthorns; other breeds, especially if they are of the milking strain, do not appear to do as well. We have found by experience that the best results are derived from cattle born in the country, as the imported stock known by the name of "Dogies," have first to be acclimated, during which process there is a great loss, and at the shipping time they do not command such a good price. But sometimes it is