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pal—often a dog that is harmless when in good company, but, like many of the human family, easily led astray; and the sheep being the easiest victim, falls a prey to the roaming brutes. Not content with killing and devouring one carcass, the dogs seem to be filled with the desire to worry and take life, and generally several of the flock are killed outright or worried beyond recovery. The dog nuisance exists, and is serious, and there is no more sickening or heart-rending sight than to visit the fields or yards in the morning and find the flock scattered, some worried to death, and others torn to shreds but still living. While we don't believe that the trouble is really as bad as it is thought to be, we must admit that it is a reality; and, while municipalities reimburse farmers to some extent for their losses, if something could be done to rid the country of every useless, homeless cur, a great boon to the sheep industry would result. The muzzle law did away with many, and they were growing less. A better condition of affairs would result if the tax on all dogs not owned by people having need of them, and work and feed for them, was raised to a much higher figure. The Sheep Commission, in their report, made a very good suggestion to the effect that every dog should wear a tag bearing his own-

er's address and the number of his license. This would doubtless be a great help in ridding the country of roaming, useless canines. Even as conditions are, there is money in sheep for those who understand and fancy them, and, if situated on a farm, as thousands are, well suited to sheep-raising, we would not hesitate to give them a trial, and stick to them, regardless of the ever-present danger of dogs.

The Stockmen's Paper.

The pre-eminent position of "The Farmer's Advocate" as the recognized exponent of Canadian live-stock interests, and as a live-stock advertising medium is being continually revealed to us by steadily strengthening evidence. Every little while we are acquainted with some new bit of proof, surprising even to ourselves. Here are two recent illustrations: Examination of our subscription list shows that, out of two hundred exhibitors of heavy horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep and swine, at the Ontario Winter Fair, 77½ per cent. are subscribers, while no doubt most of the rest are more or less regular readers. Again, out of forty-one buyers at the Tillsonburg Holstein sale, on January 2nd, 1912, all but ten were and are subscribers. These facts are the more significant, since "The Farmer's Advocate" declines to be any society's official organ. Every subscription is bona fide. The paper is taken because it is wanted and needed. Such a paper cannot help being a profitable advertising medium.

Bumper Short Course at Truro.

The final enrollment in the short course at the Nova Scotia College of Agriculture, Dartmouth, was 342, of whom 23 were ladies. On some days the intermittent local attendance brought the numbers up to over 400—so large, in fact, that it was necessary, during the greater part of the course, to keep two or more classes in session at each hour. This is the largest class in the history of the institution. These students come from all parts of the Maritime Provinces, there being 99 from Prince Edward Island, 61 from New Brunswick, 1 from Newfoundland, and the balance from the Province of Nova Scotia. Seven years ago, the first short course at the College was attended by 68 students. The growth has been regular ever since, and is, we believe, a very fair criterion of the increased interest in agriculture in the Maritime Provinces.

Wanamaker's Mercantile Faith.

A most remarkable and unusual event recently occurred in Philadelphia, at the golden jubilee of The John Wanamaker store, when a magnificent new granite building was formally dedicated by President Taft. Over 30,000 Philadelphians assembled in the building, and 60,000 more gathered about the curbstones, to witness the event. Upon a tablet in the marble court of honor was an inscription, which concluded with these words: "A signature in stone to the power of concentration and co-operation in mercantile pursuits, under freedom of competition and the blessing of God." In his address, Mr. Wanamaker re-iterated his faith in the principles of work, concentration, co-operation, competition, the conduct of business free from any outside domination; he pointed out the peril of share-making schemes that do not build

and add no actual values, but require profits at the expense of higher prices to thousands of people of the necessities of life. He closed his address with the following striking words:

"I appeal for the recall, for the recall of old-fashioned truth-telling in public print, editorially, locally, and advertising, because the constant and almost unconscious filtration of poison into the body politic and physical is a blood poisoning that is at least devitalizing to life.

"For the recall of respect for law and for its prompt and summary administration for poor and rich alike, like unto such practice as exists in the British nation.

"For the recall to decent respect for rulers called and elected to rule by the voice of the people, which is the voice of God.

"For the recall to common sense of the learned and unlearned noisy agitators, who cloud the sky with vagaries and visions, and keep the torchlight to the scaffolds of the builders of prosperity."

Up or Down.

We think our cartoonist is to be congratulated upon having successfully represented a fundamental principle in his companion sketches this week. To each individual reader he presents the question: Which way are you heading the market wagon—up the long pull to success, or down the steep grade to failure? Equipping a farm with stock, and converting raw farm products into salable horses, beef, cheese, butter, pork and eggs certainly involves, as Mr. Galbraith represents, a considerable period of waiting for returns which for some years are liable to be meagre and rather discouraging. But, in the end, this policy not only secures the largest annual cash returns, but has the immense advantage of building soil fertility, thus adding to one's capital; while the opposite policy, while seductively easy and alluring at the start, is deceitful, in that it involves a steady cashing in of soil fertility, which is capital. It is like drawing from the bank principal one has deposited there. The end of that policy can only be decreased earnings and eventual poverty. Consider in time which way you will head.

Inspect All Meat.

The peculiar anomaly in legislative jurisdiction under which the Dominion Government inspects packing establishments catering to export or inter-provincial trade, while neighboring abattoirs catering wholly to local trade are uninspected by either Federal or Provincial authority, must force itself home with increasing emphasis. If the consumers of Britain or Quebec or New Brunswick are to be protected by Dominion inspection against diseased meat put up in Ontario, surely the citizens of Ontario are entitled to the protection of similar inspection by someone. If it is not expedient for the Provinces to take action, and if the Federal Government has no authority to interfere in intra-provincial packing businesses, it looks as though the municipalities will have to take hold and establish municipal abattoirs. This consummation was expected to be a fruit of the Meat Inspection Act, but the tree bears slowly.

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Which way are we heading, up or down?