order to better understand the situation let us analyze it a little. In the first place the object in offering prizes should be to encourage the production of an improved class of stock, grain, vegetables, or other farm product This was the original intention. I take it, and is the only ground on which a government is justified in giving aid agricultural fairs. Viewed from this standpoint we must admit that much of the money given away for annual fairs is wasted. In fact, one former Minister of Agriculture in the West told me that there was no money he grudged to give more than that ties because there was absolutely no return for it. The prize list and meth od of conducting the average fair are out of touch with the real situation and consequently useless-in fact, ob One critic has said: "The average fair is an expensive burlesque to divide a little government money

largely any educational value they Why is this? To my personal know ledge there has been absolutely no material change in the live stock classification of the average prize lis' in the last quarter of a century. think we are safe in adding anothe twenty-five years to it. One instance The average classifica will suffice. tion for bulls runs as follows:

Bull, three years old and over: Bull, two years old and under three Bull one year old and under two; Bull calf.

This is time-worn, but I don't know how you can improve it unless you or more ago when this classification was devised there were not as many pure-bred herds throughout the coun. try as there are now, and there wa need to encourage the breeding and eeding of improved stock. Now no good farmer uses a grade male. Pur pred studs; herds and flocks of al leading breeds are widely disseminat ed, and the idea has been firmly plant ed that the improved breeds are the best and nearly everyone is using them. Why then, offer prizes to the breeder of improved stock in the the interest of that breeder to have hi stock out for show in the very bes condition possible? To offer him mon ey to do what he ought to do in hi own interests is not good business. I the breeder is a director and thus in terested in framing the prize lis which provides prizes for his specia breed he should be charged with graf he would be if he were in munici pal politics. In fact, we have had fifty years of advancement-improve along all lines of agricultura work and the prize list has stood still It is obsolete—out of touch with the great progress that has been madduring the last two decades, and ever the last decade. While I admit that there is no way so effective in demon strating the superior qualities of as animal (and the ability of his owne as a breeder and feeder) as to bring him out in fine show condition, yet contend it is out of place to offer prize for this at the local fair. It ha lost its educational influence and we want something new. As in politic we want to cry: "It's time for a change," and yell it loud and long throughout the land. Let us get up to date and make the annual fair ai educational event as it was originall

walls as they do without injuring the value of the animals. The judging expensive affairs.

The prize lists should be handThe prize lists should be handind reasons, the greatest educational benefits would be derived.

among a few people." I think that criticism comes very near the marl ave attended the stock-judging ful influence it should be. chools, that is a motley class of horsfor some fairs, as they have lost very one containing all class of types hich the contestants must sort out nd classify according to type. Classes should be arranged accordng to type rather than weight, mak-

> hich are non-essential and encourge the essential ones. Poultry Classes-The time at which

average fair is held is not favor ble to bringing out a fine exhibi he summer fairs come at an off secon for the older birds and just ttle too soon for the young ones herefore prizes/should be reduced to courage the early hatching and d lopment of the young chicks. s a double lesson, it brings th hicks on the market early and pr

The utility breeds should be en ouraged if thene is to be the d elopment along the lines of suppl ng the market for dressed fowl. Don tempted to give a prize for all the reeds represented in the district. Special effort should be made ring out good entries of dress oultry at the fall fairs. Prizes mig offered for crate fattened poultr nd demonstrations made of the met ds of lattening by the crate system well as the proper methods of ki ing, plucking and preparing for ma Why shouldn't the society spen ome money on this line of work?

educational and will do the con nunity more good than the same thrown away in a useles rize. Plucking contests would be in ructive as well as amusing. More attention should be given orizes for eggs, both according plor and size, An educational ex-ibit might be made of eggs classified Stocks and bonds 12,233,999 ccording to market requirements.
Grains and Grasses—For a country rowing so large an amount of grain

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hool and a practical demonstration, books of information, Where new Competitions in practical judging of classes of stock might be opened for classes of stock might be opened for nen, young men and boys. This would into given about preparing exhibits supplement the work of the stock-ind what is expected will be brought adging schools. In this way if the out. Our prize lists are too often short instruction with these lectures, and the notes. udges followed, giving their placing in their descriptive matter in many

The farmers are hungry for infor-I would cut out herd prizes and all nation, and there is a great opporhe animals in their proper class. This up to date. Let us put first things uggests a good prize for those who arst, and make the fair the success-

SWIFT HAS A BIG YEAR. Chicago, January 6.—In the fiscal year ended September 30, 1907, Swift & Co. did an aggregate business of ng to type rather than weight, making two divisions where necessary in ne class according to weight. There good work to be done by such a onvention as the present one in dening more clearly the type of many lasses.

2 Co. and an aggregate business of more than \$250,000,000, its highest mark. The net profit on this turnover, according to the financial statement presented at the annual meeting of stockholders yesterday, was \$6,203, 505, or 12.4 per cent. on the company's lasses.

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branches, was given yesterday after-noon at Airdrie, Alberta. These lectures are being held at forty-two different places in the province at the expense of the Department of Agriculed several experts to give practical with them is C. Marker, superintendent of provincial dairies

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

but only % lower for each wheat. To be Delegates S. Ottewell, W. J. Jackday's Winnipeg prices are: No. 1 man. Northern, 1.07%; No. 2 Northern, It. wheat, 92; No. 5 wheat, 86; No. 6 in each monthly instead of the fourth wheat, 61; feed wheat, 52; No. 2 feed, Monday. The sitting was a long one and 49. Futures closed: January 1.07%, ma February 1.08%, May 1.15%, July 1.17. ed. Oats and barley firm and prices un-changed from yesterday. Flax—No. 1

Northwestern, 1.05. AN INSTITUTE ADDRESS.

One of the most interesting and helpdifferent meetings.

be chosen to suit the audience, to suit There is a great difference in audiences. We shall inner the languid listless audience that must be wakened up; there is, the audience , that has come for the fun jokes and stories they must be humored, and the pill ac ministered with a sugar coating; there is also the antagonistic audience, just longing for the speaker to contradict himself or say something foolish finally, there is the sympathetic audi-ence that has come to learn—they musnot be disappointed. Fortunately, the latter is the common type in Alberta. But in any case the speaker must study the audience and suit his address accordingly.

The address should suit the season.

Now is a seasonable time to discuss seed grain and spring cultivation. In the summer we should discuss weed eradication and summer cultivation. Address Must Suit Place. It should suit the place. The speaker instanced some ridiculous mistakes

made by speakers who failed to un-derstand local conditions. The institute address should be practical. Prac tical does not necessarily mean pertaining to dollars and cents. A cer 24,735,564 21,334,374 tain amount of the aesthetic is all Anything that tends to imright. Total \$ 72,320,633 \$ 65,354,729 prove a community financially, men tally, morally or in outward appear ance's eminently practical the saddress should Juliter, Mars and Saturn will control

WITH THE FARMERS

IMPROVEMENT, OF PRIZE LISTS.
In this address before the agricultural 18 Scaleties convenience at Regime research, George Harcourt B.S.A., Depty Minister of Agriculture for Agriculture for

ceeding to the next. To systematize a speech it is well to

use notes. The notes should be brief and should suggest the ideas only, and not the words used. They need not be hidden, but should not be so heavy and of sheep moderate. Cattle the same. E. Graham, Fort Saskatcheconspicuous as to distract the atten- were 10 to 20 cents lower, being in the middle and the run being com-the notes.

the middle and the run being com-the notes.

ESTRAY-\$5 REWARD.-TEAM OF hav geldings Marks on one: White

At the annual general meeting of the ceipts of cattle to-day gave the mar right eye. Property of John Hagerman. I would cut out herd prizes and all sections that tended to duplicate.

I would cut out all prizes for grade a weak spell today and declined spaces. All stallions should be encaptly and declined spaces. All stallions should be encaptly and declined spaces. The indifference so apparent is because of the lack of any ducational value in the annual fair owners of sires might be encouraged agive special prizes for the get of the lack of any declined spaces. The prize is the first tended to duplicate.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—The markets have had a weak spell today and declined for 1908.

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Farmers to downward turn, and put the adownward turn, and put the adownwar

heir respective animals.

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Auditor—E. G. Andrews, Auditor—E. G. Andrews, Conditions; are, in fact, obsolete. Let lose, closed % to % lower than power to the judge to place as revise these things, and bring them. It was decided to hold the ordinary

many important questions were discuss-

FOSTER'S FORECASTS.

Of January Weather Will Not Be Cold But There Will Be Gales.

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The company's financial position as of September 30 compares as follows with that of the preceding year:

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and where it will increase in severity months later and five more a few and salary wanted. W. Bristow, Secyand as it goes out on to the North Atlantic it will become a furious storm, weeks before the expiration of the treasurer, Spruce Grove, sentence:

The warm wave of this disturbance and where it will increase in severity. lantic it will become a furious storm.

The warm wave of this disturbance will be moderate and the cool wave inderate, indicating a great rise in temperatures from 10 to 19, About Janmary 10 very low temperatures wiff prevail on meridian 90. Not much precipitation may be expected with this disturbance, and not much till after January 19. Rainfall of January is expected to be very light,

within 500 miles of Burlington, Jowa; also in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi; also in Maryland, Eastern Virginia and District of Columbia. Elsewhere from about to above normal rainfall. Looks like heavy rains in Texas for January.
This shortage of rainfall in the great rn and winter wheat producing sec-

tions looks bad as it will if continued into February and March, start the crop season in with a drouth. Temperatures of January will be com paratively lowest in the extreme south. Elsewhere the month will average much warmer than usual.

About and immediately after January

estreme weather events may be expoeted. Not very cold and not very with precipitation, but the storms will

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CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Chicago, Jan. 8.-More than 2,500

and file of the supply sold from 15 STRAYED—CAME TO MY PREMISES to 20 cents lower. It was a fairly N.W. 1-4 Sec. 4 of Tp. 56, R. 26, w.

week. TORONTO LIVE STOCK

ambs, 800 hogs and 215 calves. The lmand was good and everything sold Lamont, Alta. at an advance in prices all around. at an advance in prices all around.

The price for export cattle was \$4.75;
bulls, \$3.75 to \$4.50; best quality of butchers, \$4.60 to \$4.90; good to butchers, \$4.60 to \$4.90; good to brown Jenny Mule, branded \$? on right

Ot awa, Jan. 8.—Judge Riddell has made and tail, old visible scar in left gradered the lash for a young Swede, Criminal Will be Lashed." States 47. It is a moderate disturbance in Kingston penitentiary one WANTED — FIRST OR SECOND year; that ten lashes be given him at fill it reaches the Eastern States, when the end of a month, ten more six School District. State qualifications

Lumbermen' Conference. gather here Friday, to discuss matters P.O. of interest to the trade. Just what the programme will be has not been given out. Present conditions in the ng though it is expected that order om the prairie country will be comng in again by spring. speak of has been shipped there to some time, and stocks will soon b

DOCTORS WANTED TO AMPUTATE Woman's Toe Saved By Zam-Buk

But for the timely arrival of a box o Zam-Buk, Mrs. E. F. Fonger, 34 Myrtle street, St. Thomas, Ont., would have lost her toe. She says: "I am most thankful I discovered the existence of Zam-Buk. For about 9 months I suffered cruelly from the effects of having corn removed from my little toe, for with its removal a hole remained and my toe showed no signs of healing and The company figures from this statement a book value of \$130 a share for
its stock. Concerning the price of
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it and moti was in such a shocking condition the doctor thought it necessary to amputate my toe. The first application gave me Sun and Hastings Savings & Joan the greatest ease from pain and encourwith Zam-Buk there was no sign of a C. Taylor.

\$10.00 REWARD—STRAYED FROM Fort Saskatchewan on December 28, 1907, one dark brown horse, 7 years old (1980 lbs); slightly Roman nose; one roan horse, 6 years old (1080 lbs); tops cropped and shod all around. The carloads of live stock reached Chi above reward will be paid for their recovery or any information leading to

bay geldings. Marks on one: White The local sheep market trade was stripe on face; 2 white hind stockings; bullish, but Buffalo and a big run 2 K hind hip. One branded: left shoulheld the price down. Excessive re- der, small bunch of grey hairs over

active market at the opening for the of 4th m, on or before the 18th of Deshipping demand was quite strong, cember, 1907, one gray mare about 10 Light weights were preferred. Cows years old, weight about 900 lbs, branded and heifers were numerous and sold B.C. on right thigh. Owner can have 10 to 15 cents lower, while feeders the same by proving property and paying were about steady with close of last expenses. Fred Cyre, Riviere Qui Barre

CAME TO THE PREMISES OF THE onto, January 8.—The receipts at of Ottober one dark grey mare about undersigned on or before the first e Toronto cattle market were 80 three years old; weight about 1100; no ears, 1,200 cattle, 1,200 sheep and brand visible. For further information call on Geo. Campbell, sec. 16-55, 19 w.

3 years old, weight about 1050 lbs, curly

FOR SALE-350 BU, FEED BARLEY

Nelson, B.C., Jan. 7.—Sawmill oper-ators from all over the province will ton, Inquire of E. W. Auten, Namao GRANDVIEW HOTEL

ndustry are not the most encourage First-Class Accommodation; Finest Liquors and Cigars.
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Inaugural Meeting of 1908 Cou Statement as to City's Star uel's Claim for Damages T Paying Accounts-Decision

(From Tuesday's Bulletin." .The inaugural meeting of the council for 1908 was held evening. There were no ab cider at 8.10 o'clock and the tcuched by which the civic mac for the year of grace 1908 se tion, the mayor and aldermen were swern in by Commission naird, assumed their desks aroun council board in this order

Mayor McDougall. Ald. Bellamy. Ald. Ma Ald. Armstrong. Ald. McInnis. Ald. Gar Ald. Fraser. Ald. Ande

The meeting was an important The work was not merely of a ro character. It embraced question considerable size. It was a busi like meeting and was well condu-by Mayor McDougall. He dire the consideration of the business the skill of a much more experie municipal administrator. anoural address intimated in a ger way the policy of the council the present year. It was a mod-lucidity. The Mayor was respon for eleciting the first definite states of the city's financial standing lation to its bankers, given to public within a year. The proceedings were opened by

inaugural address of the Mayor. 'We are gathered here tonight said. "to assume and take over management of the affairs of the for the present year: we have honored by the ratepayers of Edn ton in having-been selected to c on this work-we now have the dence of the people and I hope our management of the city's b and the efforts which we shall forth, endeavoring to further adva the interests of the city, will r with such approval as shall enabl retain that confidence through the year.

"We have assumed a grave responding and I hope that you fully alize the importance of the duties volving upon us, and will ever bea mind the fact that public office public trust, and that you will ll times give every matter that co before you in your official capa your very best attention and careful consideration, endeavoring every instance to do what, 'in judgment, is for the best interes the city.

"For some little time I know work will be somewhat strange unfamiliar to us, but I hope that will endeavor, as soon as possible make yourselves thoroughly acqu I with the city charter, as wel with every department of the affairs-by frequent personal and inspections. By thus famili ing yourselves with the charter the city's several undertakings works, your opinion and advice wil doubly valuable 'I understand that copies of charter-as amended to date-are ing printed, and as soon as they ar

see that each member of council is supplied with one. A Leavening Trio. "We have reason to congratu ourselves in having three member the old council sitting with us year as their past experience and vice should prove valuable to us

our deliberations. 'You, gentlemen, are the legisla body and the commissioners are servants, prepared at all times to c out your instructions and report gress to you from time to time, well as to submit recommendat which they-on account of their b in closer touch with the city's aff -may deem advisable, but as share the responsibility of the done by the commissioners, it is duty to satisfy yourselves that work is well done. I am confid that the commissioners will appr ate and will not resent your visit

enquiry and inspection.

Amendments to Charter. "I understand that the past con have given notice that some am ments to the city charter would asked for at the coming session of egislature. These amendments no doubt, be submitted to you for y nts found desirable, whi will be your duty to attend to at lature sits on the 16th inst., and notice of further amendments must given, there is no time to be lost. sioners of the city shall annually mit to the council at its first mee after the annual election, recom dations and estimates for exper tures, which in their opinion sh be made by the city during the rent year. It has been found im sible to do this in the past, and it not be done at this meeting. however, be done as soon as po "On account of the large amoun money received and paid out by city and with the view and ability of keeping the books several departments audited date, I am convincel that the time arrived when the city should hav

To Investigate Book-keeping. "I intend to look carefully into of the city are managed and how books are kept, with the view of s ating them more distinctly, if po so that the best results can be ed, and I will endeavor to have t so conducted that a statement each or any of the revenue produ utilities can be submitted to you the beginning of any month, she "I am satisfied that it would be the best interests of the city, i future all important works, as as the purchase of a large port the supplies required by the city, let by tender.

Health Department Investigatio There is a very necessary and