

Hogs.

The hog market continues to advance and is likely to keep up from this on. Prices on Friday advanced to \$6.37½ for select bacon hogs, \$6 for lights and \$5.87½ for fats. Unculled lots sold at from \$6.15 to \$6.25 per cwt.

For the week ending December 28th, the Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, will pay \$6.40 per cwt. for select bacon hogs, \$6.15 for lights and \$6.15 for fats.

The Trade Bulletin's London cable of Dec. 19 re Canadian bacon reads thus: "The market is steady at the decline of last week. No. 1 Canadian sides 46s to 50s."

Horses.

The general trade in horses keeps quiet and will likely be so for a few weeks yet. At Grand's all attention is being directed toward filling the order for horses for the new contingent. 220 were shipped to Halifax last week and 300 more will go this week.

The Market Classes of Horses.

Market classes and types are fixed not by the breeds but by the uses to which horses are put.

As these uses are definite, the type and the class are fixed.

As these uses are exceedingly varied, there are often wide gaps between the market classes.

A horse that drops between the classes is a cheap horse, no matter how good an animal, either because there is little use for him or because the supply is unlimited.

The best horse to breed is one that most fully meets a definite, constant, and strong demand, and has therefore a high average selling price.

The cavalry horse and the fire horse are good examples of valuable horses that the breeder cannot undertake to produce because the demand is too limited. The demand for them will always be satisfied from the general supply.

Phenomenally high prices are as much due to the fancy of the individual purchaser as to the character of the animal. In any event they are seldom realized and are to be sought by the dealer and not by the breeder, as they represent but one out of hundreds or even thousands—too few to breed for.

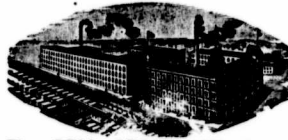
The farmer should keep himself acquainted with standard classes in steady demand at uniformly good prices, breed these, and pay no regard to high speed, phenomenal sales, or fancy values.

Farmer Greene—"Glad to see ye home, Silas! How's things in N' York?"

Farmer Brown—"Hustlin', Joshua! Hustlin'! Why th' way folks rush aroun' there ye'd think th' cows wuz loose in th' cabbage patch th' hull tarnation time!"—Puck.

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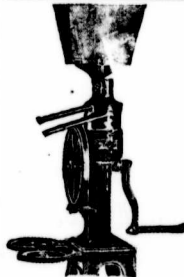
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