

percentage of all the four-year-old saleable beef, belonging to their different employers. The spring "round up" is generally to gather in cows and to brand calves belonging to ranchers who do not keep their she-stock under fence. Last winter they had an extra "round up" as owing to the prevalence of "mange" amongst the cattle, they found it necessary to "round up" a great number of animals in order to "dope" them. Sometimes a large ranching concern will supply a waggon, tent and camping outfit, and the smaller ranches can send a man with this party by paying his share of the expenses.

The *modus operandi* of the "round up" outfit is this. The "outfit" consists of 25 or 30 people with about 200 horses, the tents, grub and cooking utensils in a large waggon. They go down south to the boundary of their particular territory, and each morning the "boss" details certain men to go together, generally in couples, and work up the country in different directions, and they "cut out" all the beef steers of the brands represented by the concern. These are brought into camp and held there, and when that locality is worked they move on with what cattle they have, and camp again, where the same performance is gone through until the whole district is worked. They then bring the marketable stock to the shipping place, where the owners generally are, and the cattle are sold to some of the buyers, who ship the "tops" to England and sell the poorer cattle to local butchers who kill them and ship in cold storage to Montreal and Vancouver, or use the meat in the local market. It often happens that the different "round up outfits" come across young cattle on the prairie without a brand, and if they happen to be too old to ascertain to whose cow they belonged they are taken along and sold at auction at the headquarters of the association, and the money thereby obtained is divided among the