

WHY FARMERS ARE KICKING ABOUT PRICES

Packers Paying Great Deal Less
Than Before Though Costs
Are Still High

Regina, Dec. 7.—Charging packing houses with depressing meat prices, H. E. Jones, member of Tisdale and I. Stirling, Cypress, Monday described the deplorable condition of farmers to the action of packing houses.

When interviewed, Mr. Stirling said farmers are being paid from five to seven cents a pound for two and three-year-old steers, while the price in the Fall of 1919 was between 10 and 12 cents for animals of a like age and quality. Hogs are bringing the farmers about 13 cents a pound as compared to 23 cents a pound in 1919, he declared.

"People are wondering why the farmers are complaining," said Mr. Stirling. "The reason is easy to discover. They are receiving from five to seven cents a pound for their beef; it costs the packers around nine cents a pound dressed and yet beef is retailing at prices ranging up to 40 cents a pound.

"Many farmers are being driven to the wall; they are short of money and are forced to send their stock to market to raise money although they know that the stock should really be kept and fattened. But what can they do?"

"It must be admitted that many farmers are themselves to blame. Some of them are in a position to keep their cattle and feed them, and instead of doing it they dump them on the market with the result that prices tumble. The only solution to the problem is to form a farmers' organization to combat the action of the packers," he said.

Mr. Jones supported the sentiments expressed by Mr. Stirling and in addition cited the Winnipeg stock market. "From what I know of conditions there, the packers each arrange the day on which they will buy their stock. The result is that one representative of one particular firm is the sole bidder for the stock. There is no competition with the result that the packing houses secure the stock at their own price.

"This, to my mind, is the state of affairs that is responsible for the present strained position of many farmers in Saskatchewan. The only cure I can see is that some organization be formed to beat the packers at their own game."

STAMP SELLER NOTIFIED HE IS NO LONGER NEEDED

The Dominion Government has abolished the system of stamp vending that has been in vogue for many years. Hereafter the stamp vendors are to be members of the post office staffs. W. McAneran, stamp vendor, has been in charge in Brandon for nine years. During this time his yearly earnings have been small, he has had to furnish his own relief when he needed holidays, and the stamp vendors wicket has been open eleven hours daily. On December 2nd, Mr. McAneran was notified that after January 2nd his services would no longer be required.

PREMIER DRURY PROVES PEOPLE LEAVE FARMS TO LIVE IN CITIES

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Premier Drury Friday sent to Sir Henry Drayton figures bearing out his contention when before the Tariff Commission that the population of rural districts had greatly decreased during the past 15 years, and that the field crops of Ontario had suffered a progressive decrease.

Since 1905, according to the Premier's figures, the population has fallen from 1,016,918 in the townships to 998,597 in 1919.

NAVIGATION GREAT LAKES OFFICIALLY CLOSES WITH SUSPENSION OF INSURANCE

Duluth, Dec. 1.—Regular marine insurance rates on vessels plying the Great Lakes ceased at midnight last night, bringing navigation officially to a close. However, many ships will continue to sail the lakes until the ports freeze up.

TWO OFFICERS KILLED TWO OTHERS WOUNDED

Santa Rosa, Calif., Dec. — Detective Sergeant Miles M. Jackson, San Francisco; Sheriff James A. Petroy, of Sonora county, and Detective Lester H. Dorman, of San Francisco, were killed and two others wounded, one perhaps fatally, in a shooting affray Sunday which followed a search for persons suspected of being implicated in attacks on young girls in San Francisco.

Sunday night a menacing crowd, estimated at 2,000 persons, surrounded the Sonora county jail where four men and women are held under guard.

IT'S A VITAL FINANCIAL PROPOSITION

Every Dollar saved at JOHN A. McDONALD & SON'S RE-CONSTRUCTION SALE places
you in a much stronger position for to carry on 1921

As you know, things are not any too rosy for the average individual with the low price of farm products, the mainstay of this country.

We don't advise buying what's not needed—but there's always some buying that must be done. You can do it now at this sale at the very least cost. What's more, there's unsurpassed quality and a wide variety to choose from—with positive assurance of saving of at least 20 per cent. No matter what is bought, and in many lines the marked down price is one-third, and sometimes a half less than regular.

REMEMBER! Time flies quickly, particularly at this time of year. "Sold out" can be your only disappointment

CLEAR BIG WOMBAT FUR COATS \$100

Two left, and all we have in fur coats. The Australian bear or wombat is the most serviceable coat the world ever knew, from the standpoint of wear and warmth. The above are made from selected skins, from the backs only. When driving on a cold day warmth counts most. Isn't it better to put \$100 in a fur coat than \$1,000 in doctor bills?

20%
OFF

A word about Navy Worsted Suits

The one suit for all purposes, but they must be good, and fast in color. That means a genuine "West of England" indigo dye. Since the war they have been scarce, but not here. We buy none else, and in models to suit any figure, from 34 chest to 52. At the start of the Reconstruction Sale we guaranteed a sweeping reduction of 20 per cent. without reservation—and notwithstanding that the English market is still holding steady they are included in this sale.

Sale Price saves Sale Price saves Sale Price saves
\$10.25 on 50.00 Suit \$12.25 on 60.00 Suit \$15.25 on 75.00 Suit
Finished within an hour to your requirements, without extra charge.

MEN'S TWEED HATS

They have been in great demand this fall, and a mild winter warrants it. Only 4 dozen left, reprieved for quick clearance—

33 1/3%
OFF

Boys' Odd Knickers

20%
OFF

Men's Odd Pants

20%
OFF

BOYS' MACKINAW COATS

\$6.35

Sizes 24 to 32. Double breast, with deep shawl collar. You can't equal the quality anywhere at the price. Never sold for less than \$8 before, and many stores charge \$10.

20%
OFF

FINE CASHMERE AND SILK HALF HOSE

Of extra quality.

This store has won an enviable reputation for good hosiery, during the past five years. Every man appreciates foot comfort. Pure cashmere and silk hosiery makes all Xmas gifts. We have plain colors and fancy patterns in each, and box them free.

Fancy Worsted Suits

The business suit that always looks well. Makes a change from what you've been wearing. Suitable for day or informal social wear. Cleans and presses well as "new." This store makes a specialty of them, and the many varied neat and tasty patterns makes selection a real pleasure, whilst sale prices bring back memories of pre-war days. Put your thinking cap on—listen:

\$47.50	Fancy Worsted Suits, for	\$37.75	\$60.00	Fancy Worsted Suits, for	\$47.75
\$50.00	Fancy Worsted Suits, for	\$39.75	\$65.00	Fancy Worsted Suits, for	\$51.75
\$55.00	Fancy Worsted Suits, for	\$43.75	Finished within an hour to your individual requirement.		

Smart Tailored Young Men's Overcoat s

—haven't been as cheap in years. This sale has made a big havoc in stock, but the choice is good as ever in the better lines.

\$28.00	Overcoats go out for	\$21.00
\$30.00	Overcoats go out for	\$22.50
\$32.50	Overcoats go out for	\$24.25
\$35.00	Overcoats go out for	\$26.25
\$40.00	Overcoats go out for	\$30.00
\$45.00	Overcoats go out for	\$33.75

GREY WORSTED SUITS

Men, there's nothing better. A customer put it pointedly yesterday: "Ye mean wear the blessed things out." If you haven't a grey suit, by all means buy one—there's absolutely no risk. It doesn't matter your build, we can fit you, and without alteration.

\$50.00	Grey Suits Sale Price	\$39.75
\$55.00	Grey Suits Sale Price	\$43.75
\$60.00	Grey Suits Sale Price	\$47.75
\$65.00	Grey Suits Sale Price	\$51.75

FOR OUTSIDE WORK

—the Mackinaw fills the bill best. Warm, wear well and not affected by snow, sleet or wind. Ours are the genuine all wool Mackinaw, and heavy. Good patterns, shawl collar and belted Norfolk.

\$15.00	Mackinaw for	\$11.90
\$16.50	Mackinaw for	\$13.10
\$17.50	Mackinaw for	\$13.90

PENMAN'S COMBINATIONS

A very fine pure cashmere yarn, medium weight, sizes 36 to 42 and extra value at regular price of \$8.50 per suit.

Sale price... \$6.35

WATSON'S COMBINATIONS

Very popular weight, in elastic knit, a big seller.

Special sale price... \$3.00

STANFORD'S UNDERWEAR

Two piece Red Label, sizes 34 to 44 \$2.00
Two piece Blue Label, sale price, per garment \$2.40
Combinations, Red Label, 34 to 44 sale price, per suit \$4.00

"CEETER" UNDERWEAR

Combinations or Shirts and Drawers 20% OFF

MEN'S FINEST SHIRTS

Jaeger, Cluett, W.G.&R. and Welch Margetson brands, insure perfect fit and workmanship and worthy quality, with a pleasing variety of patterns to suit every fancy.

\$2.50	Shirts on sale at	\$2.00
\$3.00	Shirts on sale at	\$2.40
\$4.00	Shirts on sale at	\$3.20
\$5.00	Shirts on sale at	\$4.00
\$6.50	Shirts on sale at	\$5.20

Men's High Grade Neckwear

The gift of beauty and usefulness—luxurious to the touch, pleasing to the eye, and in every way gratifying to men of critical taste. No gift easier to select or more appreciated. Sale Prices almost cut the price in two. The crowds of gift seekers around the Neckwear displays Saturday shows unquestionably where buying is best. All Neckwear selling for \$1.50 and over boxed individually, free. Flowing end ties have the run.

\$3.50	Men's Flowing End Ties for	\$2.50
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\$2.50	Men's Flowing End Ties for	\$1.50
\$2.00	Men's Flowing End Ties for	\$1.45
\$1.50	Men's Flowing End Ties for	\$1.15
\$1.25	Men's Flowing End Ties for	95c
\$1.00	Men's Flowing End Ties for	65c

Note the greatest reduction is on the higher prices, so as to offset the luxury tax on all neckwear selling for more than \$1.50.

WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR YOUR OVERALLS?

If you are not buying them for \$2.50 per pair you are paying too much. The sales manager says:

Master Mechanic Overalls... \$2.50

—and they're undoubtedly the best Canadian-made Overall, and show the union label. Buy where buying is best.

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