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months. The state of the packing trade is very much like that which faces the farmers themselvescosts, upkeep, and all other charges still comparatively high, yet with a declining market for the output.

A glut in the freezers this fall would inevitably bring about that which packers are as anxious as farmers to avoid, i.e., a disastrous slump in prices. The basis of agricultural if they would but put pen to paper. prosperity in Canada is the live stock industry, and a slump could not do other than injure producer, manufacturer and consumer.

Alone, packers cannot prevent this With the co-operation of farmer-producers, much may be done to steady live stock market prices this fall. Farmers would be wise to get together and by co-operation with all organizations plan to spread their cattle shipments cautiously over the late summer and fall months, and to hold all cattle on the farms that are not well finished.

What appeals to the packer, from a business standpoint, is that the comparatively low prices at which feeders will probably be available this fall should be attractive to every farmer who has winter feed. While no one can positively foretell market conditions next spring and early summer, the history of past price depressions and advances makes pack-

HOW TO STEADY THE CATTLE ers believe, if faced with the same condition in their own business, they condition in their own business, they would be justified in taking what The fall of 1921 will prove a delicate, if not a critical time in the Canadian cattle trade. If, due to panic, there is then a rush to sell cattle it will demoralize the markets and do the very worst thing for farmers. At the same time it will load.

.It is probable that both railroad and ocean freight rates next spring As a precautionary measure, there-fore, packers believe that producers should carefully guard against a heavy rush to market in the fall heavy rush to market in the fall therefore, prevent what may other-wise result in serious conditions.

FITTING CATTLE FOR SHOW

(Experimental Farm Notes)

The writer holds no brief to write on this subject to experienced show men. The showing of cattle is an art which they have long since mastered and could give unlimited advice on The purpose of the writer is to touch on a few points which may be helpful to beginners be they old or young.

In the first place if you would top

the class and the judge knows his business you must have the goods, consequently select closely. In the second place fitting, in so far as proper fleshing is concerned, takes time consequently preparatory feeding should extend over a period of a few months previous to the time of showing. This preparatory feeding can be done on pasture in the case of

cattle that are out. Taking for granted then that these two factors have been taken care of the next step is to put the finishing touches or "bloom" on the animal. To do this the animals should be stabled three or four weeks previous to the date of the show. During this time feed fairly liberally on suitable roughages such as good hay, green corn or other soiling crops, and a grain mixture containing ten to fifteen per cent. oil cake meal, the latter being ideal to put a good glossy Forest skin on the animals. All animals should now be washed, particularly if white in colour. Stand the animals on some good washing platform and wet them all over. Then rub up a lather with soap, preferably some mild soft variety. Scrub with suitable brush until clean, then rinse soap off thoroughly as any left in the will tend to stain it yellow. In the case of white animals a particularly clear white color can be obtained by applying blueing water after the last rinsing this water being allowed to remain in the hair for a time before pressed out. The animals should now be blanketed with light blankets, preferably with a soft fin-ish next the body. Any work necessary to get animals in shape such as trimming feet, filing horns smooth so as to make later polishing easy, and trimming hair with clippers in those breeds where this practice is followed, should be done before leaving for the show. Special attention should be laid upon the proper training of the animal to lead, stand, etc., for often all the work of good fitting is offset by bad manners in the ring.

Having arrived at the show ground the first endeavor of the showman should be to make his charges feel at home, comfortable and well fed. This can be accomplished to a certain extent by a ration of home grown feeds brought along for the purpose as well as by liberal bedding, good water, etc. After they have become rested up the final washing may be given preferably just previous to the day on which they are to be shown. This washing should be similar to the first with a somewhat heavier blanketing afterwards using where possible a fine flannelette blanket next the skin. After this final washing fresh bedding should be put down and an attendant delegated to remove all droppings as soon as voided and thus ensure cleanliness until the cattle are shown. Milk cows are usually milk-ed out clean the evening before show day and the milk then left in them until after the showing is over. This makes for a good showing in the milch classes. Unbalanced udders may be leveled up by milking out a little milk from the heavy quarters. The evening previous to showing is usually given over to the finishing touches such as polishing horns with oil, plaiting tails, and giving final trimmings with clippers and scissors.

A careful feeder will have rising appetites in his cattle on the morning of the showing so that they will eat heartily and appear well filled up. Care must be taken, however, not to overdo the filling up with feed or water as a gorged animal neither looks nor handles well. G. W. MUIR,

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