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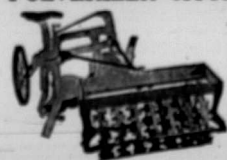
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Western Agricultural Problems

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and I think the Dominion government should put up a cold storage system throughout the whole Dominion. All the governments should work in conjunction so that we could have our produce shipped to the British market in a chilled state. In this respect we in Canada are in a very favorable position. While Australia and New Zealand, owing to their distance from the British market must freeze their produce in order to get them to that market, we, on account of our nearness to the British market, can ship our produce in the chilled state. In that way the chilled products of Canada will bring practically as much on the British market as the newly slaughtered products over there, while the frozen goods of these other countries will bring a much smaller price. Therefore, we have a very great advantage over them.

The Hog Commission

The Hon. Minister spoke of the appointment of a commission to go to Europe to look into the conditions of the hog industry there. They went to England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark and Holland, to study the conditions in those countries. I have looked through the report of this commission and have also visited the experimental farm at Ottawa and I may say that if there is one department of the experimental farm which the Hon. Minister deserves credit for, it is the hog department, because it is in splendid shape and he has got there some of the finest animals I have ever seen. So I do not think it is the conditions of these foreign countries that we need to look into. The conditions in those countries could not be on a par with ours. And anyway, my idea of this question is that what we want to know of across the water is the price and the conditions, what we want to look into is the conditions under which these other countries get their products to the British market. I think that if he had gone to work and sent that commission to the United States, the Argentine Republic and Australia, to look into the conditions under which these countries send their produce into the British market, then I say, he would have been doing a splendid thing for the producing population of this country. But instead of this he goes to work and puts the cart before the horse, and sends a commission over to Europe to look into the conditions there.

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New Exhibit Scheme

The Acre Yield Competition at the Alberta Provincial Exhibition to be held at Calgary June 30th to July 7th, is a new idea for an exhibition. The following prizes are offered.

Winter Wheat	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$5
Spring Wheat	100	50	25	15	10	5
Oats	100	50	25	15	10	5
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Flax	60	35	20	10	5	

The average amount of grain grown on an acre must be shown, and will be judged 60 per cent. for quality, 20 per cent. for purity, 15 per cent. for quantity, 5 per cent. for acreage. The exhibition company pays all freight charges on exhibits originating in Alberta. It is not likely that anyone in the province has seen the quantity of grain grown on an acre in a pile by itself, and the reader will realize what a great interest will be taken in a building where probably 50 to 100 such exhibits will be on view from all over the province. Some districts are taking a particular interest in this feature as in the case of Lloydminster Agricultural Society who have already secured six exhibits from their district. The other features of the exhibition promise to be of more than ordinary interest, and the excellent music and attractions, low rates and special trains will undoubtedly make the attendance the largest yet. The entries close on the 18th of June.

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