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In an address before the Sheep and Swine Breeder's Association at Brandon Agriculturist Grisdale stated that he thought more pigs should be raised in the West when the prices to be obtained and the statistics as to the amount of bacon and hams imported from the U.S. and Ontario were considered. He insisted that to produce pork cheaply and profitably grass, clover and roots should be relied upon to cut down the expense incident to the consumption of grain.

When pigs were in pasturage it should be changed often, as otherwise it was liable to engender disease. There should be at least three feeding lots of an acre each well fenced with close woven wire fencing. There was nothing better than brome grass for earlys pring, especially in the West. It could be pastured until early in June, then broken and backset and about the beginning of July sown to rape, and would then be ready for the pigs again at the end of August. Sow three and a half pounds of rape seed to the acre, and it should not be more than eight inches high when the pigs were turned in

FEEDING POINTERS. It was generally well to feed them a small ration of grain when they were first turned into the rape, as they did not as a rule like it on the start. Peas, oats and vetches were a good mixture for a green feed lot, and oats alone would do, but should be sown thick, about five bushels to the acre. When putting the pigs up for finishing the bunches should be small, not more than seven or eight together, and care should be taken to have pigs of a uniform size in one pen. Pigs should be weaned when seven weeks old, and for several weeks after weaning they should be fed regullarly four times a day. Regular feeding was most important. Grain rations should be ground fine and fed uniformly, sweet or sour. If whole grain were fed it should be soaked at least 48 hours. Clover was good for pigs winter and summer—in summer green, and for winter cut just when in blossom and well cured

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The result of the Royal Commission on insurance is that a bill is to be presented to Parliament intended to safeguard more fully those seeking the protection of life insurance. Many farmers are now taking up life insurance and this move of the Government will tend to re-establish confidence in the people's minds. Th *Globe* publishes the following summary of the proposed

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