

they favor one district more than another, but because, they claim, the quality from certain sections is invariably inferior to that of other sections. One representative packing concern in this city informed us, when we made enquiries about the question asked above, that almost invariably the hogs from a district west of Hamilton, and south of the old Great Western track right through to Windsor, were inferior for bacon purposes to those got from the district north of this line, more especially in the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay district. The difficulty seems to be, as far as we were able to find out, that the hogs from this southern district are usually too fat for the best export trade. One member of a packing establishment stated that both the breeding and feeding in this district were all wrong. It is claimed that along nearly the whole length of the Michigan Central Railway through the southern part of Ontario too much corn is being fed, resulting in soft, fat hogs, which do not bring the top prices. It was also stated that in some sections the feeding of beans might have something to do with this very fat condition of the hogs.

The above are the facts as far as we could gather them. Whether there are grounds for making this discrimination in price we are not prepared to say. There is no doubt that the district we have named, which would include that where our correspondent lives, has got into disrepute among the packers because of the generally inferior quality of the hogs for bacon purposes which have come to this market from that section. To such an extent is this the case that packers are very suspicious of every carload from the district referred to. And this very suspicion seems to be sufficient to make them discriminate in the price even though the quality sometimes may be as good as that from other districts. This whole question is something that the farmers in the southern part of the province should consider, and if there are good grounds for the discrimination referred to an improvement should be made in the breeding and feeding of the hogs.

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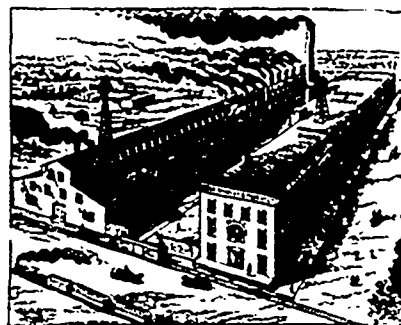
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