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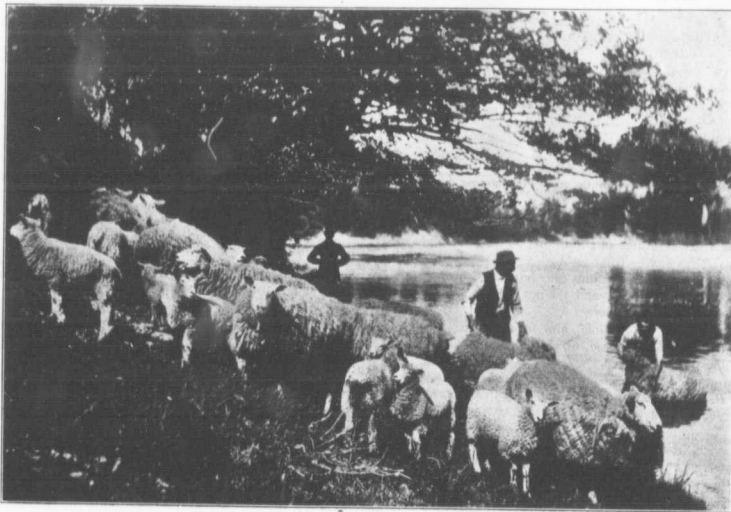
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WHAT USED TO BE A 24TH-OF-MAY JOB FOR ONTARIO FARMERS

Sheep, once so plentiful, now uncommon upon Ontario farms, were often subjected to many tortures because of their fleeces. Hot weather must needs first come before they could be "washed"; then several days elapsed for the oil to come back in the wool and it be ready to shear. This old practice depicted in our illustration has been abandoned by many of our progressive sheep breeders. They shear their sheep early in spring and sell the wool unwashed. The sheep in this latter case are said to do better than if allowed to go till late and suffer the inconvenience caused by heat; the lambs also do better under this latter management, and the danger of "wool-balls" in their stomachs is obviated.

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