

provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. There are more good, high-class beef cattle bred in Alberta and Saskatchewan than in the province of Ontario, because ranchers out there have recognized the value of good breeding—something that we cannot always get our farmers to recognize. A bunch of these weaned calves came down from Saskatchewan last fall and were included in some of the shipment to Great Britain and brought a very high price. This is new business developed this year, if you please, when we thought we knew all there was to know about shipping beef. It is going to stimulate a new industry in beef production both east and west. The Department of Agriculture intend shipping from Winnipeg, and then from Calgary and Edmonton.

The officials tell me that it is easier to ship this beef in the summer time than in the winter, because you can maintain an even temperature in the car much more easily in summer than in winter, when the outside temperature varies so much. We are paying freight only on the beef, short sides of the highest quality, and leaving the hide and offal at home to pay for the slaughtering and dressing of the animal. In a word, we are sending our good beef to the greatest market in the world at the lowest possible expense.

We have been able for the first time in history, not only to crash the British beef market, but to crash it at the very top price. As I have said, I know of nothing that will be more important to the man who is feeding calves in the province of Ontario or to ranchers who are raising calves in Western Canada than this British market.

I may be, perhaps, a bit more enthusiastic about these things than people who are not so much concerned. I visit the stockyards every Monday morning when I am in Toronto. I go out there to see the beasts. Somehow or other, I rather like their companionship, and I like to see the kind of stuff coming in from different parts of the country. Sometimes it is almost enough to make you weep to see rubbish going into the abattoir to be sold as beef.

I think this new development will improve the class and character of the beef cattle we are going to breed in our country. It is a great and important move, and it is subjected to the closest kind of inspection. That is essential, for if you are to get a share of a top market you must have a good article to sell. They are keen buyers in England, and if you have the kind of goods they want they will pay the price.

This business is going to affect the Royal Winter Fair. I went to an abattoir to see carcasses of cattle slaughtered after the fair,

and I found, as usual, that we have a good deal to learn, not only about feeding our beef, but also about being able to tell what is under their hides by handling them. We learned some lessons in that regard this year. Remember this: if you send to the Smithfield market beef with yellow fat, you will not top any market. It must be a white carcass and not too full of tallow if it is to grade as prime beef. We find in some cases at the Royal Winter Fair that animals are over-finished. Frequently when a judge puts his hands on a beast he will say, "He would be all right if fed a few more months." That was said of two or three calves at Toronto, but when they were slaughtered they were the best carcasses of the lot.

Hon. Mr. MacARTHUR: Is there any chance of Prince Edward Island getting into this Utopia?

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: Absolutely—if you will breed beef cattle. I understand you are breeding more dairy cattle than beef. I will come to that later, if I am not taking up too much time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Go ahead.

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: One of the judges at the Royal Winter Fair this year was Mr. MacDonald, who, by the way, comes from the University of California via Aberdeen, Scotland. When he began judging he said he was going to place ribbons, not on over-fat animals, but on those which would be the most profitable to kill. I am quite sure he did one of the best jobs that have been done at the fair, but there was a lot of disappointments as well. We vote large grants annually to that fair, and quite properly so. Through this experiment we shall have a chance to make top prices on our calves killed after the show. We can make the Royal Winter Fair a greater and more important institution for the judging of beef cattle than it ever was before, by these experiences in slaughtering and shipping.

I should like to see our boys of the agricultural colleges visit the abattoirs even oftener than they do, to see the beef carcasses and so get a better understanding of what they should do with cattle in order to secure top prices.

There is, of course, no politics in this great enterprise, for there cannot be in a thing of this kind.

My honourable friend from Prince (Hon. Mr. MacArthur) asked me what about Prince Edward Island; so I will say a word or two about cows, as I understand the people on the Island breed mostly dairy cattle. During the last year there have been experimental shipments of dairy cows to Great Britain. The