

Strictly agricultural education, too, is being looked upon by all right-thinking persons as a desirable branch of instruction in our public and even in our high schools, and it is, no doubt, but a matter of time when it will be included in the curriculum of every well-equipped Collegiate Institute.

Coming to the chief products for which an outside market is sought, we have Live Stock, Dairy Produce, Fruit, Wheat, and Bacon. In the line of Live Stock nothing has been selling for as high prices, comparatively, as horses; and the prospects are bright for horse-breeding as a profitable industry for some years at least. Again, beef cattle have no doubt touched the low water mark, and the present or even better prices may reasonably be looked for. Ontario, too, is fast becoming recognized as the home of many excellent herds of pure-bred cattle, and as a result of this our breeders have been rapidly increasing their sales to purchasers in other parts of the Dominion, as well as in the United States.

In Dairy products we are undoubtedly holding our own. Canadian cheese has not lost any of its old-time fame; and at the same time our butter is rapidly winning a higher place in the estimation of the British consumer. This is evidenced by the fact that the annual shipments of "Gilt Edge" are rapidly increasing. Such a condition has, doubtless, been brought about by the better and more uniform methods of manufacture.

Although the prices for fruit have not been all that could be desired this year, there is no reason to believe that such a condition will soon be repeated. Seasons of over-production, with the resulting low prices, must be looked for in any industry. But with the advantages accruing from a fast steamship service, with proper cold storage facilities, carefully selected and well packed fruit may still become quite remunerative.

Canadian bacon, too, continues to be admired for its good quality by the consumers in Britain, and, indeed, it is a question whether any other department of the farm has given better returns than hog-raising. With the correct bacon type and proper feeding methods, why should this demand not continue?

A short consideration, therefore, of existing conditions readily reveals the fact that the outlook for agriculture in Canada for the next few years is more encouraging than it has been in the past.

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