

# THE FARM



IS the Northwest a good country for sheep raising? How often has this question been asked by visitors to this country. If we had the questioners here just now we would say to them—Go and inspect the show of mutton in the meat markets here and you will there get an answer from the sheep themselves. The show of mutton is most excellent all round, but the palm is certainly born off by the Canadian Agricultural Company, who exhibit about thirty carcasses of mutton, which for quality would be hard to beat in any market in the world. These are not heavy-fleshed, hand-fed old rams, specially fed for Christmas show, but all choice wethers which never tasted hand feed of any description. A fortnight ago we mentioned the fact that the Canadian Agricultural Coy. were shipping some fat sheep to Vancouver. The first shipment gave such great satisfaction that the buyers eagerly closed a bargain to take all the fat sheep that the company could spare, and 1500 choice fat sheep will be shipped to Vancouver within the next few weeks. We are glad to see this, for it augurs well for the future trade between Alberta and B. C., and also speaks volumes in favor of Alberta as a sheep raising country, for we are informed that no such mutton has ever before been shipped to Vancouver.



THE new curling rink presented a lively scene yesterday, when the first game of the season was played by teams representing the President and Vice-President. A side of beef was the steak—on, stake—to be given to the poor of Calgary, of whom, fortunately, there are very few. Following were the rinks:

Walker vs Freeze,	Rev. Herdman vs Dick,
Snyder vs Reilly,	Shelton vs La Penotiere,
A. Grant vs Smith,	Judge Rouleau vs Hanes,
Perry vs W. H. Grant,	Costigan vs Barber.

The first game was a walk-over for Grant, who had a long way the best players on his side. The game was as follows:

PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.
A. Sterritt,	E. Watson,
Kelly,	Van Courtlandt,
Millward,	Waugh,
Perry ..... 9	W. H. Grant..... 16

The next game played was between the President's and Vice-President's rinks, viz.:

Douglas,	Ryan,
Leeson,	Rev. Herdman,
Jas. Bannerman,	Jos. Bannerman,
Walker ..... 17	Freeze ..... 11

A. Grant and J. B. Smith next met and when 12 ends had been played, play was adjourned until Friday, the game standing Grant 17, Smith 8.

Stone,	Moore,
Fletcher,	Bowen,
McIlree,	Maw,
Smith ..... 8	Grant ..... 17

At the evening session Mr. Herdman, for the President's side, and Frank Dick, on the Vice's, played off, the former gentleman winning after a very exciting contest. The players were:

Ford,	A. Sterritt,
Glanville,	Smart,
Cox,	Dousett,
Herdman .. .... 15	Dick..... 12

A number of games have yet to be played.

A VIEW of our principal butcher shops during Christmas week is the finest advertisement the country could have. The grand display of meat made by F. G. Topp & Co., Hull Bros. & Co. and The Canadian Agricultural Co.'s Meat Market, can't be beaten in any eastern city in Canada.