
SIDE LIGHTS *on* PORK PACKING ESTABLISHMENTS



THE majority of farmers in Canada raise hogs to sell. Is there a farmer in Canada who, when talking with a representative of a pork packing establishment, ever heard this representative remark that his particular establishment had made any money? These representatives usually say that they have an immense amount of capital invested and that they have the best working plants in existence, but the tremendously high prices of hogs and the small supply make it impossible for them to make any money, or pay any dividends.

Of course, it is absolutely impossible for the Canadian farmer to have access to the books of these pork packing establishments and ascertain, beyond the question of a doubt, that they are actually not making any profits. These establishments have expert book-keepers who keep their books, as any other business firm does, in a most private and confidential way. Consequently, the farmer is forced to accept, for the moment, the statement of the