

The Stock Yards and the Winter Fair

There has been considerable discussion of late in the agricultural press concerning Guelph, and its suitability to accommodate the Provincial winter fair. There is a feeling, even among some of the best men who are friendly to Guelph, that Guelph is becoming too small for the show, and that one of the chief reasons why the provincial fair does not develop as it should, is because of the restrictions which the city places upon it in the matter of buildings and hotel accommodation.

Coincident with the suggestion to move the fair from Guelph, comes the proposal to locate it the Union Stock Yards, at Toronto Junction. In order to get some information concerning the Union Stock Yards, and determine their suitability for the holding of such a show, as that now held annually at Guelph, a representative of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, recently went to the stock yards and looked over the ground. The yards are about a half hour's ride from the centre of the city of Toronto. They are owned by a company, the directors of which include some of Toronto's most prominent business men, and well known men from outlying districts. The company owns altogether about 170 acres of land. On this are located, as shown in the front cover illustration, yards for cattle, sheep and hogs, a stock exchange, and a new horse exchange. Thirty acres of this land are paved with vitrified brick.

The yards for cattle will accommodate 250 carloads, or practically 5,000 head of cattle. The main alley, known

as D. Alley, or the Glass Alley, because of its glass roof, is one of the largest of its kind in Canada. Here under cover can be corralled 100 carloads of cattle, or 1,250 head can be tied up. This alley makes an excellent place for exhibiting.

The sheep barn, adjoining the cattle yards, is a quarter of a mile long, and will accommodate 100 carloads of sheep. It is divided into small pens, with good facilities for showing, feeding and so forth. The hog pens, which are also for sheep, is also about a quarter of a mile long, and will accommodate 100 carloads of hogs.

The facilities for loading or unloading at these yards are of the best. On one side is the C. P. R., with sufficient loading chutes to permit of the loading of almost any number of cars at once. These chutes extend for a distance along the tracks of nearly a quarter of a mile. On the opposite sides of the sheds is the G. T. R., with facilities for unloading and loading similar to those of the C. P. R. There is in connection with these yards, an office, and one of the largest weight scales in America. These weigh at one time anywhere from one animal to four carloads of stock.

The Exchange Building, which is situated near the yards, contains about 50 offices, including accommodation for banks, insurance agents, cattle dealers, and so forth, together with a restaurant and reading room.

Another matter that should not be lost sight of in considering the suitability of these yards, is the proximity of two large abattoirs, namely Leback's and Gunn's. Thousands of animals sometimes are slaughtered here in a day. These are both connected with the yards, and unlike the system at Guelph, when animals at the Junction yards are killed in either of these abattoirs, they are generally sure of finding a market, at good prices, whereas at Guelph a good animal sometimes is slaughtered and sold on a slow market for about half its value.

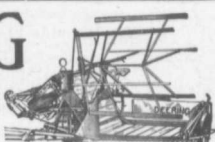
ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES

The new horse exchange was erected last year with the object of handling the horse trade, and holding auction sales from time to time of all classes of stock. An illustration and description of this building was published in our issue for Feb. 12. It is proposed to build before long, a large arena, solely for show purposes. This, it is claimed, will accommodate 8,000 people. Plans for the erection of it are already out.

The company is preparing an illustrated and descriptive catalogue of the yards. This will be ready for publication in the course of two or three months, and will contain full information concerning the many features of the yards. The great success of the International Show at Chicago, is due largely to the fact that it is located near the big packing establishments and stock yards, which are one of the sights of the show. The Toronto Junction stock yards are not as far from the centre of Toronto as the show buildings in Chicago. People interested in this question would do well to visit these yards.

Modern Sheep.—This is the title of a book recently issued by the American Sheep Breeder Company, Chicago, edited by "Shepherd Boy" well known to many Ontario sheep breeders. The cordial reception that his former work, "Fitting Sheep for Show Ring and Market," met with, has inspired him to write the present book. It is a comprehensive work, giving full particulars regarding the different breeds of sheep, and their management. Fitting for the show, the raising of lambs for spring and autumn dressing sheep and lambs for market, pastures, forage crops, etc., and

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