

crown. He met one of them in a Departmental block and slapping the minister on the back, said:

"Hello, old sock, how are you?"

Then he saw his mistake and tried to improve matters by saying:

"Well, perhaps I shouldn't say that, for once a man is a cabinet minister he should be treated with respect."

"Now he is afraid that the minister will find a double meaning in his explanation and he is in a quandary."

"A disappointed office-seeker went around explaining indignantly to everyone he met"

"I ate frogs' legs with Sir Geo. E. Cartier, and now this new bunch turns me down." This was the record of services he gave to show that he was worthy of living at the public expense."

"Smoke this, oh! smoke this, it is better than anything you can buy here," exclaimed an office-seeker as he offered a cigar to a cabinet minister. But the minister refused the weed in bilingual form and lives to tell the tale."

"An applicant for office said: 'I never drank booze although I used to beat my wife, but I quit that years ago'."

"Another applicant explained 'I do not drink much, but when a child is born to me I get drunk and when one dies I go on a h— of a spree, but that is all'."

"One evening an office-seeker disappointed with his own friends gave an on-looker a twenty-five cent cigar, and took the half-smoked ten-center out of the other's mouth and smoked it to a finish. He thought of the cheers he gave the night of the election and the big procession and he wept."

Of course a horde of office-seekers of this kind must be a nuisance to members of Parliament, and members of the Government, but they are only a small factor in the political corruption of the country. The men who do the real damage go to the capital in private cars, hire a suite of rooms in the best hotel and invite the party managers and members of the cabinet to ornamental banquets. And there is a bunch of good stories about them that may be told at the proper time. One will do as a sample.

It became known that one of the biggest contractors had contributed freely to the campaign funds of both parties and a friend asked:

"What are your politics any way?"

"My politics is contracting," said the high financier grimly and let it go at that.

Our English Correspondence.

THE ROYAL COUNTIES SHOW.

His Majesty King George dearly loves to win a hatful of prizes at the Royal Counties Agricultural Show, always held somewhere near Windsor, or, at any rate, not far away, and that is exactly what he did on the occasion of the show recently held at Portsmouth.

Yearling Shorthorn bulls made a capital class, in which His Majesty won with Royal Gold by Proud Jubilant. Calved on January 30th, last year, he is a youngster with a good top line, great length behind hips and capital thighs. Cows or heifers in milk or in calf saw as winner the King's Charlotte, of his own breeding (and by Earl of March), which promises to do as well as she did at last season's shows. With a square fore-end, well-sprung ribs, a level top, and a good touch, she is difficult to fault. In two-year-old heifers Mr. W. M. Cazalet's beautifully level Butterfly 64th by Lord Advocate was placed in front of the King's Elizabeth by Cowslip King, a heifer with a good front and girth, but plainer around the rump than her rival.

The Royal herd furnished the first-prize yearling heifer in Windsor Gem, a shapely roan by Proud Jubilant, but she had a worthy opponent in Sir H. S. Leon's Leicestershire winner, Lavender

Beauty, a very level young daughter of 'Coming Storm'.

The Shorthorn Society's special prize for the best yearling bull, the property of an exhibitor in Berkshire, Wiltshire or Hampshire, went to the king's class winner, Royal Gold, Mr. Falconer's Secret Sunstar taking second prize of £5. For the male championship of £10 (given by Lord Northbrook) a referee was called to decide between Sir H. Leon's Silver Mint 3rd and the king's Royal Gold, and verdict went to Silver Mint 3rd., which had previously won the senior open bull class. His Majesty took the female championship, however, with his symmetrical Charlotte.

The Dairy Shorthorn classes were very strong. Cows calved before June 1st, 1910, saw Lord Rothschild win with Dolphine-Telluria 4th by Lancashire Victor, a roan, and quite a pail-filler.

In Aberdeen-Angus cattle champion prize went to J. J. Cridlan's Everard 2nd of Maisemore, reserve being Mr. Bridge's yearling heifer, Jillett 6th. The latter was preferred to Mr. Cridlan's Tulip of Standen (the Swansea medallist) for the female silver medal.

One of the greatest surprises of the Show was the defeat of His Majesty's four-year-old Hereford bull, the great Avondale, the Bath and West champion, which was frequently decorated last year. He has a beautiful outline, and is very lengthy and near the ground, and many claim him to be the best bull out this year. He is by Admiral, out of Elsie by Lord Lieutenant, and was bred at Windsor by the late King Edward. His conqueror on this occasion was Sir J. R. G. Cotterell's Comet, a weighty bull of great scale and substance, but not so truly made as the King's exhibit. He is by All Right, took a second at the Bath and West this year, and had to be content with minor honors only in 1913.

Sir J. R. G. Cotterell won again with his yearling, Thumper by Royal Ringer, a very level and true-made youngster that will be heard of again.

Shire horses mustered fifty-seven in the nine classes. Stallions foaled before 1912 saw Luggy Thumper, a weighty three-year-old make a successful first appearance for Lord Rothschild. By the great Tring Park sire, Childwick Champion, he is a short-backed colt, built on the compact lines of his sire. He was ultimately made the champion stallion of the show. Open mares with foals contained ten entries. A. Smiles was the winner with Champion's Gem by Childwick Champion, a six-year-old mare, with nice joints and full of character. An easy winner in the foal class was Mr. Smiles' weighty, well-set-up filly by Norbury Menestrel, out of Champion's Gem. Fillies foaled in 1911 had an outstanding winner in Lord Rothschild's Duke's Budding Rose by the London champion Halstead Royal Duke. Two-year-old fillies were headed by the Edgcote Shorthorn Co.'s Blackthorn Betty by Halstead Blue Blood. Yearling fillies were led by Fine Feathers, the charming daughter of Babbling Secundus and owned by the Edgcote Shorthorn Co. She was made female champion.

London, Eng. G. T. BURROWS.

Rain Needed in Carleton.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

We have had a very dry and cold Spring, very little rain since April. With one stroke of your foot you could kick up the dry ground after any rain that fell since April. The early grain is looking well but a great many fields that were sown after the middle of May are very patchy. Some fields of corn are doing well and some that were sown on Spring ploughing will not come up until it rains. Hay is very short, about 15 inches high. If it does not rain very soon it will be a failure—about one-quarter of a crop.

Carleton Co., Ont. GEO. A. WALKER.

Selling Wool Co-operatively.

A striking evidence of the value of co-operation to farmers has just been received at the Ontario Department of Agriculture at the Parliament Buildings. A few weeks ago F. C. Hart, B.S.A., the new Director of Co-operation and Markets, appointed by the Department, visited Manitoulin Island and addressed a meeting called by the District Representative of the Department up there. He took up the subject of co-operation and marketing, and an expert from the Live Stock Branch of the Dominion Department took up the question of grading and sorting. As a consequence a Wool Growers' Association was formed, and 15,000 lbs. were sold. The following prices were realized:—

Unwashed:—15,383 lbs.—Medium Combing, 23½c; Low Medium Combing, 22½c; Lustre Combing, 21c; Coarse Combing, 19c; Rejects, 16c; as compared with a flat rate of 14c to 17c paid in the ordinary way for such wool.

Washed:—458 lbs.—Lustre Combing, 26c; Coarse Combing, 25c; as compared to a maximum price of 24c paid in the ordinary way.

It will therefore be seen that the Association made a very substantial profit on their first season's operations.

Recognition of the Value of Good Seed.

The committee in charge of the Seed Department of the Guelph Winter Fair met in Toronto, Friday, June 26th to re-adjust the prize list for the coming exhibition. On the whole the prizes have been very much increased owing to a subvention granted by the Dominion Government which amounts to \$600. Separate classes have been organized for Banner and O.A.C. No. 72 oats. This will give the old stand-by and that promising new variety some prominence and not subject them to competition with grains of apparent good character but not so well adapted to farm conditions generally as the ones named. A similar change has been made in the classes for corn. Separate classes have been named for Compton's Early, Longfellow and Salzer's North Dakota in the flints and for White Cap Yellow Dent, Wisconsin No. 7, and Improved Leeming in the dents. Other classes for corn will remain much as in the past. An extra classification has been made for any variety of early potatoes in addition to the Long White Type, Round White type and Rose type, which has been the classification in the past. The exhibit will this year occupy a more convenient and conspicuous position than in the past and this, with the augmented prize list, will add much to that interesting department of the Guelph Winter Fair.

T. D. Jarvis, B.S.A., for some years past Associate Professor of Entomology at the Ontario Agricultural College, has resigned his position to take up active farming operations on his property in the Grimsby district. His resignation has resulted in a re-arrangement of the work of the Department and general promotions. L. Caesar is promoted from the position of Lecturer to that of Associate Professor, and A. W. Baker, who has been Demonstrator, is made Lecturer in Fungus Diseases and insects. G. J. Spencer, a graduate of the 1914 Class, who has taken a special interest in entomological work, has been appointed Demonstrator in succession to Mr. Baker. These appointments went into effect on the first of July.

M. H. Winter, B.S.A., has been appointed District Representative in Renfrew County in succession to J. L. Tenant, who accepted a position in Prince Edward Island. He is one of the 1914 graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets.

Toronto.

At Union Stock-yards, West Toronto, on Monday, June 29, receipts numbered 91 carloads, comprising 1,323 cattle, 2,236 hogs, 634 sheep, and 261 calves. The cattle market was firmer by 10c. to 15c. per cwt., and quite brisk. Choice butchers' steers, \$8.25 to \$8.60, and ten extra steers brought \$8.65; good, \$8.10 to \$8.35; medium, \$7.80 to \$8.15; choice heifers, \$8.25 to \$8.35; choice cows, \$7 to \$7.40; good cows, \$6.75 to \$7; common to medium cows, \$3.50 to \$6; bulls, \$6.50 to \$7.75; feeders, \$6.50 to \$7.10; stockers, \$5.75 to \$6.25; milkers, \$45 to \$80; calves, \$7.40 to \$10.50 per cwt. Sheep, \$3.50 to \$6.25; lambs, easier, at \$10 to \$11.75 per cwt. Hogs, \$8.25 to \$10.75 f. o. b. cars, and \$8.50 weighed off cars.

REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S MARKETS

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards for the past week were:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	16	378	394
Hogs	185	4,355	4,540
Sheep	182	10,644	10,826
Calves	454	1,830	2,284
Horses	40	1,062	1,102

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1913 were:

	City.	Union.	Total.
Cattle	15	320	335
Hogs	284	3,431	3,715
Sheep	125	6,615	6,740
Calves	541	3,602	4,143
Horses	202	1,176	1,378

The combined receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock-yards for the

past week show an increase of 59 cars, 825 cattle, 4,086 hogs, and 57 horses; but a decrease of 1,859 sheep or lambs, and 276 calves, compared with the corresponding week of 1913.

Receipts of live stock in all the different classes were moderate, and about the same as has been coming forward for several weeks past. The quality of the fat cattle the past week was not as good; that is, there was not as many of the stall-fed, there being more grassers offered. There were several lots and loads of stable-fed cattle of choice quality that sold at steady to firm prices. The demand for stockers and feeders was not nearly as great as it has been, and prices declined accordingly. Milk and milkers, also, were not being sought after so keenly as during several months past, and prices were much lower. Veal calves were and have been scarce, and prices continued up to the high-level mark, a point at which the trade stop buying. Sheep and lambs have also been scarce, not enough to supply the

ever-increasing demand, and prices have been very firm for sheep, and higher for lambs.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice steers and heifers sold at \$8.25 to \$8.60, by the load; good butchers', \$8 to \$8.25; medium to good, \$7.80 to \$8.10; common, \$7 to \$7.60; choice cows, \$7 to \$7.25; good cows, \$6.50 to \$6.90; medium cows, \$5.75 to \$6; canners and cutters, \$3.75 to \$4.50; bulls, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Veal Calves.—Choice calves sold at \$10 to \$11 per cwt.; good calves, \$9 to \$10; medium calves, \$8 to \$9, and common calves, \$7 to \$8 per cwt., in all cases.

Sheep and Lambs.—Choice, light ewes, \$5.75 to \$6.25; heavy ewes and rams, \$4 to \$5.25; spring lambs, \$10 to \$12 per cwt., or 10c. to 12c. per pound.

Hogs.—Receipts moderate, and prices steady to firm. Selects, fed and watered, \$8.25; \$7.65 f. o. b. cars, and \$8.50 weighed off cars.

TORONTO HORSE MARKET.

Receipts of horses at the Union Horse