

to be treated a little differently, for we can always get the better show animal from those that are constantly moving on, and for our large exhibitions now sheep cannot be prepared in two or three months and trained into condition to win. One would never think of letting a calf rough it until near a year and a half old, and then try to make it presentable in a Toronto show. Such has been done, no doubt, but the case is very exceptional, and no more can a lamb rough it for the first fifteen or sixteen months and then bring it into shape in two or three. I know this is attempted by many breeders every year, but success very rarely follows.

But there are other attentions almost as profitable as supplying plenty of

wholesome food. To have the quarters for the sheep, the sheds or pens, where they can go into to lie, dry and comfortable, is very important. A sheep that has to stand or lie in filth and mud is miserable, and will not do well. A clean dry bed for them is worth quite a little bit of valuable food. It is true they often will lie outside if they can get out, but if they do prefer to lie outside it is only in a dry place, perhaps as dry as the sheds can be made.

Though sheep have access to a pasture field they need a little attention also. The wet and dead grass, with some weeds attached, work in between the hoofs of their feet and will dry, forming a cord as hard as stone almost, which irritates the foot, making the sheep suf-

fer very much at times. Then there is the attention to the dipping, which is quite as much required in the fall or early winter as in spring time, or even more so.

KILLING VERMIN

The mild days we often have in December are very favorable for attending to the destruction of any lice or ticks that may be on the flock, and, besides, the killing of all vermin which aids in making up a profit from the business, because the more comfortable the better gain, and more healthy, consequently we can look for stronger and better lambs, there is cleansing of the skin, and general prevention of any parasitic disease, and it is seldom any one who has properly dipped, and then seen the benefits, will neglect to do it regularly and properly. And yet it is really astonishing how many farmers neglect to dip at any time.

To dip now is a simple matter. I can, with the aid of one man, go over a flock of one hundred or more in a very short time, and do the work thoroughly. Usually I lay the sheep on a platform about one foot from the floor, and making parting of wool in about three places the full length of the sheep on each side pour in the dip, mixed about twice as strong as when dipping in vat in spring. Once over is usually sufficient. I believe one gets well repaid for cost and labor in the increase in quantity and quality of fleece, as well as in the growth and healthfulness of the sheep.

A. W. SMITH.

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