

Aid to the Cattle Industry

THE Dominion Minister of Agriculture and the Canadian railway companies are to cooperate in an effort to prevent the depletion of breeding and feeding stock. The plan comprises:

(A) A redistribution policy which will provide for the movement of stock from areas where feed is light to areas where feed is plentiful. (B) Free freight policy in connection with the transportation of breeding cattle and breeding sheep. (C) Fifty per cent. rebate of the freight rate on carload shipments of feeding cattle from Winnipeg to country points in the eastern provinces. (D) Free shipment of carloads of breeding sheep and lambs from Toronto and Montreal to the West.

In dealing with an emergency, this plan will probably be as efficacious as an emergency measure can be. In the long run, however, it can do little to prevent the depletion of our breeding stocks and herds if their maintenance is not profitable to the producers.

Food Control News

IN order to prevent speculation, the United States Food Administration has prohibited the export of corn, except under license. The Canadian Food Controller has taken steps to facilitate importation into Canada, and the Washington authorities will issue licenses upon his return. Persons or firms requiring to import corn may obtain application forms from the office of the Food Controller, Ottawa.

Potato Prices Not Fixed.

The Food Controller has decided not to fix an arbitrary price for potatoes. This decision has been arrived at as the result of a meeting at Ottawa of representatives of the Eastern Provinces, acting as a Sub-special Committee of the Fruit and Vegetable Committee of the Food Controller's Office. Registration of wholesale handlers of potatoes has already been ordered, and it will be unlawful for any person to engage in the wholesale potato business without a license. A regulation is now under consideration which will require such dealers to take out a license to do business, and to file regular reports of all their transactions, covering the purchase and sale of potatoes.

The sub-committee decided not to fix the price at \$1.35 per bag to the consumer, after asserting that the cost of producing a 50-lb. bag in each of the five Eastern Provinces was as follows: Ontario, \$1.27; Quebec, \$1.50; New Brunswick, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Nova Scotia, \$1.06; Prince Edward Island, 50 cents. To these costs must be added a fair profit to the grower, freight, and the profits necessary to the wholesaler and retailer.

In a recent issue of Farm and Dairy I noticed a subscriber enquiring about filling his silo in the winter. I have seen corn put in a silo in January and a half-inch stream of water being run into the cutting-box with the corn. It made as good ensilage as I ever saw, and gave good results from feeding.—G. B. Tupper, Oxford Co., Ont.

Lamb and wool quotations have ranged high for some months, and there is a disposition among farmers to go into the sheep business. We have noted a similar tendency when hog quotations are high. The men who are making the most money in both instances, however, are those who have stayed with either sheep or hogs, or both, when prospects were not so inviting.



THE REAL TRACTOR AND PLOWING DEMONSTRATION OF 1917

to be held under the auspices of the ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION, in connection with the Provincial Plowing Match at Oak Park Stock Farm, Brantford

Wed., Thurs., and Friday, October 24, 25 and 26

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THE TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

Every farmer who appreciates the advances made in farm efficiency should not miss the up-to-date farm machinery demonstration. A large number of firms will be represented. There will be two-wheeled, four-wheeled, caterpillar, auto-types—every type of tractor so far on the market in America. It will be a day well spent to see these at work. The Hydro-Motor will have a power demonstration on the grounds. There will be an auction sale of pedigreed Holsteins, Shropshires, and Yorkshires at 2 p.m. on the 26th. OAK PARK STOCK FARM is reached by trolley in ten minutes from either Paris or Brantford—cars of two Radial lines stop right at the farm. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

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