

REPORT

The Honourable Sydney Fisher,
Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Sir,—In submitting for your favorable consideration the following report dealing with the present position of the live stock industry in Canada, and suggesting measures for placing it on a better and sounder footing, we propose to deal with the subject at some length and in the following order:

The necessity of providing a stable and remunerative market.

The failure of existing methods to achieve the desired result, and some of the reasons why a thoroughly modern and scientific method has not yet been adopted.

Methods adopted by other meat producing countries for disposing of their surplus, encouraging the industry, and some of the results of those methods.

An examination as to how far the system and methods of other countries can with advantage be applied to Canada.

Recommendations for adoption in this country.

Approximate cost of establishing a thoroughly organized system of meat chilling, packing and exporting throughout the Dominion, an estimate of returns, and the financial problems in connection with the establishment of the industry.

Benefits to the producer and country generally and recapitulation.

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In dealing with the first point, viz., the necessity of some measures being taken to place the stock raising industry on a sounder and better basis, by providing a more certain and remunerative market for cattle and hogs, we think it can be shown without much difficulty that need for improvement exists. The joint appointment of the Beef Commission by the Provinces of Manitoba and Alberta, and the recent appointment of the Pork Commission in Alberta, is strong evidence in support of the fact that conditions generally relating to the live stock