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Live Stock Handled		1917	1916	Increase
Cattle (carloads)		5,421	2,900	87%
Hogs		2,274	1,768	29%
Sheep		261	76	243%
Mixed Stock		3,407	2,501	36%
Dairy and Dressed Meat Shipments				
Butter (pounds)		8,146,000	6,826,000	19%
Cheese		1,072,000	780,000	37%
Eggs		5,980,000	5,682,000	5%
Dressed Meats		9,108,000	7,866,000	16%
Poultry		312,000	282,000	11%

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he died he was hired for seasons ahead—
e. g., by July 1914 he had been hired for
1915, 1916 and 1917, and as we have
said made money for his owners, the
breeders who used him, the societies
which hired him, and the dealers who
purchased his produce for commercial
purposes.

Only one thing remains and that is to
give some indication of the terms upon
which horses are hired by such societies
as have been described. In the sale
catalogue of the Montgomery horses al-
ready referred to, authentic contracts
are given and on these the horses were
sold by public auction. Royal Exchange
18896, hired for 1918 at £2 10s. at service,
and £3 additional if mare proves in foal,
sold for £178 10s., a dead bargain; High
Merit 14677, hired for 1918 at £2 10 at
service and £3 10s. additional when
mare proves in foal, sold for £441; British
Stamp 17148 was let for 1918 to the
Northumberland Horse Breeding Society
for the lump sum of £290 payable by the
Society to the owner at the end of the
season. This is a form of engagement
somewhat common in England but almost
unknown in Scotland. The society takes
the whole risk. British Stamp sold
subject to this agreement, made £472 10s.
Coronation 15780 hired for 1918 for
£100 premium, with £2 each mare pay-
able at service plus £4 additional when
the mare proves in foal, and hired for
1919 at £3 payable at service, plus £5
when the mare proves in foal, was sold
subject to fulfilment of both contracts
for £1071. Under the contract for 1918
Coronation should earn about £600, and
taking the same number of mares in
1919, that is 100, he should earn as nearly
as may be the same money. For 1918 he is
hired by the Marquis of Bute's tenantry
in Ayrshire, and the landlord gives the
£100 premium thus relieving his tenantry
of a certain proportion of the service
money. Lincluden 18421 was hired for
1918 at £2 10s., payable at service with

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£3 additional if mare proves in foal. He
was sold subject to this contract, for
£630. Merlin 16716, a son of Everlast-
ing, with a prize record, was hired for 1918
at £3 payable at service and £5 additional
if the mare proved in foal, and for 1919
at £3 10s. at service and £5 10s. additional
if the mare proves in foal. He was
sold for £1417 10s. Baron Derby 16458
was hired for 1918 at £2 10s. at service
with £3 10s. when the mare proves in
foal. He was sold for £367 10s. Drexel
16548 was hired for 1918 at £3 10s. pay-
able at service, and £5 10s. additional
when the mare proves in foal, and for
1919 at £4 at service and £5 additional
when the mare proves in foal. He was
sold for £1627 10s. Dunure Diamond
15806 was hired for 1918 at £3 payable at
service and £3 additional when the mare
proves in foal. He was sold for £430 10s.
Baronet of Ballindalloch 17101 was hired
for 1918 at £3 at service with £3 ad-
ditional when the mare proves in foal, and
was sold for £682 10s. Baron Dollar
15133 was hired for £3 at service and £3
when the mare proves in foal and sold
for £451 10s. Scottish Crest 13182, hired
for 1918 at a premium of £150 with
service fee £1 per mare, and £2 additional
when mare proves in foal, sold to the
Society which had hired him (Nor-
thumberland) for £425 5s. He is fourteen
years of age. Suppose he serves 100
mares his price is a shade more than one
year's purchase. Morning Pride 17396,
hired for 1918 at £50 premium, with £2
at service and £3 additional if mare
proves in foal, sold for £525. Iron
Duke 13535, hired for 1918 at £50 pre-
mium, with \$1 10s. at service and £2
additional when mare proves in foal,
sold for £210. Imperial, a young un-
tried horse, rising three years old, hired
for 1918 at £3 at service and £5 additional
if mare proves in foal, and for 1919 at
£4 at service and £5 additional if mare
proves in foal was sold subject to both
contracts for £1470. Magnetism an-
other horse, of the same age, hired for
1918 at £3 at service and £4 additional
if mare proves in foal, sold for £829 10s.
The wages paid to the grooms of these
horses in so far as such engagements
formed part of the contract, were in
every case £2 per week for the season.