

wise in influence. The larger and strictly packing concerns command facilities for marketing products and for utilizing by-products which gives them an advantage over the co-operative concerns; they are in the market for stock not limited to a restricted area, and the natural competition among them in the absence of the interference of the co-operative establishments assures to the hog producer a full return for the animals, proportionate to what the best of business operations can produce in results from the product. The Canadian interest has more to gain in applying its intelligence and enterprise in the production of hogs of high quality on the most economical basis, thus encouraging the regular packing industry, which is the legitimate channel for disposition of such stock.

## COST OF LUMBERING.

Some interesting figures, showing the cost of getting out lumber in the woods of the central Ontario lake district, and what it costs to provision a lumber camp, are given by the Bobcaygeon Independent:

The cost of the operations and consumption of food in a camp of say twenty-five men is somewhat interesting. The cost of the logs, of course, varies greatly according to the nature of the country, the rate of wages, and the management of the boss. Under ordinary circumstances, when the average wage of men is say 85 cents a day, and teamsters \$1.50, the cost per thousand feet will be about \$4.75 on the dump, without taking into account the Government dues. In this amount the cost of cutting would only be about 84 cents a thousand, but the skidding costs as much as \$1.54, and the cutting of roads consumes 80 cents, while the hauling from skidways calls for about 85 cents a thousand feet.

The quantity of provisions consumed by a camp of say 25 men, during a winter's work, and say an average of eight teams for the drawing, is roughly estimated as follows: Hay, 20 tons; chop, 47,000 lbs.; pork, 4,300 lbs.; beef, 3,000 lbs.; flour, 5,000 lbs.; tea, 240 lbs; rice, 125 lbs.; sugar, 2,400 lbs.; currants and raisins, 560 lbs.; butter, 1,000 lbs.; beans, five bushels. On such an estimate, bought at ordinary medium prices, the daily cost of board per man will be 21c., and of a team of horses, 85c. Thirty years ago the food of the shantymen consisted solely of pork, bread and potatoes. Tea they had, but that was an extra, paid for by the men. Later on it was found that the more varied bill of fare indicated by the items in the above estimate was really cheaper than the pork and bread diet.

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				Sellers.	Buyers.	
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Ontario .....						245
Molson .....	190	190	14	190		111
Toronto .....						180
J. Cartier .....	162	162	1	162	160	150
Merchants .....	145	148	22		147½	120
Commerce .....						175
Union .....	166	166	58	170	165	109½
M. Telegraph .....	113½	113	177	113	112	331½
R. & O. Nav. .....	265	264	676	265	264½	207
Street Ry. .. x d	184½	183½	1157	184½	184	68½
Gas .....	97½	96½	500	97½	97	
C.P.R. ....						
Land Grant bds .....						
N. W. Land .....	180½	180½	3	190	180	177½
Bell Tele Co. x d						150
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