



WHAT THE BACON HOG MUST BE

Hog-raising is already prosperous in the province of Quebec, where there are almost 662,000 hogs or 397 per 1000 inhabitants. In 1901 there were only 245. The increase is therefore important. Must we conclude that progress in this line can make no further headway? I believe in such a country as the province of Quebec, where dairying is so well developed, leaving skim milk and whey as by-product, that the number of hogs could be doubled and perhaps tripled. I even know enthusiasts, who would like us to quadruple the hog population of this province.

We have seen, that there are over 760,000 dairy cows in the province; now, there is no doubt that the ration of 2 to 3 pigs can easily be completed by the skim milk of one cow. Therefore the hog population could easily attain 2,000,000.

Do not fear an under selling price. The British market, which is partly supplied by Canada, can easily dispose of a larger amount of bacon than is produced by our Canadian breeders. And a look over the statistics will convince us of the fact.

The British market disposes of an average of about 150,000 hogs weekly.

70,000	are supplied by	United States
35,000	" " "	Denmark
30,000	" " "	Canada
10,000	" " "	Ireland
5,000	" " "	Europe.

Therefore Canada does not supply 20 p.c. of the demand. And yet, we must remember that 75 p.c. to 80 p.c. of the bacon exported comes from Ontario. Then we can conclude that the hog production can take a still larger extension.