



WESTERN SHEEP FED ON SCREENINGS AT PORT ARTHUR AND SHORN BEFORE BEING SENT TO MARKET.

the sheep may sun themselves and take solid comfort lying upon the abundant bedding, composed of prairie hay and chaff, or eat at leisure from racks containing hay, or grain from rain-proof self-feeders, all of which are placed in a row throughout the center.

"We have a few, over a thousand, there, that are ready for sale and will be shipped in a few days," said the foreman, opening a door leading into one of the large barns. Here were hundreds of them that were not so fat but would soon be ready for market. In the other building were hundreds more. The barns have been built with the idea of having the sheep as comfortable as possible as well as to have convenient arrangements by which labor is saved in the taking care of them.

They are fed upon screenings bought by the car load from the city elevators and prairie hay. Plenty of water and rock salt is always before them. The hay is in racks placed in the center of each barn and running half the length. Water in troughs and boxes containing great chunks of rock salt taking up the remaining half of the center. It was amusing to see the sheep licking the salt into which deep holes were worn by the frequent application of each rough tongue.

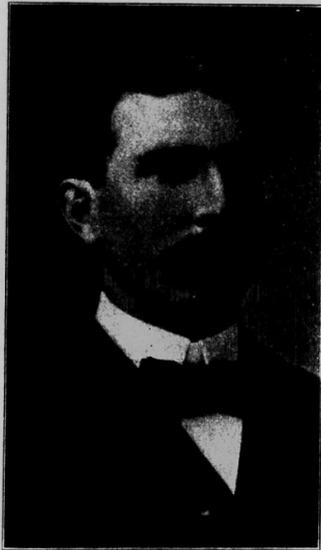
Screening self-feeders are built to the walls and take up the whole length of both sides of each building. On the outside of the barns are many small doors made at the right height so the screenings may be unloaded into the self-feeders from a wagon.

Screenings are composed of whole and broken wheat, small oats, flax, barley, wild buckwheat, chaff and fine broken stalks.

When the sheep arrive they are given very little of the screenings, the amount being gradually increased as they become accustomed to it, thus the danger of sickening any by change of feed is not so great. There were close upon 2000 being fattened and in all that flock I could not see a single sick or disabled animal. Just one that was extremely thin and it had not been there long, having come in the last car load.

Three thousand two hundred were fed and sold during the past winter. Fifty to one hundred each week, are killed at the company's slaughter

house, sold and delivered to the meat markets of the twin cities. Some are shipped by the car load to Toronto and other Eastern cities. They are fed at the barns for about ninety days before being ready to sell. They are bought throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan, by one who has an interest in the company, and are



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from one to five years old. They are of the South-down, Leicester and Merino breeds. In fact, they are all part Merino and the wool fetches the highest price on the market. They had been clipped just two weeks before my visit by men from St. Paul who make a business of such work and they certainly do the clipping well. The wool was in large bales covered with burlap, ready for shipment to Toronto and elsewhere.

There is a yard forty feet square in which a

large scale is stationed upon which thirty-five or forty sheep can be weighed at once. From this scale is a "shoot" leading into the waiting car. In this way 200 sheep can be weighed and loaded with very little trouble in a short time.

It is the intention of the Company to build more barns and yards so they will be in a position to handle a great many more than they have done in the past. They have men engaged to clear land and prepare the soil for turnips this spring, and each year the acreage will be increased until one hundred acres are ready for clover hay, turnips and potatoes.

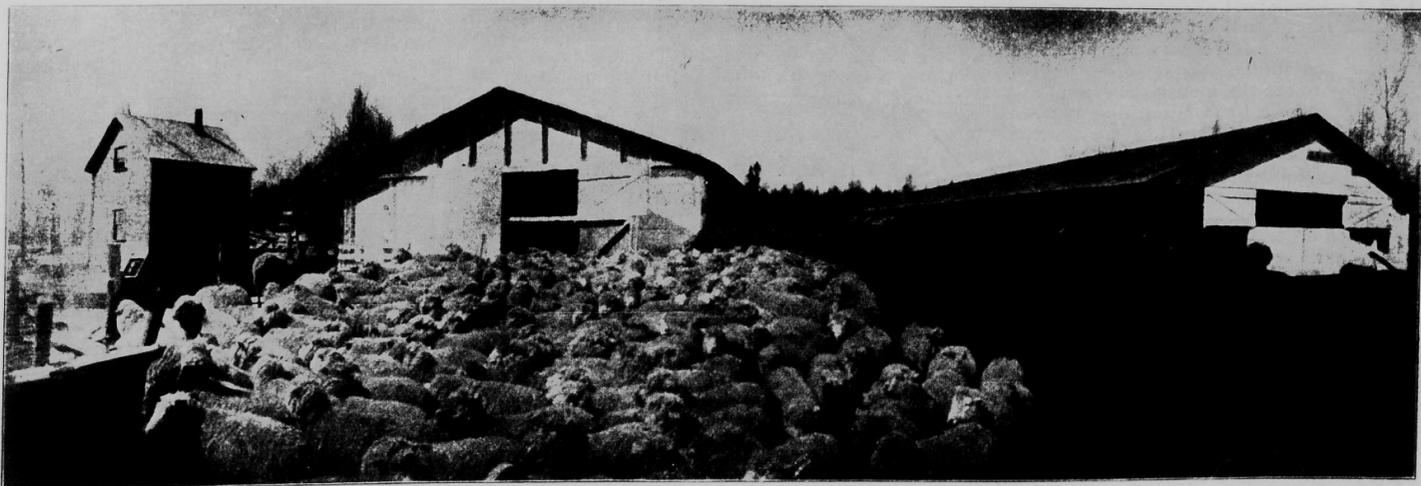
We, Port Arthur people are quite proud of our "ranch" and if any of the readers ever come this way and have a few hours between train and boat in which to see the city, the time would not be wasted by driving out to it, especially, if interested in the sheep business.

Swine Commission Appointed

In pursuance of an announcement made by Hon. Sidney Fisher in the Federal house a commission to enquire into the swine-raising industry in the leading pork producing countries has been appointed. This commission is composed of W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, Ont., W. Jones, Zenda, Ont., G. Garceau, Three Rivers, Que., J. E. Sinclair, P. E. I. and Joseph Rye, Duagh, Alta. The commission will inquire particularly into the conditions surrounding the raising and marketing of hogs in those countries competing with Canada in the bacon trade, namely Denmark and Ireland.

Demonstration Farm at Medicine Hat

The location of the demonstration farm at Medicine Hat has been finally decided on. It is situated within four miles of the city in a section typical of the conditions prevailing in the district. This year one hundred acres will be broken and prepared for seeding next spring. It is the intention of the department of agriculture to make a thorough demonstration of the dry farming methods known generally in the West as the Campbell system. A manager has been engaged to direct the work of the farm, the chief direction resting with Prof. H. W. Campbell, the apostle of the dry farming system.



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