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until the animal heat is entirely out of the body, and never tie the carcass up in a bag, as this keeps the air from circulating, and makes the meat more liable to become tainted.

It is very essential that the directions for dressing calves be followed, especially in regard to letting the calves cool off properly before shipping in hot weather, as hundreds of calves are received in bad order and sold for not much more than charges, and some do not bring freight. Numerous carcasses are also condemned by the health officers. They should hang up six or eight hours or over night in an airy place to properly cool off before shipping.

Calves under 50 lbs. should not be shipped and are liable to be condemned by the health officers as being unfit for food. Merchants, too, are liable to be fined, if found selling these slunks, for violation of the law. Very heavy calves, such as have been fed on buttermilk, never sell well in our marketthey are neither veal norbeef.—*Drover's Journal.*

ALBERTA FARMERS FAILED TO AGREE.

The conventions of the Alberta Farmers' Association and the Society of Equity, which met in Lacombe for the purpose of amalgamation, came to a disastrous ending and there are still two farmers' associations.

The meetings were held apart. On Thursday the business of each association was to appoint a committee to arrange upon a plan of amalgamation. The Equity society selected Col. Gregory of Lacombe, H. Strang of Claresholm, and W. J. Keene of Edmonton. The Alberta Farmers' Association selected as their representatives Rice Sheppard, Joshua Fletcher of Strathcona and E. N. Barker of Magrath.

The joint meeting was very successful. The name selected was the "Farmers' Union of Alberta." The question of the limitation of the boundaries was also considered and there seemed to be but little chance of trouble arising out of that.

When the committee appointed by the Farmers' Association returned they were confident of success and the convention regretted that they had not been empowered to close the affair then and there.

There were some details on the following morning to be settled and the understanding was that there should be another meeting between the two committees.

But when the committee from the Farmers' Association came along they found the other committee had been changed and that the most conciliatory member of it, Col. Gregory, had been retired and in his place Mr. Bald, a most uncompromising man, placed in his stead.

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this and protested, but they were told that the previous committee had done its work and this was a new committee.

Upon two questions there was trouble, upon the name and upon the boundaries. The Equity people were bent upon having the name Equity in it. They suggested as a name the Alberta Farmers' Society of Equity.

Upon the boundaries, too, there was dissension. The Alberta Farmers' Association desired it to be limited to Alberta, believing that by the extension of it there would be the same difficulty of a multiplicity of societies in other provinces, and they would be inflicting upon them the same trouble that they were up against in Alberta, that is two different societies. The Society of Equity would not agree to this.

Upon the question of a name, the Equity members suggested that it be referred to a vote by ballot to a mass meeting composed of members of both associations, three names to be subwitted for the ballot, namely the United For the ballot, namely the United For serve of Alberta, the Farmers' United Sciences and the Alberta

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