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Fattening Lambs for Market.

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of pigs and cattle, but from a pound to a pound and a half a day, in two feeds, of a mixture by weight of two parts oats, two parts peas, and one part bran, will be found ample. What is also essential is a ration of pulped roots twice a day, which can be fed with the mixture of grain scattered over them. Too many roots for breeding ewes is not advised, but for fattening lambs a liberal allowance can be given; all they will eat up clean is recommended, so long as no indication of scouring appears, when the quantity above must be reduced. Turnips are preferred, and it is important that they are not frozen. In their absence, stock beets or mangels can be used, but it may be found that they have to be fed in smaller quantities, particularly in the beginning of winter. This covers pretty well all that is absolutely required for winter feeding, and their small quantities, and their inexpensiveness, together with the light labor involved, should commend the undertaking to sheep-breeders. Compare the prices current on the Toronto market for 1909, when it was hovering around 6 cents, with what lambs sold for in March and April following, when 83 cents, 9 cents and 91 cents was paid. This means that a lamb weighing on December 1st 100 pounds would fetch \$6.00; and on April 1st, a lowing for a gain of 25 pounds for the four months' feeding, and selling at 9 cents, \$11.25, approaching double the first value. That the same market cond tions can be looked for this approaching winter, seems probable, as there are no signs in sight of any reduction in prices for meat of any description. Another feature about sheep is that, upon slaughter, they are found to have the lowest percentage of condemned carcasses of any of the food-producing animals, a fact which must commend their flesh as a healthful food, and it only remains for the breeders and feeders to give a continuous supply to the market of a better-finished article to establish a more stable and even better market

GOSSIP.

OGDEN ARMOUR ANALYZES MEAT SITUATION.

"The packers' prices to the retailers are based entirely on what we have to pay for the live animals," says J. Ogden Armour, the famous packer, with headquarters at Chicago. "Generally speaking, present prices are lower, and I believe they are working toward a still lower level. The present situation is the result of an enormous corn crop, and of previous high prices that stimulated everybody to raise live stock.

"The public is getting the benefit of present conditions, and should get further benefit as the increased supply of live stock comes to the market.

"The recent high price of meats and packing-house products cannot be attributed in any way to the packers, or to any combination of persons or firms engaged in the packing-house industry It has been due to conditions that developed from a scarcity and a high price for corn, which is the basis of the supply of live stock.

"('onditions in live-stock raising are bigger than any packer or set of packers. Our prices are based on what we have to pay for live stock, and the sooner the people and the world at large realize that fact, the better it will be for everybody

"I believe when that fundamental fact is understood generally, the people will be glad that they have the packing industry. No number of small concerns could begin to do business on so small a margin of profit as the packers."

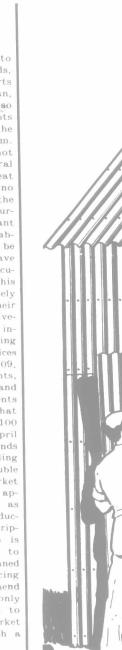
"Do you believe there will be an unusual drop in prices from the so-called high level?" Mr. Armour was asked.

You cannot expect to jump from abnormally high prices to much lower prices in a minute," he replied. "Such a movement requires time. It is my opinion, however, that this transition will be in favor of the consumer."

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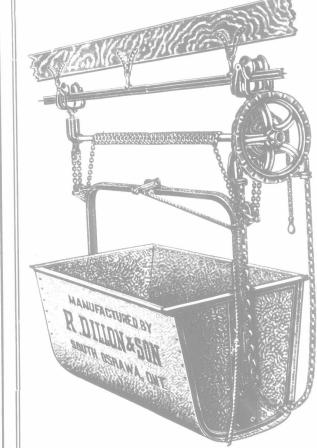
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