

"We think that about 25 per cent of the lambs coming here are not docked. Of course this is only a guess, as we have not taken the necessary pains to know definitely.

"Regarding the reduction in price due to the omission of castration we would say that after the first of September, buyers of lambs would give $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound and upwards more for ewe and wether bunches of lambs than they would for bunches of buck lambs. We are getting a bigger percentage of castrated lambs this year than we were last year, but there are still a large number of lambs coming here which should have been castrated."

"We find that practically 40 per cent of the lambs coming to our market are not docked nor castrated. On an average they sell at from 50 to 75 cents per cwt. less than ewes and wethers.

"At the present time there is a marked difference. Ewes and wethers have been bringing this week from \$7.90 to \$8.10 per cwt., while ram lambs have been bringing from \$6.75 to \$7 per cwt."