

business altogether, while others had decided to do so. All this is now changed, and the Ontario breeders are again beginning to import desirable animals from Britain to replenish their present herds, and we may now confidently look for a continued advance in the quality and number of the purebred flocks and herds in Ontario.

It has been said by some that the reduced rates on purebred stock has had the effect of causing breeders to ask larger prices than formerly for their animals, and that the reduced rates have simply gone into the pockets of the breeders, and have not benefited the buyers. On careful enquiry we find that this is not the case. The demand and the supply govern the price of purebred animals as well as that of other goods.

Another effect has been noticed as the result of increased activity in the purebred trade. A few animals have been sold for breeding purposes which should never have been used for that purpose. There are a certain class of persons who always desire to buy cheap. This is a very unwise course when buying purebred animals. It has been truthfully said that the male is half the flock or herd, yet there are farmers who are so short-sighted that for the sake of saving a few dollars will buy a cheap and inferior sire. To all such we emphatically say that a first-class line-bred grade is more desirable than a poor, scrawny, scrubby thing that is registered. There is no necessity for buying animals of inferior quality. There are plenty of good animals of good breeding, and the purchase of a poor purebred animal is nearly always evidence of penuriousness or bad judgment on the part of the buyer.

The shipments to the Northwest have in most cases been animals of from good to superior quality, yet there has been a few shipped in the Association cars which never should have left the owner's stable other than in a butcher's wagon. Many of the good animals sent West were bought by the secretary or other officers of the Live Stock Associations.

These gentlemen prefer that the eastern or western buyers purchase the animals from the breeders themselves, but in cases where they cannot do this, the secretary or other officer will purchase for foreign buyers. Heretofore no charge has been made for this work except the actual or legitimate expenses incurred while doing the buying. This has never exceeded from two to five per cent. of the cost price of the animal.

Frequently no expenses are incurred and no charges made. In every case, with one exception, where the purchasing has been done by an officer of the Live Stock Associations, entire satisfaction has been given. The following are a number of testimonials received from foreign customers:

Morley, Alberta, June 17th, 1899.

Indian Mission, Methodist Church, John McDougall, Chairman.
F. W. Hodson, Esq., Toronto:

DEAR SIR,—I am particularly pleased with the Bulls. They have been brought through in good shape, and my son and self congratulate ourselves on them. The gentleman who had them in charge did his duty by the stock entrusted to his care as there is ample evidence of same.

Thanking you for your interest in us I am,

Yours truly,
JOHN MCDUGALL

Prince Albert, June 14, '99.

F. W. Hodson, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association:

DEAR SIR,—I reply to yours of June 5th re shipment of three bulls here. I must say they arrived O.K.

Yours truly,
THOS. S. DAVIS,
Per T.P. Manager.

Morden, June 13th.

F. W. Hodson:

DEAR SIR,—The pig shipped to me June 3rd has arrived safe and in good condition. I am well pleased both with the pig and his treatment. Pedigree also to hand.

Yours truly,
LEMON JICKLING

The Grange, Stonewall, Man., June 12th, 1899.

F. W. Hodson, Esq.:

DEAR SIR,—Thanks for yours of the fifth inst. The two sows and boar arrived here on Saturday last (the 10th) in very good condition. They don't look any the worse for their long journey. Many thanks for the trouble you have taken.

Yours faithfully,
T. BRADFORD

Virden, June 12th, 1899.

F. W. Hodson, Esq.:

DEAR SIR,—The bull calf shipped to me arrived all right, and in good condition.

Yours truly,
W. G. LEASK

Regina, Northwest Territories, Canada, May 27th, 1899

F. W. Hodson, Esq., Superintendent Farmers' Institutes, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.:

DEAR SIR,—I have your letter of the 15th instant, advising me of a shipment of an Ayrshire bull calf from W. M. and J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. The calf has arrived safely and in good condition, and I am much pleased with it.

Yours very truly,
J. C. POPE.

Calgary, Alberta, May 29th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to thank you for your letter of 15th inst., regarding my thoroughbred stock, and am glad to inform you that they arrived on 25th inst., at Calgary, in good condition. I also wish to thank you for arranging the matter for me in such a thoroughly satisfactory way. I think the condition in which the cattle were on arrival did great credit to the man in charge. Believe me, with many thanks,

Yours very truly,
A. L. S. d'EYNCOURT.

Souris, Man., May 22nd, 1899.

Mr. F. W. Hodson, Toronto:

DEAR SIR,—May 20th the young bull shipped in "Association Car" reached his destination. Arrived in good condition. Everything satisfactory. Many thanks.

Yours truly,
J. H. KINNEAR.

The Clydesdale Ranch, Millarville P.O., Alta., May 26th, '99.

F. W. Hodson, Esq.:

DEAR SIR,—I had my bull yesterday morning No. 10. I am very much pleased in the way which he has been cared for on the way here. He was looking well and feeling in good form when he landed. I thank you very much for all the trouble you have taken in my interests.

I am, yours very truly,
ROBERT TURNER.