is really of stocker grade from want of high finish. Some of it, apparently full-fleshed and fat, but it does not stand shipment well. Unless we feed to a higher finish so as to get higher prices and better shipping qualities, the returns to the producer must be only moderate. If we had a good cold storage system of transportation and local abbatoirs the producer would gain by there may be a supported to the state products of the carcasses. "A striking example of what we are now doing is seen in our inability to profit by our market in the r shboring province of British Columbia. A good deal of our stuff goes into British Columbia, but it does not reach the coast, and 30,000 or more muttons are brought from Seattle and other American points by Vancouver dailers, principally for the Yukon trader. "We derive high freeight rates through the mountains from the prairies, A carcosts \$\frac{1}{2}\$ such exists \$\frac{1}{2}\$ such enhanced price in view of the high freeight rates through the mountains from the prairies, A carcosts \$\frac{1}{2}\$ such exists \$\frac{1}{2}\$ such exists \$\frac{1}{2}\$ or the coast, and if it earcosts \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to the coast, and if it earis really of stocker grade from want

the high freight rates through the mountains from the prairies. A car costs \$120 to the coast, and if it carries two hundred sheep, this would mean 60 cents a head, or the amount of the duty of 20 per cent. on a \$3,00 per head basis. The rate of duty, however, runs more nearly 50 cents per head. It is according to invoke, of course, but the principle of course, but the principle of the coast of the coast

the one about balances the duty on the other, but the shrinkage on grass stuff weighed up at the coast market amounts to twelve or thirteen per cent. We shall require a better finish to our stuff and a better sale before we can get this market.

Is not this good proof that the duty on sheep coming into this country is not high enough. Mr. McCuaig's statement I might add, "and a higher duty on sheep to protect our home market." Just to think of 20,000 American sheep coming into this country market." Just to think of 20,000 American sheep coming into this country and sheep "going to the dogs," as some of your correspondents have said. According to Mr. McCusaig's own statement, the Americans now hold a large percentage of the mutton trade of British Columbia. Is not this a said state of affairs in a -producing country such as

ours is?

At the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the National Wool Growers'
Association of the United States, no
less a person than President Warren
defends the tariff on wool by the following: "To remove the tariff or
duty on wool would be to practically
blot out our flocks, to compel our
manufacturers to depend on foreign
of woollen goods to consumers without any benefit to this country for
the sheep and wool grown."

Now, since our country has no duty

out any benefit to this country for the sheep and wool grown."

Now, since our country has no duty on wool, according to Mr. Warren's reasoning, our flocks must be diminishing. Likewise in every letter written on the subject in The Robert of the State of the sheep industry. Mr. Warren's claim that a removal of the duty would compel manufacturers to depend upon foreign wool is worthy of note. This is exactly the case in Canada today. Most of our large woollen mills are using foreign wool entirely. While attending the Ottawa show a few weeks ago I learned from a reliable source that woollen manufacturers were in a combine, which in itself would keep wool down somewhat in price.

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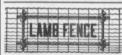
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South America. What good to the sheep industry is an establishment of that kind in the country. When we have industry is an establishment of that kind in the country. When we have in the control of the country of the

nutron."

In your editorial you state that the National Live Stock Convention concluded that shoddy and cotton are the cause of cheap wool. I contend that as wool is second to lamb, so is shoddy and cotton second to the tariff. Good shoddy is dearer than wool fooday. Then if shoddy be the cause, raise the duty to 100 per cent. and keep the stuff out of the country the same as the United States do with the woollen robes made at Galt. We have only 35 per cent. against the U.

the woollen robes made at Galt. We have only 35 per cent. against the U. S. robe, so that the Americans by making a lighter robe compete with us in our own market.

There has recently been a sale of one man's wool in the United States, which netted \$22,000. What a pity he did not live in Canada. He might have got \$1,000 of or it. But, of course, you say wool is only of secondary consideration, so what must his lambs have brought?

How long are farmers and live

have brought?

How long are farmers and live stock associations going to keep mum and allow Americans to flood this country with pure-bred stallions and bulls, and we cannot take even a sheep to that country, pure-bred or grade, without paying the duty. I believe in fair play. How is it that so live in the play have been plies so much of the thread whether than the property of th and see to our interests.

JNO. B. LLOYD-JONES, Burford, Ont.

Consolidated Rural School

Dr. J. W. Robertson, Agricultural and Dairy Commissioner, on May 5th addressed a meeting at Guelph, of the trustees and others interested in the proposed new consolidated school at the Ontario Agricultural College. proposed new consolidated school at the Ontario Agricultural College. The schools coming into the consolidation are Nos. 1, 4 and 7, and probably No. 6, in Guelph township, and No. 2 in Puslinch. The plans are completed and it is expected that the school will be opened this autumn. Dr. Robertson referred to the success of the consolidated school at Middle-school view of the consolidated school at Middle-school will be opened with go per cent. compared with go per cent. in the old schools, while the maximum attendance has grown from 280 to 400. The Quebes and P.E.I. schools will be built this year.