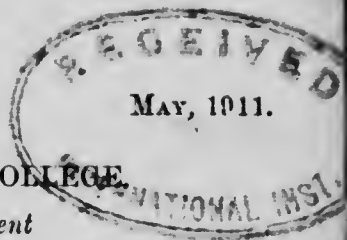


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Manitoba's Hog Market

Production in the Past.

The Manitoba hog growers who have been raising and marketing hogs for a number of years can tell many interesting stories about the market. Most of the time it has either been up or down and the rest of the time it has been going rapidly either up or down. This condition, it is true, has not been exactly conducive to the most healthful growth of the swine industry in the Province. The number of hogs produced in the Province has increased and decreased from time to time, apparently in an endeavor to keep pace with the market. On the average, however, there has been a gradual increase in the number produced annually during the past thirty years, though this increase has by no means kept pace with the increase in consumption of pork. As much as one thousand car-loads, or \$3,000,000 worth of pork, was shipped into Western Canada during the past year. This came partly from the East and partly from the South, and consisted chiefly of hams and bacon and a small amount of lard. This large amount of imported pork was required to supply the local demand in spite of the fact that the price of live hogs on the Winnipeg market during the year was as good as the price paid anywhere else on the continent.

Up to the present time the Manitoba hog market has been an entirely local market. The amount of pork produced has never been greater than the amount required for consumption. With the rapidly increasing population in the West, it is safe to say that for some time to come at least there will be a local demand for all the pork that can be produced in the Province. Should the local demand be filled, there is always a ready export demand for Canadian pork. The hog grower who has remained steadily in the business in the past has made money and the farmer who will make swine an item in the management of his farm steadily from year to year in the future will make money on that item.

Market Type.

In no line of live stock production does type play a more important part than it does with swine. A great deal has been said about the