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This spring the Animal Husbandry Department of Manitoba Agricultural College will endeavor to direct some of these young ewes back to farmers, who want to get into sheep. Anyone therefore, who would like to get young breeding ewes, which will be well grown and ready to breed next fall, or who has the stock for sale, may correspond with the College and make arrangements for the selection, purchase or sale, and shipment of a lot of this stock. When instructions have been given the College authorities to secure a certain number of sheep at approximate prices, the lot will be selected from the market offerings or from farm flocks. In the meantime the buyer will have sent forward his marked cheque or bank reference to cover the cost of the sheep, then the shipment will go forward by freight to the buyer. There can be no undertaking on the part of the College to bear any part of the expense of distributing sheep, other than the expense of making the selections. All other costs, including those of loading, yarding, insurance in the yards and feeding in transit must be borne by the buyer. Those wishing to avail themselves of the services of the College Animal Husbandry Department should correspond as soon as possible, in order that the work may be organized and the early shipments to market culled for breeding stock.

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Altho at this season of the year feeds are usually scarce and rather expensive, yet liberal but judicious feeding will give greater profits when the stock eventually goes on summer pasture. Don't forget the animals' needs for succulent feeds in March and April. If roots and ensilage are not available molasses makes a good substitute.



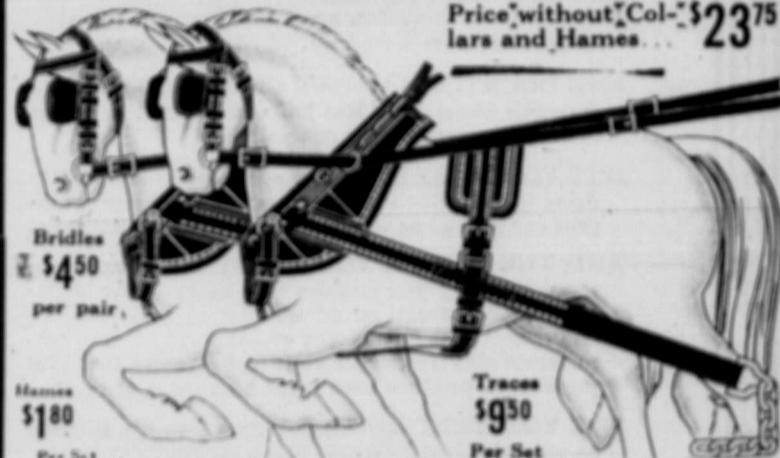
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