

17. Is the general condition of the farmers and of the labouring classes improved since 1878?

18. What changes, if any, in legislation are required to make agriculture a more desirable and profitable occupation?

## ANSWERS TO PRECEDING QUESTIONS.

1. I think it would not be in their interest to admit any.
2. I think it has had the effect of raising the price of all coarse grains, more especially of oats and rye.
3. In my judgment it has helped to raise the price of these products by giving the producers more control over their own markets. I think the price of spring wheat has been most beneficially affected, especially Scotch wheat, which is mostly produced in this section.
4. It has, without doubt given a better market and consequently better prices.
5. It has.
6. I find horses the most profitable stock to breed at present. I don't think they ever commanded a better price. A large number of horses have gone from here to the Manitoba market, and there is at present a good home market. There is also a good demand for draught horses for lumbering purposes.
7. I believe he can. I do not think it would pay better to import American corn.
8. I believe it has largely improved.
9. Probably he would—I think we are in a much better position now than formerly to negotiate.
10. I believe it has improved the market.
11. I cannot say as none of these are cultivated in this section.
12. I think they are cheaper now, and the quality is quite as good, if not better.
13. I do not think either woollen or hardware are increased. If anything woollens are cheaper. I have not observed any increase in cottons.
14. I believe it has. The purchasing power of the labouring classes has increased, and as a consequence the home market is much better.
15. I certainly believe it has.
16. I think so. They have largely increased in value. Money is more plentiful and there is a better market for farm products.
17. There is a very marked improvement.
18. With the exception of a reasonable increase in the duty on pork, I would not suggest any change at present.

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1. No.
2. The price of oats, corn and rye has been increased.
3. It has raised the price of hard spring wheat 10 cents per bushel.
4. The price of hams, bacon, lard, &c., has been increased 25 per cent.
5. Yes.
6. First class horses are shipped to Europe; the United States is our best market for ordinary horses.
7. Yes to the first question. It will pay the Canadian Farmer to raise his own coarse grain.
8. Yes. 9. Yes; Yes.
10. It has created a demand for our coarse wool for manufacturing, and will have a tendency to increase sheep husbandry.
11. No answer.