

## GOSPEL.

## RESULTS OF CATTLE FED BY SWIFT &amp; CO., SOUTH ST. PAUL, MIN.

About the 15th of November we put ninety-nine steers on feed at South St. Paul. These cattle were bought on the market from different commission men as feeders, not having flesh enough for killing purposes. Most of these cattle were from North Dakota and Minnesota, having been bred and raised there.

About half of these cattle were killed after being on feed five months, and the other half were on feed six months, making the average of the bunch of cattle five and a half months on feed. They averaged 1,070 lbs. when going into the feed lot, and averaged 1,557 lbs. after being fed, making an average gain of 487 lbs. per head, or a gain of about three lbs. per day per head.

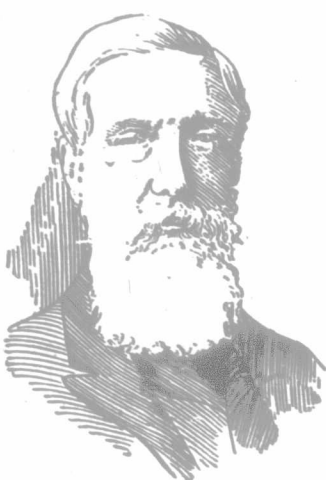
We started these cattle on ear corn, just giving them a few ears apiece at first, but kept gradually increasing quantity each day, until at the end of thirty days we had the cattle on full feed. After that we fed them corn meal, oil meal, and bran, in the following proportions: About 24 lbs. corn meal, 4 lbs. bran and 4 lbs. oil meal per head a day. We fed them twice a day, giving them half of this feed in the morning and half at night. For roughness, we fed them all the prairie hay they wanted to eat, kept salt by them all the time, and plenty of good water.

It is very necessary in starting a bunch of cattle to feed them light at first and gradually increase the feed, so that when you want to put them on full feed their stomachs are in condition to stand it. Do not figure that our cattle made any particular gain for the first thirty days, as it takes thirty days to get a steer in condition so that he will stand full feed. After the cattle were on full feed, we fed them all they would eat, and the above amounts show what each steer would eat, taking it one day with another.

When we killed these cattle, they were very prime. The whole bunch yielded 63 per cent. beef to each 100 lbs. live weight.

They were fed in an open lot with an

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open shed for shelter (on the north end). During the cold weather we kept the yard well bedded with straw, and the cattle at all times seemed very comfortable. We do not approve of tying cattle up and keeping them in a barn where they do not get any exercise, as we are satisfied that cattle do not do near as well that way as they do if they run in a yard where they have shelter.

We did not take any particular pains in feeding this bunch of cattle, only that we were very particular to get them on to full feed right. If cattle are fed too much on the start, and their stomachs are not in condition to stand heavy feed, it sets them back, and they will not get over it for some time. During the time we had these cattle on feed, there were a great many feeders and shippers who looked at them, and all thought that they had done remarkably well. Any farmer can feed a bunch of cattle the same as we fed these, and do it at a great deal less expense, as it was necessary for us to buy everything that we fed them, and also hire all our work done.

In order to have a bunch of cattle do well, and show good gains, in the first place, you must have the right kind of cattle. You must have a well-made, blocky, growthy steer going into the feed lot in order to get good results—a poor feeder will eat as much as a good one, and will not put on near the gain, and will not sell for near as much when he is put on the market.

The result of our feeding demonstrates that cattle-feeding can be as successfully done in Minnesota and Dakota as Iowa, and more should be fed. As Minnesota ships in from the south fully 80,000 carcasses beef each year, why not feed them in Minnesota?—Circular letter, No. 542, Northern Pacific R.R.

A. P. Grout, Parkdale, Man., a dairyman of note, has added to his head the yearling Holstein bull, Paul Teake De Kol 3513 from the Potter herd.

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