

" This season's lambs offered for sale up to October 1 showed about 75 per cent bucks; since October 1 about 25 per cent bucks.

" This pronounced variation in periods is undoubtedly due to the fact that on October 1, 1913, there was a ruling made at the Live Stock Exchange, Toronto, to deduct 75 cents per head on all buck lambs. In the early part of this season the inspection was discontinued and has not been re-established. Our assumption is



Position of the knife in docking lambs.

that the shippers generally understood it would be established October 1, which is the reason for shipping buck lambs prior to October 1. The fact that the ruling was established last year undoubtedly has been the means of increasing castration by the raisers of the country."

" We judge about one-third of our early native lambs which arrive at this market during July, August and September have not been castrated nor doeked. However, the balance of the year the native lambs are practically all castrated.

" In regard to our western range lambs will add, that it is very seldom that a lamb is found which has been neglected in either regard and we find them much more desirable, from not only a killer's standpoint, but for feeding purposes as well.

" Your campaign along these lines should receive the approval and co-operation of every farmer throughout Canada, as it will mean dollars to every man who raises lambs."