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Farm Notes

FINISHING BEEF CATTLE

It is impossible to market the best kind of beef-producing cattle unless the proper type of steer is given the right kind of feed an dfinish. Many Ontario feeders raise a few steers and supplement these by purchasing a few others. Then there are some who concentrate upon finish, purchasing stockers for this purpose. The cheap or common feeder, one that is inferior in breed and type, is nearly always a loser. Steers of good breeding and type should always be bought in preference to the inferior. They will cost a few cent, more, but they will make full use of their feed and produce results.

Fattening cattle thrive better running loose in a pen than when tied in stalls. Steers [illegible] to be tied loose [illegible] be dehorned.

The prevalence and [illegible] of dehorning are fully discussed in Bulletin No. 27 of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

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The [illegible] hays are the most important in the dry roughage class. Feeds balanced with legume hay give good results. Clover, alfalfa and sweet clover hay are the most common in Ontario. Of the succulent roughages corn ensilage is the most satisfactory. Corn is the best grain followed by barley. Oats are a better grain for growing than for fattening. The economy of or profits to be obtained from beef feeding depends upon the amount of homegrown feeds available. Roughages and grain can be grown, which leaves only the high-grade protein concentrates to be purchased.

BUTTERMAKING ON THE FARM

There is still a great many farmers who are not within reach of a well-managed creamery, and as a result [illegible] that [illegible] farm [illegible] than when [illegible] Stoves [illegible] be dehorned.

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