

News And Views Of And For Farmers

The Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto. Feb. 8.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$11.25 to \$11.90; do, good heavy, \$10.50 to \$11.00; butchers' cattle, choice, \$10.75 to \$11.00; do, good, \$10.25 to \$10.50; do, medium, \$9.50 to \$9.75; do, common, \$8.50 to \$9.00; butchers' bulls, choice, \$9.50 to \$10.00; do, good, \$8.75 to \$9.00; do, medium, \$8.00 to \$8.50; do, rough, \$7.50 to \$8.00; butchers' cows, choice, \$9.50 to \$10.00; do, good, \$8.50 to \$9.00; do, medium, \$7.75 to \$8.00; stockers, \$7.00 to \$7.50; feeders, \$6.50 to \$7.00; canners and cutters, \$5.75 to \$6.25; milkers, good to choice, \$9.00 to \$12.00; do, com. and med., \$6.00 to \$8.00; springers, \$9.00 to \$10.00; light cows, \$12.50 to \$14.00; sheep, heavy, \$6.00 to \$7.25; yearlings, \$11.75 to \$12.75; lambs, \$17.50 to \$18.50; calves, good to choice, \$15.00 to \$15.50; hogs, fed and watered, \$13.50 to \$14.00; do, weighed off cars, \$13.75; do, f.o.b., \$13.75.

Montreal. Feb. 8.—Butcher cattle—Steers, choice, average, \$11.25 to \$11.50 (few at \$11.75); good, \$10.50 to \$11; medium, \$9.50 to \$10; cwt. Bulls, choice, \$10.50 to \$11; good, \$9.50 to \$10; medium, \$8.75 to \$9.25; and canners, \$7 to \$7.50; cwt. Cows, good, \$9.50 to \$10; medium, \$8.75 to \$9.25; cutters, \$6.25 to \$7; and canners, \$5.50 to \$5.75; cwt.

Chicago. Feb. 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 16,000; market unsettled; beefs, \$8.60 to \$14.15; stockers and feeders, \$7.50 to \$10.50; cows and heifers, \$6.50 to \$11.00; calves, \$9.50 to \$11.50. Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; market strong; light, \$18.45 to \$17.20; mixed, \$16.70 to \$17.25; heavy, \$16.60 to \$17.25; rough, \$16.60 to \$17.25; rough, \$16.60 to \$17.25; light, \$16.50 to \$17.25; bulk of sales, \$17.00 to \$17.20. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; market steady; lambs, native, \$14.75 to \$15.75.

Buffalo. Feb. 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 600; easier. Calves—Receipts, 100; steady. Hogs—Receipts, 3,700; strong; heavy, mixed and yorkers, \$17.40; few, \$17.50; light yorkers, \$16.50 to \$16.75; pigs, \$16.25 to \$16.50; roughs, \$16.50 to \$15.75; stags, \$14.00 to \$14.50. Sheep—Receipts, 1,200; steady; lambs, \$14.00 to \$18.50; few, \$18.65; others unchanged.

Winnipeg. Feb. 8.—Live stock offerings at the yards were \$20 cattle and 1,781 hogs. Cattle and hog market steady. Stockers and milk cow trade dull. Quotations: Butcher steers, \$7 to \$12; heifers, \$7 to \$16.50; cows, \$4.50 to \$9.25; bulls, \$5.50 to \$8.75; oxen, \$5 to \$9; stockers and feeders, \$7 to \$9.50; calves, \$6.50 to \$11.50. Hogs—Receipts, \$18; heavies, \$13.50 to \$14.75; sows, \$12 to \$13; light, \$13 to \$14.50.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Toronto. Feb. 8.—Manitoba wheat—in store, Fort William nominal (including 2 1/2% tax); No. 1 northern, \$2.23 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$2.20 1/2; No. 3 northern, \$2.17 1/2; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10 1/2.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 89 1/2%; No. 3 C.W., 84 1/2%; extra No. 1 feed, 83 1/2%; No. 1 feed, 80 1/2%; in store Fort William.

Ontario wheat—New crop, No. 2, \$2.22, basis in store, Montreal.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 91c to 92c, nominal; No. 3, 90c to 91c.

Barley—Maltine, new, \$1.58 to \$1.60, according to freight.

Peas—No. 2, \$3.70 to \$4.80, according to freight.

Ontario flour—Winter, in new bags, prompt shipment, war quality, \$10.60, Toronto delivery; \$10.60 Montreal, prompt shipment.

Buckwheat—\$1.60 to \$1.62.

Manitoba flour—War quality, \$11.10, Toronto.

Milled—Carlots, delivered, Montreal freight, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35; shorts, \$40; white middlings, \$45 to \$46; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.40.

Hay—Track, Toronto, No. 1, \$16 to \$17; mixed, \$13 to \$16. Straw—Carlots, \$9.50 to \$9.

Montreal. Feb. 8.—Corns, American No. 1 yellow, \$2.15 to \$2.20. Oats, Canadian, western, No. 3, \$1.95; extra No. 1 feed, \$1.82; No. 2 local white, \$1.94 1/2; No. 3 local white, 89 1/2%. Flour, Manitoba, spring wheat patents, \$11.60; seconds, \$11.10; strong bakers, \$10.30; straight rollers, bags, \$5.25 to \$5.40. Rolled oats, bags, 90 lbs., \$5.30. Bran, \$3.50. Shorts, \$4.00. Middlings, \$48 to \$50. Moullins, \$56 to \$58. Hay, No. 2, per ton, carlots, \$14.50 to \$15.50.

Winnipeg. Feb. 8.—Cash prices—Oats—No. 2 C.W., 89 1/2%; No. 3 C.W., 84 1/2%; extra No. 1 feed, 83 1/2%; No. 1 feed, 80 1/2%; No. 2 feed, 77 1/2%. Barley—No. 3, \$1.60; No. 4, \$1.55; rolled, \$1.30; feed, \$1.20. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., \$2.55; No. 2 C.W., \$2.24; No. 3 C.W., \$2.04 1/2.

Chicago. Feb. 8.—Corns—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3, do., \$1.77 1/2; No. 4, do., \$1.65 to \$1.70. Oats—No. 2 white, 87 1/2 to 87 3/4; standard, 75 1/2 to 84; No. 2, nominal. Barley—\$1.75 to \$1.78. Timothy—\$5 to \$8.25; clover, \$21 to \$30.

The Kingston Market

Kingston, Feb. 9th.

Dairy Products.

Butter, creamery, 50 52
Butter, farm, 46 46
Cheese, lb., 35 35
Eggs, fresh, doz., 75 75
Eggs, storage, 55 55
Oleomargarine, 36 35

Fish.

Cod, lb., 10 12 1/2
Eels, lb., 12 12 1/2
Flounders, lb., 12 12 1/2
Fillets, lb., 22 22
Piran Haddie, lb., 18 18
Hake, lb., 12 12 1/2
Haddock, fresh, lb., 12 12 1/2
Halibut, fresh, lb., 10 10
Herring, fresh, lb., 10 10
Klipper, cot., 60 60
Oysters, qt., 70 100
Perch, lb., 12 12 1/2
Pike, lb., 12 12 1/2
Rockfish, lb., 25 30
Salmon, lb., 25 30
Smelts, lb., 20 20
Tillesh, lb., 12 12 1/2

**Trout, salmon, lb., 18 20
Norway Cod, 20 20
White fish, lb., 18 20 (fresh)**

Fruit.

Apples, peck, 60 60
Bananas, doz., 30 30
Dates, lb., 25 25
Lemons, doz., 40 40
Oranges, doz., 50 50

Grain.

Barley, bush, 1.50
Bran, ton, 37.00 38.00
Buckwheat, bush, 1.85
Corn, meal, cwt, 6.00
Corp. yellow feed, bush, 2.40
Flour, owl, 14.00 17.00
Hay baled, ton, 13.00 15.00
Hay, loose, ton, 13.00 15.00
Middlings, ton, 1.10
Oats, Me., bush, 1.00
Oats, local, bush, 45.00 45.00
Shorts, ton, 10.00
Straw, baled, ton, 8.00
Straw, loose, ton, 8.00
Wheat, local, bush, 2.40

Meats.

Beef, 15 20
Cuts, lb., 15 20
Local carcase, lb., 15 18
Local, hinds, lb., 20 20
Local, fronts, lb., 15 15
Western carcase, lb., 19 15
Western front, lb., 19 15
Western hinds, lb., 22 22
Hogs, live, cwt., 19.00
Hogs, dressed, cwt., 26.00
Mutton, 25 25

Poultry.

Chickens, dressed, lb., 25 28
Chickens, live, lb., 25 25

The Kingston Market

Vegetables.

Beets, bus., 75 1.00
Cabbage, head, 10 10
Carrots, bus., 75 75
Celery, bunch, 8 10
Lettuce, bunch, 10 10
Parsnips, bunch, 10 10
Potatoes, bush., 1.75 1.75
Onions, dry, lb., 5 5

Hides, Etc.—John McKay, Limited.

Goose down, per lb 75
Red Foxes, Prime No. 1, up to 15.00
Raccoon, up to 5.00
Skunks, up to 3.00
Mink, up to 5.00
Hides, green trimmed, 3 lbs., lb. 12
Lamb skins, fresh up to 4.50
Veal Skins, lb., 25
Deacon skins, No. 1 large, 5.00
Tallow Cakes, 10 12
Wool, washed, lb., 70
Wool, unwashed, 50
Horse hides, No. 1 large, 12
Beeswax, lb. up to 32
Crossed wax, up to 2.50
Kips, up to 13
Beaver, up to 20.00
Otter, up to 12.00
Black Bear, up to 30.00
Fisher, up to 30.00
Cross Fox, up to 50.00
Lynx, up to 37.00
Marten, up to 30.00
Wolf, up to 10.00
Badger, up to 2.50
Weasel, up to 1.25

A Tribute To The Cow

The following credited to Col. F. M. Woods, the well-known auctioneer of Lincoln, Neb., in opening a sale of cattle some time ago: "Grand and noble brute, of all man's animal friends she is the greatest! To her we owe the most to which she enters and note the rejoicing she be blotted out. A Sunday stillness would pervade the great stock yards of our large cities and grass would grow in the streets. One-half the freight trains that plow the continent from ocean to ocean sidetrack, for there would be nothing for them to do. Fifty per cent of the employees would draw no pay on Saturday night and our tables would be bare of one of the greatest luxuries with which they are now loaded. The great plains of the west, like the rose, would revert to the Indians from whence they came and millions of prosperous homes would be destroyed.

"None other is like the cow. There is not a thing from nose to tail but that is utilized by man. We use her horns to comb out hair; her skin is on our feet and horse's backs; her

hair keeps the plaster on our walls; her hoof makes glue, and her tail makes soap. She gives us our cream, our milk, our butter and cheese, and her flesh is the meat of all nations. Her blood is used to make our sugar white; her bones, when ground make valuable fertilizer, and even the contents of her paunch she has herself put through the first chemical process for the manufacture of the best quality of white board paper and now it has been discovered that this paper can be made into the best false teeth.

"O, you who would abuse the cow, I wish that I could for once take from your table, as you are about to sit down to the evening meal, all that the cow has placed thereon. I would take the cup of milk sitting by the baby's chair, I would take the cream biscuit, the custard, the cream for coffee, the butter, the cheese, the smoking roast of beef or stake or the cold corned plate of juicy meat. In fact, I would leave you to make your meal upon Irish potatoes, beet pickles and toothpicks.

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PAID GOVERNMENT HALF OF EARNINGS

U. S. Steel Corporation Took in Nearly Sixty Million Dollars.

New York, Feb. 8.—The United States Fuel Corporation paid to the federal government more than half of its earnings in the final quarter of 1917, according to a statement of the corporation.

Total earnings for that period amounted to \$39,724,125, after making allowance for \$69,950,264 paid into the government treasury as war income on excess profits. Net income for the final quarter was \$48,035,244 and surplus for the same period amounted to \$16,255,272.

This compares with total earnings of \$68,243,784, net income of \$55,245,377, and surplus of \$21,824,554 for the previous quarter.

In keeping with expectations, the directors declared an "extra" dividend of 3 per cent, on the common stock, in addition to the regular common dividend of 1 1/2, and preferred 3 1/2. Including a Red Cross dividend of one per cent, voted in the second quarter, total distributions on the common shares for 1917 amounted to 18 per cent.

Total earnings for 1917 aggregated \$231,668,131, after charging off \$212,467,545 to government taxes, etc. It is expected this amount will be increased to \$235,000,000 when the final returns are made to Washington.

In 1916, when no appropriations were made for war income and excess profits, the corporation's total earnings were \$342,397,992.

Chairman Gay stated that the corporation has no new financing in contemplation and that its liquid assets are more than sufficient to meet all requirements.

Dividend on Coniagas, Toronto, Feb. 8.—Directors of

Coniagas Mines announce a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. This is the first dividend since last August, when two and a half per cent was paid. The November dividend was passed. The company paid twelve and a half per cent in all in 1917, or \$500,000. The present two and a half per cent dividend means a disbursement of \$100,000.

Commercial Notes.

The National Refining Company has declared a stock dividend of 4 per cent, on common stock; former dividends in cash at the rate of 3 1/2 a year.

Westinghouse Electric Co. is booked many months ahead on domestic business, and it also has domestic contracts. Almost 28,000 men are employed, and the semi-monthly payroll is around \$1,200,000.

New York Air Brake is in a position where in 1918 it is almost certain to have a much bigger year than in 1917. This statement is founded upon the fact that the company's war orders now in its books involve over \$50,000,000 of business.

During the first nine months of 1917 the Pierce Oil Corporation and the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Association earned together a balance of net profits after interest of \$2,225,818, against \$2,038,096 in the same period of 1916. This is an increase of \$187,722, a gain of about 9 per cent.

The value of the automobile tires to be manufactured in the United States during 1918 will undoubtedly be in excess of \$500,000,000. In the automobile season ended June 30th last, the value of the 18,000,000 tires manufactured during the period was placed at \$450,000,000.

The General Electric Company in 1917 did the largest business in its history with orders booked amounting to \$245,000,000, compared with \$159,582,058 in 1916. It is understood sales billed in 1917 amounted to about \$195,000,000, compared with \$132,242,290 in 1916. This is far above the increase in any one previous year.

\$117.00 in Cash Prizes

Can you solve this problem?

"Canada Weekly" offers a series of cash prizes, of which the first is \$500.00, for the correct solution of the following mysterious message on the scrap of paper.

This is the Mysterious Message

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fetrnoedmraEsy.

Thought to be Message sent by German Spy

Can You Translate it?

ARRESTS FOLLOW KITCHENER'S DEATH

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and among the papers seized was a torn piece of paper on which was written the name of a man who had been arrested by Inspector Donlan for the first time in his many years of service bowed his head in defeat. He was completely baffled and the hidden message of the uncanny jumble of letters remained a profound mystery.

Noted Criminologists Suggest Solutions

Selecting a capital letter as a starting point and counting every second or third letter until all the letters used up would surely produce some result—Inspector Scott.

Watson and I would procure a mirror and reflecting the "scrap of paper" endeavour to decipher the hidden message.—Sherlock Holmes.

Beginning at a selected one I should read every other letter or every third letter. I believe I should soon solve this mystery.—Arsene Lupin.

FIRST PRIZE \$500.00

1st Prize... \$500
2nd " ... 200
3rd " ... 100
4th " ... 75

5th Prize... \$50
6th " ... 25
7th " ... 20
8th " ... 15

9th Prize... \$10
10th " ... 10
11th " ... 5
12th " ... 5

13th Prize... \$4
14th " ... 4
15th " ... 3
16th " ... 3

17th Prize... \$2
18th " ... 2
19th " ... 2
20th " ... 2

21st to 100th—\$1 each, \$1,117.00 altogether

The first prize will be awarded to the competitor who obtains the largest number of points. For instance, 50 points can be obtained by sending in the correct answer to the mysterious message. Then there are 30 points given for general neatness, handwriting, spelling, punctuations, etc., and when you comply with the other conditions and rules as below 25 points additional can be gained. 150 points is the maximum number.

Take plenty of time to decipher your answers; be careful and your entry will compare for the \$500 reward.

We frankly tell you of these simple rules in advance. There is no obligation on your part to subscribe or take the magazine or spend any money in order to compete in this contest.

1 Write your solution of the mysterious message on one side of the paper only. Put your address in the upper right hand corner.

2 Boys and Girls under fourteen years of age are not allowed to compete, nor are employees of "Canada Weekly".

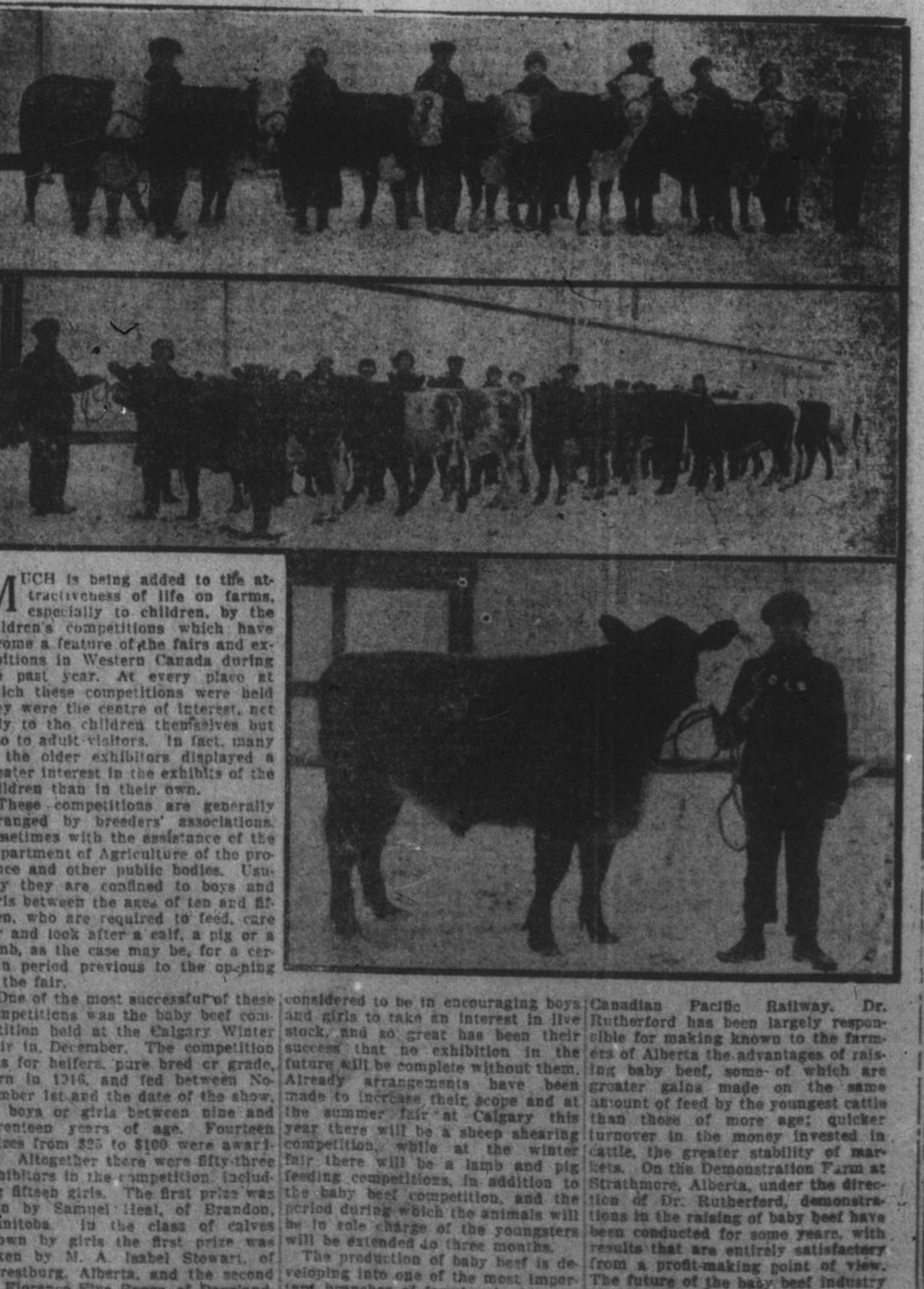
3 The judging of the entries in this contest will be done by three impartial business men who have no connection with this contest. Prizes will be awarded according to the number of points secured on each entry. Contest will close on 31st day of May, 1918.

4 Each competitor will be asked to show a sample copy of his solution to five or six friends, business associates or neighbors, to whom such a magazine will be sent and who will assist him in deciphering the message.

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The future of the baby beef industry in Alberta, and in fact, throughout Western Canada, where conditions are extremely favorable to its success, is very bright.

Teaching The Children To Farm



MUCH is being added to the attractiveness of life on farms, especially to children, by the children's competitions which have become a feature of the fairs and exhibitions in Western Canada during the past year. At every place at which these competitions were held they were the centre of interest, not only to the children themselves but also to adult visitors. In fact, many of the older exhibitors displayed a greater interest in the exhibits of the children than in their own.

These competitions are generally arranged by breeders' associations, sometimes with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture of the province and other public bodies. Usually they are confined to boys and girls between the ages of ten and sixteen, who are required to feed, care for and look after a calf, a pig or a lamb, as the case may be, for a certain period previous to the opening of the fair.

One of the most successful of these competitions was the baby beef competition held at the Calgary Winter Fair in December. The competition was for halfbred, pure bred or grade, born in 1916, and fed between November 1st and the date of the show, by boys or girls between nine and seventeen years of age. Fourteen prizes from \$25 to \$100 were awarded. Altogether there were fifty-three exhibitors in the competition, including fifteen girls. The first prize was won by Samuel Hise, of Brandon, Manitoba. In the class of calves shown by girls the first prize was taken by N. A. Isabel Stewart, of Forestburg, Alberta, and the second by Florence Elva Boggs, of Daysland, Alberta. Both these girls were near the front in the open competition, do valuable are these competitors,

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