

Handling Wool Co-operatively



(1) Grading Wool in Alberta.
(2) Sheep on an Irrigated Farm in Alberta.

EIGHT years ago, after thoroughly investigating the sheep industry in Canada, the sheep commissioners regretfully stated: "From shearing to marketing no country in the world handles its wool in a worse manner than Canada. As far as the number of mutton breeds and cross breeds go, we do not know of any country where it is handled in such an unsatisfactory way and delivered in such bad condition."

Having reached this conclusion, the commission intimated that the way was open to find a remedy for the trouble. It was soon after this that the Canadian Department of Agriculture was organized, and by 1914 the work of applying the remedy had begun. This consisted of the organization of wool growers' associations throughout Canada, the direction of their efforts in producing good wool and in classifying it. During 1914, the first year of the work, 206,129 pounds were graded for societies or organized in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. The following year, through 19 organizations distributed over Canada, 420,000 pounds were classified and offered for co-operative sale. The season of 1916 saw 1,712,596 pounds, while in 1917 this was increased to 2,097,969 pounds.

It was early in 1917, because of peculiar war conditions, that Martin Durrell, then Minister of Agriculture, recognizing the importance of centralizing the sale of wool, and the advantages that must accrue from having one centre of operation, sanctioned the rental of suitable premises in Toronto, for the storage of the wool of the various associations where clips would be graded by the wool experts of the live stock branch, and shipped out when purchased. This led to the further step of 1918 in the organization of the Co-operative Wool Growers' Limited as the central agency for the disposal of all sheep in and collected from all parts of Canada.

Whereas, when the central warehouse was first established, it was estimated that as much as 2,000,000 pounds of wool might be received during

1919, no less than 2,500,000 pounds of wool had been sold up to the end of August, 1918, due to the associations in the various provinces had been sold a considerable quantity of wool remained in storage, but it was anticipated that all would be disposed of at favorable prices, which was later proved true.

Thus co-operation in a few years, actual service proved the revolutionizing factor in the wool industry in Canada. Breeder and farmers were quick to learn the oft-repeated lesson that to get the best prices the best must be produced. Formerly the wool was sold in bulk for what it would bring. To-day, under the team-work plan, the wool is sorted and inspected, grade values becoming apparent, and shepherders are learning more and more to recognize the importance of care in selection, industry in keeping, and the exercise of intelligence in shearing, packing and shipping.

In Manitoba there has been a decided increase in the number of sheepowners who market their wool through the co-operative system. In 1915, 69,000 pounds reached the warehouse; in 1916, 154,000 pounds; 1917, 170,000 pounds, and in 1918, 363,000 pounds were received. In 1917 there were 465 sheepowners who participated in the work, while in 1918 this number increased to 917. The grading system has had a market effect on the quality of the wool, and graders as well as grades uphold the belief that the education work in this connection is doing an incalculable amount of good and increasing the revenue derived by the sheepowner from the sale of his wool. In former years, when wool was sold at a flat rate, the importance of keeping the wool in a clean condition and avoiding tying with binder twine, as well as mixing the black and tan with the white and tags, locks and pieces,

No. con- Year sign- 1914... 179 1915... 318 1916... 487 1917... 623 1918... 916	Average price Pounds 69,404 150,328 179,890 233,445 394,068	per cent 17% 25 32 1/2 65 78
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It will be noted that the 1918 business was 80 per cent over the 1917 wool shipments. The Southern Saskatchewan Wool Growers' Association handled eight and one-half carloads, besides the amount mentioned, the province being too large for one organization to handle at present. In Alberta, likewise too large a territory for one agency to handle, there are three organizations mentioned in the 1918 report, each revealing a large expansion in territory and volume of business. These associations are the Provincial Sheep Breeders Association, the Alberta Live Stock Association, and the Pincher Creek Wool Growers' Association. These three agencies did by far the greatest business of any provincial system in Canada in 1918, when they collected, graded and shipped 1,360,000 pounds of wool of various grades. Earl W. Gage, (Breeder's Gazette).

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From The Countryside

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BATH ROAD. April 15.—The road is in a very bad condition. The farmers can utilize the extra hour of daylight at present, as much of their time is spent in drawing the city people (who now have so much time for motoring) out of the mud. Rev. E. Ryder, who has returned from overseas, is with his brother, L. Ryder. R. Cooper lost a valuable horse recently. The Palace school is progressing under the management of the new teacher, Miss Scarlett. A. Keyes, with a number of men, is repairing the road. The Bauder Bros. purchased a number of cattle at D. McCullough's sale. The Farmers' Club held a meeting last evening in Trudell's hall. They contemplate putting on two large wagons to sell milk in the city. Mr. George, sr., is still confined to his bed.

Leeds

MORTON. April 15.—B. N. Henderson made a business trip to Lansdowne one day last week. Miss Amy Coon, Kingston, Lather Coon, Belleville,

NEWS OF NORTHBROOK

A Venerable Resident Is In Very Serious Condition. April 14.—Two more families have gone west and will be greatly missed. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanneus and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Lloyd Preslar, an old and highly respected resident, is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Bork. His son, Marshal Preslar, of Napanee, is with him. Sulper and Mrs. Archibald Shier and family are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shier. Another phone has been added to the line at Aris. Cole has had one installed. Asa Harten is down from Sudbury visiting his brothers, Hile and Dan, who have just returned from France and are at Mrs. T. Woodcock's. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lloyd have moved to Tweed and will be greatly missed in this vicinity. Anson, John and Hiram, Floth-

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er, of Hamilton, are at the Ore chimney mines mapping out plans for the summer. Mr. Wood and wife are expected home from England this week. Miss Lunda, Canada, is confined to her bed with the measles. C. C. Thompson disposed of two fancy buggies during the week. Gordon Wood has returned to Pittsburg where he is running the Dryden farm for the year. Noah Kimmerly is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bosley.

BLOOMFIELD BUDGET

Cheese Being Made Till Condensed Milk Machinery Arrives. Bloomfield, April 14.—Mr. Dugan, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, spoke in the Methodist church on a recent Sunday. Hydro power is now lighting our streets and all houses that have been wired.

William Bond, who has been ill for several years, passed away at his home on Thursday, aged 73 years. Besides his widow, he leaves several grown-up children here and in the west. Interment was made in Glenwood cemetery on Saturday. The roads are now being repaired. Cheese is being made at the factory until machinery arrives that will be used to make condensed milk. E. H. Purtille lost a valuable Holstein cow last week. Sap buckets are being gathered after a small make of syrup. Some bushes were not tapped this year. Owing to the

heavy rain no seeding has been done yet.

The United Farmers' held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening. Ferry Barker has gone to Alberta. W. H. Degroff lost his horse and W. H. Nelson lost a cow.

News of Switzerville. Switzerville, April 14.—The W.M.S. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Neville, on Thursday afternoon, when the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The weekly prayer service was held in the church on Wednesday evening. Miss H. Miller has been visiting friends in Kingston and vicinity. Misses Evelyn and Nina McKim, Napanee, spent the week-end at the home of their brother, Charles McKim. C. W. Neville spent a day

recently at Port Hope. Rev. and Mrs. Cook spent Wednesday at J. M. Spafford's. Mr. and Mrs. R. Crags spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. Babcock, Wilton. Mrs. M. F. Wilson has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. Paul, Wesley. Clarence and Miss Geneva Spafford visited recently at the home of James Lewis, Wilton. Messrs. John Redgroff and Silas Clark left last week for the west. Mrs. D. Bartels, Moryen, is visiting at R. J. Brethens.

Personals From Collins Bay. Collins Bay, April 14.—The tug which was laid up here all winter went out last week. Mrs. B. Rose has been very ill in the General Hospital again. Mrs. W. Redden, Harrowsmith, spent a few days with Mrs. H. E. Bell. Miss Harriet Warrman, Kingston, spent the week-end at L. A. Wartman's. Miss Huff, Wolfe Island, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. Britt. Mrs. J. J. Lasse has returned home after spending the winter in Kingston. Mrs. Tullis Smith is quite ill. Mrs. M. Lane is visiting her son in Kingston.

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Glendower Notes. Glendower, April 15.—The rains have made the roads very bad. The mines on A. Hopkins' place have started and machinery to work the mines have been brought in. The sugar season for this year is about completed. The mail route contract has changed hands and Bert Abrams has the contract now. A number of residents are going fishing and trapping on the lakes.

Certificate Not Needed. Glendower, April 17.—By a vote of nine to eight, the Guelph Board of Education decided to no longer insist upon the production of a certificate of successful vaccination as a prerequisite to admittance to the public schools.

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