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THE PORK BUSINESS.

MESSRS. WILLIAM DAVIES & CO., LTD., the leading pork packers of Canada, whom some persons seem to have tried to induce to establish a packing house in St. John, have written the following letter to one of those gentlemen. From what they say our farmers may take some useful practical lessons applicable to the business which has already been established here by the enterprise of Messrs B. & M. Rattenbury. We quote the letter as published in the St. John Sun:

Replying to your several questions:—
1st. We would require to feel assured of at least 25,000 hogs for the first season before we would feel warranted in spending money on a packing-house in your province.

2nd. No business house can make any guarantee as to what they will, or will not, do in the purchase of raw products to be converted into an exportable article. A guarantee, however, which will satisfy all reasonable people is the putting of our money into a house for the purpose of operating it. Unless some extraordinary conditions set up in the trade hitherto unknown, we would very much prefer having 50,000, 75,000 or 100,000 hogs to 25,000.

3rd. The genius of a successful export business is regularity. It is positively fatal to run for one portion of the year and then stop, or nearly stop, for the balance. Customers in England require a regular supply. When they commence to use a brand of bacon, they look for it every week. The season of the year when we are pleased to have our largest receipts is from the 1st of June to the 1st of September.

4th. All weights given ere for hogs weighed alive. Our present grades in Ontario are as follows: Best lean hogs, 150 and 220 lbs; good quality light hogs, between 125 and 150 lbs; fat hogs, between 150 and 220 lbs; overweight, which take in all straight hogs over 220 lbs. Outside of these ordinary classifications come sows, stags and very rough hogs. Now the hogs we are desirous chiefly of buying is the first class, viz: lean hogs, 150 to 220 lbs. For these we are paying today \$5.12½ per 100 lbs. delivered at our factory, Toronto; for choice underweights, \$4.62½; for fat hogs, 150 to 220 lbs., \$4.62½; for overweight, \$4.50. All these prices are per 100 lbs. live weight. In determining what is a fat or lean hog between 150 and 220 lbs, we have to be governed by our experience and judgment. A hog that is sufficiently fat to make what we call a No. 2 side of bacon, is put into the rejected class, for which we are today paying \$4.50. This No. 2 bacon is classified as such simply because it is too fat—the English trade is very particular on this point.

5th. The average price which we paid for our hogs delivered in Toronto during the year ending March 31st, 1896, was \$4.24½ per 100 lbs; for the year ending March 31st, 1897, \$4.07 per 100 lbs; for the present year from April 1st, 1897 to date, the average price have been \$5.35 per 100 lbs. This average represents the price for all grades of hogs. Strictly speaking, the select lean hogs would represent a considerably higher price.

6th. All the hogs we purchase in Ontario are bought at a price delivered at our factory. The prices which we have given you above represent a delivered price. We send no agents through the country. Drivers go through the country buying from farmers making up a car-load at some central point when they ship them to our packing house.

7th. The answer to this question you will already find in our reply to number four.

8th. Our retail price for sausage in Toronto during the past year has been for most of the time 6½c. per lb., usually sold as four lbs. for 25 cents. At present the price is three pounds for 25 cents.

In considering the price per 100 lbs. paid for hogs to farmers, it will be necessary to deduct about 37½ cents per 100 lbs. from the average given you, to allow for freight shrinkage in transit, and drivers' profit; for instance, we think that drivers at present are paying about \$4.70 to \$4.75 per 100 lbs., to farmers for best selection and receiving \$5.12½ from us. As your farmers are probably more familiar with the value of a hog dead than alive a simple rule can be given which will enable them to fix the relative value between live and dead weight. Our average yield during the past year of dead weight as compared to live was about 75½ per cent. i. e., for every 100 pounds of hogs live weight we receive 75½ lbs dead weight. The best selections will kill out a little worse than this, as they always shrink badly in killing, and will average about 75 per cent; therefore, if you take our present price in Toronto at \$5.12½ and

divide it by 75, you have the relative value dressed. This rule will enable any farmer to immediately ascertain the relative value.

The question of feeding is all important. Unfortunately the farmer's opinion on this matter is not valuable. The real test of the quality is when the hog is manufactured into bacon, and put upon the market. This particular cut known as "Wiltshire Bacon" is served to the most fastidious trade in England, and the difference in price between a prime No. 1 side and a faulty one is so great that any considerable number of faulty sides would be ruinous. Green feed is all right for growing hogs; all wrong for hogs which are being marketed. We do not know what is the character of buckwheat in your province. The buckwheat we raise here, if fed to hogs, would stop the business; it produces a soft and very undesirable class of pork. Hogs fed on fish would also be ruinous to the business. In some sections of our province we have feeding of this character, and we will not buy hogs from those localities at any price.

DUNDAS NOTES.

Mr. Samuel Macdonald, J. P., is slowly recovering from a severe stroke of paralysis which he received while attending court on December 18th.

Our school is progressing favorably under the efficient care of Mr. Tim Macdonald.

Our P. W. C. students have returned to the city to resume their studies.

Messrs. Cantelo and Nicholson left on 13th Dec., for Hanover, N. H., where they intend to study medicine. May success attend them.

The McKay Bros. are busily engaged in preparing their winter sleighs.

The Dominion house kept by Mr. Dan Martin is ever ready to accommodate the weary traveller.

The many friends of Dr. Gillis are sorry to hear of his sudden demise.

The social held in the Manse, Cumberland Hill, by the Ladies Aid Society was a decided success. Mr. Andrew McMillan auctioned the baskets in his usual good style.

The entertainment gotten up by Miss Annie Macdonald was carried out so successfully. Vocal solos were given by Misses Laura Miller, Ada McDonald, Bessie McKav, Tillie Hubley, W. J. Nicholson and Barbara Westaway.

Mr. B. Burdett is doing a flourishing business at Bridgetown.

REPORTER.

NEW SOUTH WALES METAL TRADE.

The iron trade should in time form one of the great staple industries of New South Wales. Every natural advantage possessed by the great iron and machinery producing countries of the world—such as England and Belgium—is also present in the colony. Not only are iron and coal deposited in abundance, and in positions easily accessible and readily worked, but the local iron ore is exceedingly rich. Scarcely any progress, however, has been made in iron smelting, and nearly the whole stock of pig and wrought iron required for the local manufactures is imported. The other descriptions of metal works, both for smelting and manufacturing, are in a more forward state. In 1885-6, the works for the treatment of metals numbered 270, employing 6,891 persons; in 1895 the number of works was less, but the hands employed had increased to 7,745. In 1885-6 there were 783 hands employed in 25 smelting works; the works now number 22, and the hands engaged, 1,625. There has been a large increase in the hands employed in making or repairing railway motors, carriages, and other appliances, the employees in 1885-6, numbering 822, and in 1895, 2,737. Of the latter, 2,380 were employed in the workshops connected with the State railways.

A Common Cold

and common carelessness can make a combination strong enough to defy all the healing skill of the physician. Common carelessness lets the cold root and grow. Common carelessness says, between paroxysms of coughing, "It will be all right in a day or two," and the common end is confirmed lung trouble, perhaps consumption. The common-sense treatment of a common cold is a prompt dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It is the most efficient and reliable cure for colds and coughs, and is constantly prescribed by physicians.

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Divine the command,
That made 'isolation' thy fate;
Divine is the power,
That guards thee this hour,
And guards thee both early and late.

In tutelar ease,
Thou sittest at ease,
The envy and pride of the world;
Thy fleets plough the deep,
Thy watchmen ne'er sleep,
Thy flag in all winds is unfurled.

All zones of the earth,
To children give birth,
Who render to Empress and Queen,
A loyalty true,
As stars of the blue,
And courage as great as e'er seen.

Beware, O beware,
Of Crescent and Bear,—
Of Teuton and Gaul, and Allies;
In secret they plot,
To bring thee to naught,—
With wisdom supreme be thou wise.

The dark Eastern cloud,
The sky doth enshroud,
Ere long the dread storm will begin,
And great Her Mageodon,
The landscape will reddens,
And battle's loud tramp sound its din.

Thy strength will be tried,
O'er earth, far and wide,

And woe-billows round thee will roll;
The sea's awful roar,
The cloud's drenching pour,
Will terror strike into thy soul.

For this dreadful hour,
God gives thee thy power;
And 'isolates' thee for his own;
Thy strength shall not fail,
Thy foes shall all quail;
Thy refuge is God and his throne.

Then Gog and his horde,
Shall fall by thy sword;
Their greatness shall perish in gore;
Thy God shall thee save,
Thy banner then wave,
O'er earth—over sea—evermore.

Nov. 1, 1897. L. G.

Although a very busy man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., has found time in which to write a great book of over a thousand pages, entitled *The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser*, in Plain English, or Medicine Simplified. Few books printed in the English language have reached so great a sale as has this popular work, over 680,000 copies having been sold at \$1.50 each. The profits on this enormous sale having repaid its author for the great amount of labor and money expended on its production, he has now decided to give away, *absolutely free*, 500,000 copies of this valuable book, the recipient only being required to mail to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., of which company he is president, 31 one cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. It contains 1008 large pages, and over 300 illustrations, some of them in colors. The *Free Edition* is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.50, except only that the books are bound in strong manilla paper covers, instead of cloth. It is not often that our readers have an opportunity to obtain a valuable book on such generous terms, and we predict that few will miss availing themselves of the unusual and liberal offer to which we have called their attention.

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CANADA'S MINERAL WEALTH.

The detailed report of the Geological Survey upon statistics of mines and minerals for the year 1896, compiled by Mr. E. D. Ingall, M. E., gives Canada's total mineral production for the year as twenty-two and a half million dollars, an increase of 125 per cent. in ten years, the production in 1886 having been ten million dollars. The increase of mineral production in the United States for the same decade was 40 per cent, although the annual production per capita is \$8 in the United States against \$4.50 in Canada.

Coal contributes nearly 32 per cent. of the total value of our minerals, gold but 12 per cent., and silver 9 per cent. Iron contributes less than one per cent. In the ten years the production of coal has increased from \$3,739,840 to \$7,226,462; gold from \$1,365,496 to \$2,780,086; silver, from \$29,090 to \$2,149,503.

In the production of gold British Columbia stands credited with over 64 per cent and Nova Scotia with over 19 per cent. The Northwest Territories, including the Yukon district, come third, with about 13 per cent, and Ontario fourth with about 5 per cent, whilst Quebec contributes much under one per cent.

"During the year 1897," says Mr. Ingall's report, "the production of iron ore shows a falling off of about 10 per cent. in the quantity and nearly 20 per cent. in the value, the output for 1895 being 102,797 tons, valued at \$238,070, as compared with 91,906 tons, valued at \$91,557, in 1896. The total output of pig iron, however, shows an increase of 14,814 tons, which is due to the opening of a blast furnace at Hamilton, Ont. The output of this furnace is much greater than the total increase for the year, so that the combined output of the older furnaces has decreased."

Hood's Pills
Stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure biliousness, headache, dizziness, sour stomach, constipation, etc. Price 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Montreal Star: "There is something pathetic about Mr. Tarte's zeal for senate reform just now. Does he imagine that the senate will be deterred from investigating the Drummond County Railway deal by his threats to alter its character? We are by no means averse to any scheme of senate reform that will really elevate the tone or increase the usefulness of the senate; but it has demonstrated its usefulness in its present condition too frequently and too well for the country to consent to its construction being recklessly changed simply as a punishment for having refused to connive at a suspected fraud upon the treasury. The sole value of a second chamber is in its independence of party and independence of the Government. Any scheme of senate reform that would place the upper house at the mercy of a party caucus or at the dictation of the Government of the day would be highly objectionable. The Government is just as independent of the Senate as the Senate is of the Government. No government is in danger of falling through the direct vote of the Senate. The upper house may influence public opinion, it may bring rascality to light as it did in the Baie des Chaleurs case. If these functions are inappropriate to an upper house, surely the country could get along just as well without an upper house. The Senate would not be justified in systematically opposing the general policy approved by the popular chamber; but when there are suspicions of corrupt practices, the Senate would be faithful indeed to its trust were it to ignore them simply because a subservient majority in the House of Commons, at the dictation of the Government of the day, chose to wink at them."

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Napkin Rings, 50c up	1.50
Spoon Holders and Pickle Dishes,	1.50
A Waltham Watch with Chain (good timekeepers)	7.50
Ladies' Genuine Gold Filled Waltham Watch,	15.00
Ladies' Long Chains, warranted five years,	3.00
Ladies' Solid Gold Gem Rings, (heavy)	3.00
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