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THE OUTLOOK OF THE BRITISH STOCKBREEDER.

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The Clydesdale is so marked by quality that the man having a glutinous eye for bulk is not disposed to cease his cry that the lorry should be kept in view. If one may judge by the show-yard type, the Clydesdale of today is fully as big and weighty a horse as he was in the days of the Prince of Wales—Darnley combination. Horses of the Hiawatha—Baron's Pride cross—are certainly bigger and heavier than horses of the Prince of Wales—Darnley cross—were. Clydesdale breeders have to guard against landing themselves in a cul-de-sac. The fashion sets too strongly in one direction. Wise men will seek to combine the varying strains so as to sustain the stamina and substance. The Clydesdale's place on the farm is not seriously menaced. At the same time, it is to be recognized that a successful motor-traction engine has been put upon the market. It has done some excellent work, and may do much more in the future. The Ivel

ANIMAL FOOD INSPECTION AND CATTLE TESTING.

Those who produce stock for the supply of animal food to the public, are beset by many pitfalls. There is a determination on the part of municipalities to deal in a very drastic fashion with everything that savors of an unhealthy meat or an impure milk supply from home byres. The farmer and stock-owner would feel less disposed to grumble about this if there was exhibited anything like the same activity in guarding the purity and soundness of the meat or milk supply from abroad. Restrictions of every character and type surround the farmer and milk producer, and a bill is at present before the legislature which will intensify this condition of things. Meat inspection in public abattoirs is at present of a very stringent character. Difficulty is experienced in adjusting matters with the butchers in many districts. As the law stands at present, a butcher who buys a fat bullock which appears all right on hoof, has no redress should the carcass prove to be tuberculous and be destroyed. Naturally, the butcher does not like this. He means to sell the best meat; he therefore will have nothing to do with carcasses of this kind, but he cannot help himself. In some places farmers sell their animals under a guarantee of soundness. Should the proof not conform the warranty, the loss falls on an insurance fund to which farmers, butchers and auctioneers contribute in certain arranged proportions. This arrangement gets rid of many difficulties. At the same time, a wise use of the tuberculin test would help farmers greatly, and prevent them sending reacting animals to the public sales. But the tuberculin test is still anathema with most of our breeders. They maintain that it is unreliable, and will have none of it. They are quite right as to its being unreliable under average conditions, and as usually applied in this country. And the recent revelations in Buenos Ayres do not in the least tend to reassure the public. But the test itself, when honestly applied, and carried out as it ought to be, is not unreliable. It is as reliable as anything human can be, and, when rightly employed, can be of great service to stock-owners. The serious question for feeders and dairy farmers here is what to do with the stock which, assuming the use of the tuberculin test, did react? Reacting animals could only be sold as such, and their value would be greatly depreciated. A prime weakness in the test is its inability to distinguish between serious and a trivial case of tuberculosis. If the disease is present at all, there is a reaction; if it is not present at all, there is no reaction. The intensity of the reaction tells nothing with respect to the intensity of the disease. Before the test will be universally and honestly applied here, there must be some effective arrangement made for the disposal of the carcasses of reacting animals. Everyone knows that all such are not deleterious as a food supply, and to destroy all such carcasses ipso facto, would be as ruinous as it would be criminal.

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