

Cruelty to Animals.

There seems to be a large amount of ignorance as to what the law, regarding cruelty to horses and other animals, is, and this letter is sent out in the hope that a better understanding of that law may result, and court proceedings prevented. We believe that every man who handles horses, using them for his purpose, knows when he is treating them properly, or in any wrong manner, no matter whether he has seen, or has not seen, the law on the subject. Here is the law:

(Criminal Code, Section 512: "Every one is guilty of an offence, and liable, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, or to three months' imprisonment with or without hard labor, or both, who (a) wantonly, cruelly or unnecessarily beats, binds, ill-treats, abuses, over-drives or tortures any cattle, poultry, dogs, domestic animal or bird, or wild animal or bird in a state of captivity; or (b) while driving any cattle or other animal, is, by negligence or ill-usage in the driving thereof, the means whereby any mischief, damage or injury is done by any such cattle or other animal; or (c) in any manner encourages, aids or assists at the fighting or baiting of any bull, bear, badger, dog, cock or other kind of animal, whether of domestic or wild nature."—R. S. C., Chapter 172, Section 2.

It is passing strange that many a man, good in many ways, is often exceedingly cruel when the care of his animals is concerned. Not long ago I visited a man who was reported to be very cruel to his horses, working them when they had bad sores on their shoulders. He said to me, "What am I to do when the rush comes on?" If that man had such sores on his shoulders, or on any portion of his body, what would he do? Lay off, of course. Such a man must know—and if he does not know, he must be taught—that, when he works an animal in such condition, he is breaking the law of the land and the higher moral obligations which govern every man's relation to the dumb part of creation.

It must be understood that, while the Toronto Humane Society works, first of all, for the well-being of dumb animals within the City of Toronto, no report of any cruelty received from any portion of the Province will be allowed to lie uninvestigated, if it is at all possible to make that investigation. We desire to be friends with all men, but the man who is cruel, who cannot be reached by advice or warning, will find that there is the power of the law for the protection of these animals.

The Toronto Humane Society is doing a large amount of educational work throughout the Province, and any donations to its funds will be thankfully received. All communications should be sent to the undersigned, who will acknowledge the same.

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South Ontario Notes.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

This season will end as one of the most prosperous our farmers have known.

A number of railway surveys have been run through, and one line has been started, viz., the C. N. R., from Toronto to Ottawa. The Radial Railway has also run two surveys, and this has a tendency to increase prices of property. Wages, on this account, are soaring, and men are hard to get; many are expecting a job, as two dollars per day is reported as being paid, as well as four to five dollars for man and team. Dame Fortune has certainly smiled on the laboring man.

The Government has started Rural Free Delivery on the regular mail routes. The Postmaster-General was asked if it would be possible to have one of the mail-carriers take a different road on his return trip, as he would have fully as good a road, and would cover some seven miles new road, thereby giving more service. The reply was civil, but firm, that no free delivery would be given, except on existing mail routes.

Fall wheat turned out well, and, price being good, the result was that a very much larger acreage than usual has been sown this fall. Oats and barley, also, are turning out well, as a rule. Alsike yielded exceptionally well, and as high as \$7.40 was paid for good seed. Some fields gave almost as much value in seed as the field was worth. A larger acreage of red clover seed than usual was left, but, owing to the weevil, about one-third was cut for hay, and the remainder is only fair.

Last winter, agents for a canning factory canvassed through here asking farmers to grow peas for them; the straw of these would grow from two to five feet long, and the peas would yield—it would be unfair to state, but one might almost retire after the check came. A large acreage was sown and it would have made a good snapshot to see some of them pulling peas; a revolving rake, a horse rake, a mower and a pea harvester, and two scythes, were no uncommon sight in one field. In fact, the straw was so short one man actually pulled seven acres by hand, as he claimed he could harvest no other way. The yield in

most cases was fair, although some did not get their seed per acre (three bushels), and had to pay the company cash.

Corn was a good crop, the writer having done considerable custom work with corn binder, and has no hesitation in saying the hill corn gives most profitable results. Roots appear to be above the average, although at one time they had a very pitiful appearance, on account of the drouth.

Apples are scarcely an average crop, but the quality is better than last year, and the market appears bright.

Many cattle will be put in to feed. The high price of feeders will have a tendency to make feeders put up stuff that would be better to wait a year, and the result will be a shortage the subsequent year. Horses still hold their own; railway construction will probably force prices up in the immediate vicinity. Sheep are fast falling out of favor, while hogs do not seem to be gaining ground, despite the high prices ruling.

The South Ontario Plowing Association will hold their annual match on or about the third of November, near Port Perry. These matches attract large crowds, the competitors last year ranging from sixteen-year-old boys to men of seventy, and plows were used, from an old one with cow-horn handles, to plows imported from Scotland, and used only on such occasions.

Before closing, would like to draw attention again to the perennial sow thistle. Much has been written as to its extermination; also, that co-operation is necessary. This is true, but must we stop at that? Who shall take hold of this? Some stringent measures must be taken. The municipal council seem afraid to act; surely they see the need. This would be more beneficial than trying to lower taxes a few dollars. We would be greatly pleased to see the Provincial Government take hold of it.

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The London Dairy Show.

At the thirty-fourth annual show of the British Dairy Farmers' Association, held in London, England, the first week in October, 232 head of cattle were catalogued, being only five less than last year, which was the record entry of the Society. The total number of entries in this year's show, including dairy products, milking and butter tests, poultry, bacon, honey, and several other classes, was 7,674. For the first time, the entries of pedigree Shorthorns exceeded in number those of unregistered animals. Jerseys, as always, were present in fair numbers; and Guernseys, Lincoln Reds, Red Polls and South Devons were well represented.

The first prize in the class of registered Shorthorns, judged by inspection, went to the red 8-year-old cow, Heather Queen 3rd, exhibited by C. R. W. Adeane, a handsome, big framed, typical dual-purpose cow. Carrying a beautifully-shaped and capacious udder, yet sufficiently well fleshed to uphold the character of the breed, she is said to be a type which many British farmers are trying to obtain. Lord Rothschild's cow, Dorothy, last year's winner, now eight years old, was second. An entry of nearly 70 Jerseys made a meritorious display. The first-prize cow by inspection was A. Miller-Hallett's noted 9-year-old cow, Vanilla 2nd. R. Bruce Ward's grand old cow, that in 1907 had topped the class, was this year second. The prizes for Guernsey cows all fell to Sir E. A. Hambro, first going to the 12-year-old Golden Cherry, a deep-bodied, short-legged cow, possessing a first-class udder.

In the one-day butter tests for Jersey cows, the first prize and gold medal went to J. H. Smith-Barry's Marigold, eight years old, whose yield, 68 days after calving, was: Milk, 49 lbs.; butter, 3 lbs., 3½ ozs. The second award went to Lord Rothschild's Mary, whose yield, 170 days after calving, was: Milk, 39 lbs.; butter, 2 lbs. 4¼ ozs.

In the butter test for Shorthorns, the first prize and silver medal went to J. Evens' 8-year-old Burton Nancy 5th, whose yield, 28 days after calving, was: Milk, 63 lbs. 2 oz.; and butter, 3 lbs. 2 oz. In the butter test, open to any other breed, the first place was taken by W. P. Vasper's 10-year-old South Devon cow, Vasper's Lady Bird 3rd, whose milk yield, 138 days after calving, was 52 lbs. 3 oz., and butter, 1 lb. 13¼ oz.

In the milking trials for Shorthorn cows, the highest average daily yield in two days' trial was 53.9 lbs., testing over 5 per cent. butter-fat, made by G. B. Nelson's registered cow, Lady Heggle, 33 days after calving. The second best was Lord Rothschild's Darlington Cranford 5th, whose yield was 52.9 lbs.

In the class for Shorthorn cows not eligible to registry, the highest record was made by J. L. Shirley's Daisie, whose average daily yield was 63.7 lbs., 112 days after calving. The same owner's Mamie was second, with a yield of 63.5 lbs.

In the class for Lincoln Red Shorthorns, J. Evens' 7-year-old cow, Burton Nancy 5th, yielded, 28 days after calving, an average of 62.4 lbs.

In the milking trial for Jerseys, the first award went to J. B. Smith-Barry's 7-year-old Marigold, whose yield, 68 days after calving, was a daily average of 24.3 lbs. Second was the same owner's Post Orbit, whose yield, 132 days after calving, was 22.1 lbs.

New Westminster Exhibition.

The detailed report of the British Columbia Provincial Exhibition, held at New Westminster October 12th to 16th, which came to hand too late for publication in this issue, will appear in our next. Briefly, it may be stated that the show, in all departments, was well up to the standard of former years, while, with ideal weather conditions prevailing, the attendance was large, and the gate receipts very satisfactory. In the horse department, Clydesdales and Hackneys were most strongly represented. Prof. W. J. Rutherford, Regina, judged all horse classes. In Clydesdales, O'Neil & Co.'s first-prize aged horse, Crusoe, was champion, T. Mercer's two-year-old Life Guard being reserve. The female championship went to the yeld mare, Nellie Carriek, shown by Pemberton Stock Farm. The champion Hackney stallion was O'Neil & Co.'s Forest Fire.

Ayrshire cattle made a very strong showing, the Ness and Hunter herds, from the East, on their way home from the Seattle Exhibition, being in the competition.

\$4,500.00 for Poultry.

The exhibit of poultry in connection with the last Ontario Winter Fair was one of the largest ever seen on the American continent at an annual show. There were over forty-two hundred entries, and the poultry committee of the Fair are striving to reach the five-thousand mark this year.

Conditions are favorable for a large increase in the entries for this department. The new addition which has been made to the Fair Building in Guelph gives ten thousand square feet of additional floor space in the poultry department, and brings the total up to twenty-five thousand square feet of space. The high prices ruling for both dressed poultry and eggs has caused a keen demand for pure-bred poultry, and breeders will, therefore, desire to secure the advertising which comes from exhibiting at such a large Fair. The direct financial inducement is, of course, of the greatest influence. This has been well provided by regular prizes of three thousand dollars in cash, and a list of special prizes worth over fifteen hundred dollars. The classification of the special prizes has just been arranged. Included in the specials will be over five hundred dollars in cash, four silver cups, thirteen medals, a large number of valuable goods specials, and many valuable ribbons offered by specialty clubs. Poultry entries close on November 22nd, and should be sent to the secretary of the Fair before that date.

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The Collynie Bull Sale.

The annual auction sale of bull calves from the Shorthorn herd of W. Duthie, Collynie, Tarves, Aberdeenshire, which took place October 12th, appears to have been quite successful, the average price realized for the 24 calves sold figuring out at £251, or about \$1,220, as compared with an average of £235 for nineteen head last year. The highest price of the day was 720 gs. (\$3,679.20) for the dark roan, Collynie Commodore, by Golden Primrose, and calved March, 1909, the purchaser being E. N. Casares, Buenos Ayres. Seven hundred guineas, the second-highest price, was paid by Duncan Stewart, Milbills, for Collynie Crookshank, a dark roan, calved February 25th, 1909, and sired by Golden Primrose. Golden Primrose was bred by Thos. Mathews, St. Peter, Wilts. He is a roan, sired by Golden Arrow, dam Rosebush, by Primrose Pride. Following is the sale-list:

Property of W. Duthie, Collynie.	Gs.
Lavender Champion—E. N. Casares.....	50
Christmas Carol—W. A. Dron	280
Collynie Purple—Lord Sherborne	34
Collynie Proud Victor—E. N. Casares.....	400
Lavender Vanguard—Dr. R. M. Wilson	210
Prince Jubilant—Geo. Walker, Tillygreig.....	50
Bright Vanguard—C. F. Raphael	105
Proud Vanguard—M. Marshall	620
Golden Sittyton—G. A. Anderson, Comisty, Huntly	34
Guardsman—W. T. Malcolm	36
Collynie Cruickshank—Duncan Stewart.....	700
Collynie Jubilee—G. Anderson, West Fingask.....	46
King's Jubilee—E. N. Casares	720
Collynie Commodore—E. N. Casares	140
Sittyton Chief—R. Bruce, Heatherwick	480
Collynie Cupbearer—Stephen Mitchell	30
Primrose Monarch—M. Marshall	230
Golden Jubilant—Messrs. Peterkin	150
Lord Jubilant—Mr. Gunter, Keythorpe	29
Royal Jubilant—G. Cruickshank, Keith	350
Primrose Star—Walter M. Scott	400
Diamond Jubilee—Mr. Gresson	125
Royal Northern—Messrs. Young, Cadboll.....	200
Collynie Golden Star—John Gill	320
Proud Jubilant—His Majesty the King, Royal Farms, Windor	