

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1st.—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers to the "Farmer's Advocate" are answered in this department free.

2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and plainly written, on one side of the paper only, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer.

3rd.—In veterinary questions, the symptoms especially must be fully and clearly stated, otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.

4th.—When a reply by mail is required to urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1 must be enclosed.

Miscellaneous.

LIVE-STOCK INSURANCE.

Will some reader of the "Farmer's Advocate" give the address of a company in Canada that insures horses? I have a pair of valuable mares in foal, and would like to have them insured. J. B.

WET OR DRY BATTERIES FOR TELEGRAPH KEY AND SOUNDER.

Will dry batteries make the necessary connection with a telegraph key and sounder to operate while learning, or must the wet be used? READER.

Ans.—Dry cells are what you want. Wet or vitriol batteries are used for outside connections.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

You report bran at \$14.50, and shorts at \$17 in bulk; also red clover at \$6.50 to \$7.65. Where can I purchase at or near that figure? W. R.

Ans.—The prices quoted were the Toronto wholesale prices. At that time retail prices for feed would be one to three dollars higher. Of course, in these reports, allowance must always be made for fluctuations. For seeds, correspond with our advertisers.

LUMP JAW CURED.

I have a cow that has lump jaw. Have cured it. There is quite a lump or thickening left, but it is all healed up the last four months. She is raising the fourth calf now. Could I let her go dry in the spring, and fatten her on grass, and sell her for beef, or would I be running a risk of a penalty?

A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—If cured, as stated, you would probably run no risk, and the meat would be wholesome; but to make sure, you had better consult the township health officer. In case the disease reappeared and you sold her for beef, both yourself and the butcher who bought her would be liable.

OWNERSHIP OF CALF.

I rented a farm from March 1st, 1904, to March 1st, 1905. I was to pay the taxes, and for doing so I was to have the use of a team of horses and three or more cows. He gave me three cows; one was a Jersey grade and one a Holstein grade, the other a registered Holstein. The first mentioned calved in July, 1904; the second in April, 1904, the third in December, 1904. The grade cows' calves he did not ask for, but the registered cow's calf he wanted to get. He claims he got the cow served to his thoroughbred bull, but there was no agreement that he was to have the calves. Who is entitled to the calf? R. M.

Ans.—We think it belongs to you.

ORIGIN OF HACKNEYS.

1. Were the Hackneys originated by crossing Shire horses on small mares? If not, what did they originate from?

2. Will the Hackneys cross all right on road mares, say from 950 to 1,050 lbs., or are they apt to breed like the Clydesdale on such mares? P. M.

Ans.—1. The Hackney is one of the purest bred of the British breeds of horses; next, indeed, in that respect to the Thoroughbred or "Blood" horse. The foundation stock of these two breeds, in many instances, is nearly identical, the same sires having been used. The Hackney is the highest type of carriage horse, and no better cross could be made on the small mares referred to. The Hackney stallion is an improver on every class for the production of high-class carriage horses.

Settlers' Low Rates West.

Via the Chicago and Northwestern Railway every day from March 1st to May 15th, 1905. Settlers one-way, second-class tickets at very low rates from Chicago to points in Utah, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, also to Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Rossland and other points in the Kootenay district. Correspondingly low rates from all points in Canada. Write for full particulars and folders to B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 East King St., Toronto, Ont.

GOSSIP.

LAST CALL FOR MR. BEITH'S HACKNEY SALE.

Once more we remind our readers of that important event, the dispersion sale, by auction, on March 29th of the great stud of imported and home-bred Hackney stallions, mares, fillies and harness horses belonging to Mr. Robert Beith, of Bomanville, Ontario, at his Waverly Stock Farm there, 40 miles east of Toronto on the G. T. R.

It is twenty years since the Hackney first found a home in the Waverly stables. Always convinced of their superiority over all other breeds for the improvement of our horse stock, attracted by their happy combination of substance and size with quality, conformation and action, Mr. Beith was early convinced that in the Hackney, pure-bred, or judiciously crossed on our roadster mares, would be found the ideal harness horse, the horse that would appeal not only to horsemen, but to breeder and buyer, the kind that the farmer could raise and sell at a profit, and that the man of leisure or the man of business would pay for.

Acting on this conviction, he followed the fortunes of the British-bred harness horse since that time. During the past year, he has seen this horse, bred for generations for beauty, speed, style, stamina and all-round lofty action, triumph over all competitors, winning nine-tenths of the prizes offered for harness horses of all kinds, in competition with the best horses of other breeds in the world.

The outstanding superiority of the Hackney as the highest type of carriage horse is to-day admitted by all competent and unprejudiced horsemen. The prospect before the Hackney is a bright one. Carriage teams have always been in active demand, but never more so than at the present time. This is especially true of those that have good style, conformation and action.

Since the first importations made, the Waverly Hackneys have been exhibited successfully at the leading shows of America. An examination of the catalogue will show that it contains not only the winners at the leading shows, but that all the animals offered are the progeny and produce of winners themselves.

By the continuous victories of Mr. Beith's horses against the strongest international competition, the Hackney has been placed in the forefront of the harness breeds in America. In the United States his success has been remarkable, his entries winning the stallion and mare championships at both Chicago and St. Louis World's Fairs, at the Chicago International and the great New York Show. Last season, to bring the record down to date, Mr. Beith's Hackneys won no less than forty-five ribbons between St. Louis, Chicago and Toronto shows, a majority of this number of trophies, first prizes, the seconds and thirds being received in classes where, as a rule, his own horses won.

At the head of the Waverly Stud will be found the wonderful stallion, Saxon, a rich brown, full fifteen hands three inches—the limit of true Hackney conformation—probably as sensational an actor as was ever seen on this continent. This horse, cast in beautiful mould, has such extraordinary quality and finish that it is no exaggeration to pronounce him quite the handsomest stallion of his size and age (six years) on offer. Like his illustrious sire, Robin Adair II, that Mr. Beith "discovered" way out in Calgary as the best son of England's champion, Rufus, and won the New York championship with, Saxon will appeal to all lovers of high-class harness stallions as suitable to head a carriage horse breeding establishment. Mr. Beith might well have rested content when he placed Robin Adair of the Rufus family, and his great son, Saxon, within reach of his mares, for, with what young stock he himself raised and mature animals of similar breeding which he purchased, there could be no question of the superiority of his stud. This, however, did not satisfy his ambition, and so, last season, there were imported the remarkable two-year-olds, Cliffe Rosador, by England's premier sire, Rosador; St. David, of similar strain; Terrington Bellerophon, son of the great horse, Goldfinder; the three-year-olds, Royal Drexton, by His Majesty, the popular English sire of to-day, and the Garton Duke of Connaught colt, Wadsworth Squire, together with the Royal Danegelt yearling, Lord Meltonby, and a consign-

ment of mares which comprise the bluest blood that runs in English hackney veins. These together with the splendid string of mares, fillies and trained harness horses to be sold should prove attractive to a wide constituency. Remember the date, March 29th, and take in this most interesting event.

A few sales of cattle have been made at Dunkeld, Ont., at 4½c. to 5c. per lb., to be delivered early in May.

Messrs. J. Crouch & Son, LaFayette, Indiana, and London, Ontario, report the safe arrival, on March 5th, of a new importation of 131 head of German Coach, Percheron and Belgian stallions. This firm has a strong representation of their horses at their London branch stables, as set forth in their advertisement.

The importing stable of Dr. John Watson, V. S., Howick, Que., has a few No. 1 stallions on hand, consisting of Shires, Suffolk Punches and Hackneys. A Shire colt, rising three, that would stand some beating, is Harold of Howick (imp.), a jet black with strip and four white feet, by Coldstream Guard 2nd, Vol. 26, dam Cluster Rose, Vol. 21, a full sister to Prince Harold, said to be one of the best in England. This is a strong, clean-boned colt, with good feet and feather, one that will make a show horse. Imp. Coldstream Harold is a brown, rising four, sire the same as above, grandsire Coldstream 18961. This is also a good quality horse, about 1,800 lbs., with good feet and legs, and fairly light feather. Among the Suffolk Punches are two good-quality imported stallions, rising three years, namely, Sproughton Lad, by Pratts the Squire 2722, dam Blaze 3142, by Cook's Bar None 1803, and Sproughton King, a dark chestnut, by White's Ganymede 2842, dam Princess 4442, a flashy, sweet-topped colt, with good legs and feet. The Hackney is Duke of Blackfoot (imp.) 175 7782, a dark chestnut, sire Garton Duke of Connaught 3009, dam Newbald Regina, by Lord Derby, a horse full of substance, won first at Ottawa, 1903, as well as some important prizes in Great Britain. Dr. Watson is anxious to sell some of these horses. Call on him early and get your choice, or write for particulars.

TRADE TOPIC.

CONTRACTS FOR IDEAL FENCING.—A number of large contracts for railway fencing have been closed lately. The McGregor-Banwell Fence Company, Limited, of Walkerville, Ont., manufacturers of Ideal Woven Wire Fencing, have secured contract for fencing the James Bay Railway, 170 miles; Guelph and Goderich Railway, 80 miles; Victoria Beach and Middleton Railway, N. S., 83 miles; Canadian Pacific Railway, Pheasant Hills Branch, N.-W. T., 155 miles. In addition to this, the C. P. R. have arranged with them for fencing required for maintenance purposes. All of this is for IDEAL Fencing, made with No. 9 hard steel wire for both stays and horizontals, as it has been found by the railway companies by practical tests that this style is best adapted for their purposes, being the best and most durable barrier against stock. Railroads look to permanency, and farmers looking for a durable fence should write to The McGregor-Banwell Fence Co., Merick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, sole agents for Manitoba and N.-W. T., for their illustrated catalogue. It will be mailed free to any of our readers.

TRADE TOPICS.

SEED FIRM AT SWANSEA.—Smith Sisters, Swansea, Ontario, are doing an extensive seed business. They sell by letter only. Many well-to-do farmers and gardeners now buy their seeds because the prices are very reasonable. They issue a catalogue.

NORTHERN BUSINESS COLLEGE.—Spring term opens at The Northern Business College, Owen Sound, Ont., April 3rd, 1905. The spring is an excellent time to begin a course at the Northern Business College, Owen Sound. Spring term opens April 3rd, 1905.

MEN FOR POSITIONS.—President Creelman, of the Ontario Agricultural College, announces elsewhere in this issue of the "Farmer's Advocate" that about April 15th a number of thoroughly practical graduates will be available, well qualified to act as foremen or managers of farms. Persons in need of such should at once communicate with President Creelman.

WILHELM'S BROOD MARE SPECIAL.—Mr. J. Wilhelm, V. S., Shakespeare, Ont., writes: "For those breeders that had trouble with their foals, it would be well to try Wilhelm's Brood Mare Special, as it is guaranteed to prevent running navel and big knees, and is highly recommended by breeders that have used it. If you cannot advise a man, how are you going to help him." See advertisement in another column.

BIBBY'S FEEDING MEALS.—Messrs. J. Bibby & Sons, of Liverpool, England, are considered the largest manufacturers of cattle meals in the world. Their products are good. In Canada, this firm is represented by William Rennie, seedsmen, of Toronto, and we understand that the sale of Cream Equivalent, which is especially made for calves, has been doubled within the past year. This shows that reliable goods, which have value and merit, are what stock-raisers desire.



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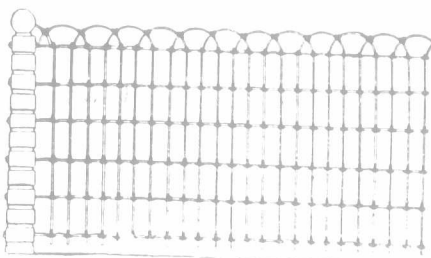
GENTLEMEN—I will write what the Combination Oil Cure has done for my cancer. It was December when I first corresponded with you, and how hard it was to convince me, even after the literature had been sent, that cancer could be cured. I had been taught from my youth up that cancers could not be cured by man. At the time I began treatment, the cancer, which was located beneath my left eye, protruded to such an extent that I could not wear my glasses, and the sight of my left eye was impaired. It had been growing for about six years, beginning when I was 72 years old; am now 78. My father before me had a cancer that caused his death. After using your treatment as you instructed, my cancer was entirely eradicated, and to-day there is hardly a scar left and the sight of the eye is nearly as strong as the other one. Praise the Lord. I hope that your name will never die, and that your soul will forever find rest in Him. Your unworthy servant, healed and saved to the uttermost.

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