

Mr. Wood Talks Straight

To the Editor of The Guide: I consider it most regrettable that through our system of party politics, under which our country at all times suffers, that a vote against reciprocity should have been forced through the Manitoba legislature two weeks ago. I consider that the leaders of both parties in the house have laid themselves open to severe condemnation on the part of the people of Manitoba, and in particular I should like to ask upon what authority any member on the Manitoba legislature voted against reciprocity. The whole matter arose out of a series of circumstances designed to secure political advantage at the next election. In the first place Premier Roblin rushed into print immediately the reciprocity agreement was announced and declared that it would ruin Canada. He had no authority to make that statement as representing the West and it could be nothing more than a private opinion. Mr. Norris, the leader of the opposition, seeing that Premier Roblin had committed himself, seized the opportunity to introduce a resolution in favor of reciprocity with the hope to embarrass the government. The premier and Mr. Rogers who had also given out an interview against reciprocity found themselves in an awkward position. To save their face in the legislature it was necessary that they should have the solid support of their party, thus by an appeal to party loyalty the members of the government party were all induced to vote against reciprocity.

city, regardless of their own opinion or of the best interest of their constituency. As a matter of fact not one of them gave any reason in the legislature for voting against reciprocity. The entire circumstance are unfortunate and I do not consider that any member of the Manitoba legislature could represent more than his own personal opinion upon the tariff. By claiming to do so they misrepresent the people who elected them. Every member in the legislature who represents a rural constituency, if he really represented the views of the men who elected him, would, I believe, have voted in favor of reciprocity. As the people of Manitoba have been thus misrepresented, I consider that it is now their duty to regulate the action of their members in the legislature who voted against reciprocity and to make known to the world in no uncertain sound, that the people of Manitoba are in favor of reciprocity agreement now before the House of Commons. It would seem to me only fair that those members who voted against reciprocity explain their action to their constituents.

Such things could not occur if direct legislation were in force in Manitoba. Then every question could be settled upon its merits and members would not misrepresent their constituents nor interfere with matters outside their jurisdiction, as in this case, for fear of the Recall.

Yours very truly,

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VETERINARY

We shall be glad to have our readers remember that all Veterinary Questions they wish to ask will be answered free of charge in The Guide. The services of one of Winnipeg's leading veterinarians have been secured for this work. Private replies by return mail, if desired, will be sent upon receipt of one dollar.

HORSE WITH ITCH ON LEGS

J. F. Spruce Creek.—I have a horse which has an itchiness in his legs and I washed them with creolin and water, and soap and water with a spoonful of baking soda dissolved in it, and also used glycerine, but all these have failed to affect a cure. Kindly prescribe.

Ans.—Have the following solution made up: Bi-chloride of mercury in the proportion of one part to 1,000 of water, to which add 1 ounce of alcohol and apply to the legs night and morning.

STALLION OUT OF CONDITION

W. A. Swift Current, Sask.—Clyde stallion ran with mares all last summer and fall, was taken in about Christmas, is rather down in condition for spring work. What is a good medicine to give stallions to prevent itching?

Ans.—Give your horse the following:

Liqua styriacina, 4 ounces.

Liqua stramonialis hydrochlor., 4 ounces.

Tincture of iron, 5 ounces.

Mix well and give two tablespoonfuls in feed night and morning.

To stallions with itching skin give one tablespoonful of Fowler's solution of arsenic to each stallion in feed night and morning.

HORSE WITH SWELLING BETWEEN LEGS

F. K. Lapid, Sask.—Horse 6 years old has been swollen between the front legs since last week. It started first on the left side down as far as the knee, but now it is clean over to the other side of the leg.

Ans.—Give your horse one quart of raw linseed oil on an empty stomach; while purging give only warm bran mash; after the purgative has acted give these powders in feed night and morning:

Potassium iodide, 3 ounces.

Divide into 14 and give as directed; bathe the swelling twice a day with warm water and then apply a little of the following liniment: Liniment Saponis C., 10 ounces.

MARE WITH SORE EYES

A. N. Langham, Sask.—I have a mare which for some years at periods which have grown more frequent of late, especially in the winter time, has been troubled with one or both eyes watering very much and becoming very inflamed, keeping them closed or nearly so the most of the time on these occasions. A long trip in the cold seems to aggravate the trouble, but seems subject to these attacks even if kept in the stable all the time. Please prescribe.

Ans.—Have the following made up and put a little in the eye 3 times daily, after bathing with soft warm water to which add a little boric acid: Sulphate of zinc, 10 grains.

Fluid extract of belladonna, 10 drops.

Distilled water, 2 ounces.

I am afraid this case is incurable as it will most likely terminate in cataract.

HORSE BOUND UP

Subscriber, Delisle, Sask.—I had a horse act strangely last week. On Thursday morning I noticed that his bedding had been tramped about more than usual. I let him go with the rest of the horses, but on Friday morning I also noticed that he had been stamping more than usual in the night. I gave him a quart of raw linseed oil which I got a few days before and Saturday I gave him some nitre. He has come all right. Did the oil do him good? What is the best thing to give a horse that is bound up?

Ans.—Your treatment has been good and the doses about right. Raw linseed oil is very good in such cases; an eight or ten dram ball of aloes

according to size of horse will sometimes give relief when oil has failed to act, but should not be given till a few days after the oil.

COLT WITH CONTRACTED FORE FEET

Subscriber.—What can be done for a colt one year old west July whose feet are contracting? He has always stood on a board floor.

Ans.—Keep his feet off the board floor by keeping lots of bedding under them; also soak his feet for an hour night and morning, or if possible stand him

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in wet clay. Let him run out as much as possible, to the spring turn him out to pasture as soon as possible.

PIG WITH RHEUMATISM

T. R. Sack.—I have three pigs about four months old, have them in a pen and say how warm and I notice that they are getting stiff in their legs. I moved them into the horse stable about three weeks ago, but from the time I placed them in the stable they have not been able to stand on their feet and seem sore when handled. Is this rheumatism, if so kindly prescribe?

Ans.—Keep your pigs in a dry warm place with plenty of clean dry bedding, which should be changed once a day; also have the following made up:

Soda salicylate, 4 ounces.

Divide into 80 powders and give one to each pig night and morning. Rub on affected parts like following twice daily: Liniment Saponis C., 10 ounces.

GELDING WITH SORE PENIS

R. H. Penfold, Alta.—Gelding has had a sore penis for a year, veterinary here says his water causes the trouble. It is raw and coated over with matter all the time.

Ans.—Apply the following lotion night and morning after bathing with warm water to which add a little creolin:

Bi-chloride of mercury, 2 tablets.

Boiled soft water, 1 quart.

Alcohol, 1 ounce.

CURE FOR LICE

Subscriber, Sask.—What can I do to cure a mare with lice?

Ans.—Wash your mare with a solution of creolin and warm water twice daily.

RE-STALLION AND MARES

A. B. Sack.—Should mares be disinfecting?

Can stallions be affected by germs from mares?

Ans.—Stallions may become affected by germs from mares. Write to Hansonman and Dunn Co., 107 South Clark St.; describing what book you want.

NASAL GLEET

C. H. Sack.—Horse discharges from the nose and sneezes frequently. Has been this way 1 or two years.

Ans.—Give your horse the following:

Sulphate of zinc, 3 ounces.

Soda salicylate, 1 1/2 ounces.

Mix and divide into 12 powders and give one in feed night and morning.

With the mares at night and morning and give in drinking water twice daily the following:

Potassium iodide, 3 ounces.

Divide into 12 powders.

MARE LAME IN ANKLE

F. M. Sack.—A mare 10 years old got lame 1 year ago. She is lame in the left hind limb. The foot is cracked up and is cracking all around.

Ans.—Bathe the parts with these times daily with the following lotion after washing with carbolic acid and water:

Salicylate of zinc, 3 ounces.

Sulphate of zinc, 6 drams.

Alcohol, 1 ounce.

Soft water, add to one quart, after the pen has been applied this liniment:

Carbolic acid, 1 dram.

Vaseline, 8 drams.

Mix well, rub well in, leave on 36 hours, repeat twice daily.

Soft water, 1 quart.

MARE WITH LECORRHOEA

O. E. H. Sack.—An aged mare has leucorrhoea she has rather a small appetite and swells somewhat in hind legs.

Ans.—Wash the womb out with a solution of creolin twice daily and give the following powder:

Sulphate of zinc, 3 ounces.

Divide into 12 powders and give one in feed three times daily. Inject to passage twice daily the following solution:

Carbolic acid, 2 teaspoonfuls.

Tannic acid, 3/4 dram.

Soft water, 1 quart.

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