

AN ACQUISITION TO RURAL PROGRESS.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Some time ago I wrote re the automobile, taking a more liberal view of the question than some of my fellow farmers. The question has since that time been before Parliament, having been dealt with by the Municipal Committee, with the result that very little change has been made in the law, showing conclusively that the opinion of those in authority is that the auto is an institution that has come to stay, and in a very short time will have ceased to be a novelty enjoyed by the few, but will become a very useful means of transportation, utilized by many; and, personally, I think there is no greater acquisition to the progress of our country than the auto, and it now remains for the manufacturers of motors to give some consideration to the farmer and his needs, by supplying a vehicle suitable for the many uses to which the farmer must adopt his general conveyance, and the firm that can do this, and produce it at a cost not too great, will win a place in the hearts of the rural folk that will be worthy of their ambition. I can see in the auto a means of transportation that will enhance the value of the farm very materially. We have many farms most suitable for the culture of vegetables, and such produce, that could they be utilized as such, instead of for grain and stock-raising, would be twice as valuable as they are at present, and the reason they are not utilized for such purposes is because they are too far from the markets; whereas, could such produce be conveyed to market by motor power, one hundred miles would be quite as convenient to the city as twenty is under existing conditions.

Why not, then, throw aside all feeling of animosity toward the auto, and ask for some consideration at the hands of the manufacturers of motor vehicles, by means of which the farmer may be in the forefront in the march of civilization, besides placing such vehicles in the hands of persons who will give every user of the King's highway equal rights and justice, which, unfortunately, a few of those who possess them at the present time are not disposed to do?

Simcoe Co., Ont.

W. H. SMITH.

TREATING SEED WHEAT FOR SMUT.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Among the things farmers in general have to contend with, is the wheat being affected by smut. There have been quite a number of plans recommended for treatment, and I herewith wish to give one we tried, that worked to perfection last season on wheat that was bad with smut:

For 20 gallons of water, we mixed one-half pint formalin in a coal-oil barrel; in this we put wheat enough to come near the top of liquid, and then mixed it well, in order that all oats and wheat affected by smut would come to the top. Next we took a wire-screen dipper and skimmed all off the top of oats and smut, and left the wheat in liquid for about 20 minutes, then dipped it out with wire dipper into bags, setting on tubs to drain, so that no liquid would be wasted, and in two hours it was ready for sowing.

By this plan the wheat is thoroughly saturated.

TRADE TOPICS.

Choice white seed oats of superior varieties, grown from seed obtained of a leading Canadian seed house, are advertised for sale in this paper by Mr. John Lee, of Galt, Ont. Write him for particulars, stating that you saw the advertisement in "The Farmer's Advocate."

Molassine meal used in a mixture with ordinary farm foods for horses, cattle, hogs and poultry, has, judging from many testimonials from farmers and others having used it, been proved a very wholesome and economical stock food, effecting a considerable saving in the cost of feeding, while the health and condition of the animals has shown very satisfactory improvement, and weight of flesh has been gained at moderate cost of production. For particulars, see the advertisement in this paper.

ALFALFA AS A SILAGE CROP.

The Kansas Experiment Station, according to the Drovers' Journal, reports an experiment of putting the first cutting of alfalfa into the silo. On account of continuous rains, the alfalfa had been allowed to stand too long, and, consequently, was rather coarse and badly rusted, and contained a considerable quantity of horse weeds (Leptilon Canadense). This alfalfa would have made exceedingly poor hay. When the silo was opened, it was found that the top two feet was moulded badly, but below that it was in excellent condition. The moldy silage was hauled into the pasture, where it was noticed that the cows ate it readily. When fed in the stable, it was noticed that two-thirds of the cows ate the silage, weeds and all, and the other third ate all but the weeds, and it was possible to keep up the flow of milk

in July when the pasture was dry and scanty by the use of this alfalfa silage.

A FREE TRIAL THAT MEANS SOMETHING.—Most of the "Free Offers" that appear in advertisements do not pan out very well. There is usually some string attached or some conditions to be complied with that amount to a good price for all you get. A notable exception, however, is the offer made by Mrs. F. V. Currah, of Windsor, Ont., as stated on page 706, in her advertisement, entitled, "Proving by Actual Experiment." She sends, absolutely free, a box of Orange Lily, an expensive, concentrated remedy, put up in pure, hermetically-sealed, gelatine capsules, which is sufficient for ten days' treatment, and which is worth 35 cents. Mrs. Currah finds it pays to do this, for the reason that being a strictly scientific preparation, its good effects are noticeable from the start, and almost all who give it a trial continue its use until completely cured.

GOSSIP.

THE FORESTVIEW HEREFORD SALE.

The dispersion sale of the noted prize-winning Forestview herd of Hereford cattle belonging to Mr. John A. Govenlock, of Forest, Ont., to take place on May 13th, as advertised in this paper, should attract the attention of breeders of this popular beef breed, and farmers desirous of grading up their cattle to produce profitable feeders. The record of the Hereford breed at the great International Live-stock Show, at Chicago, in competition with all other breeds in the fat-stock classes, is a proud one, proving beyond doubt their superior feeding propensities. The Forestview herd has made

The wheat grown from seed thus treated was No. 1, and entirely free from smut. Judging from results, I prefer the above to any other plan that I know of.

Trusting that this may be helpful to some of "The Farmer's Advocate" readers. A. W. ROSS.
Renfrew Co., Ont.

AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE OF OPINION.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

I noticed in "The Farmer's Advocate," of April 2nd, an article from the pen of that excellent correspondent, Mr. W. B. Rittenhouse, re autos. He says: "One might almost infer from the tone of some of your correspondents that anyone driving a motor car, or even riding in one, was almost a maniac. That almost riled my usually good temper." We confess that we have never lost any sleep, or even had our temper ruffled, because of epithets hurled at chauffeurs, but we have felt "riled" because the men who furnish the money to build the roads are deprived of the use of them. Mr. Rittenhouse says: "Because there are reckless drivers, I do not like to see the other fellows abused and insulted who exercise due precaution." But would it not be well for the good and bad to part company? It reminds me of the old story of the two dogs, Tray and Snap, who went out for a walk. Tray was good and kind, but Snap was cross and meddlesome, and they were both destroyed.

Mr. Rittenhouse thinks it would hardly be fair to banish autos from country roads when farmers are privileged to use streets kept by incorporated towns and cities. But let a farmer or anyone else drive a machine on a city street that would be a menace to ordinary traffic, and see how he fares! But why protract the discussion? We have evidence enough to prove that autos as they are used are a nuisance. All we need is action; and when farmers, in whom politicians see such wonderful intelligence at election time, unitedly demand their rights, our legislators will find some things quite workable that are now deemed 'unworkable.'

Our Province will soon be in the throes of a general election, and what will be the issue? Will it be a fight for the party for which our fathers fought, or will it be a cool-headed selection of men to make equitable laws?

Why not forget Grit and Tory for once, and think of autos; and why not submit the question to the electors at the next municipal election? Take a plebiscite, as on the temperance question, and we could soon marshal a force that no Government would care to resist.

Lincoln Co., Ont.

SUBSCRIBER.

A deputation from the woollen section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have been waiting on the Dominion Government with a request for increased customs protection to the Canadian woollen industry. The existing rates on imported woolsens from Great Britain are as follows: Tweeds and cloths, 30 per cent.; knitted goods (underwear), 22½ per cent.; hosiery, 25 per cent.; all-wool blankets, 22½ per cent., and shoddy blankets, 30 per cent.

a splendid record in the last few years in winning first prizes, championships and herd prizes at the Canadian National and other leading exhibitions, as stated in the advertisement on another page. A useful lot of Shorthorns are also included in the sale.

Dr. Geo. Bell, V. S., D. V. D. S., of Kingston, Ont., advertises in this paper his veterinary-medical specific for ailments of horses and other farm stock, which has been used by many hundreds of farmers and livery owners in the United States and Canada in the last twenty years, numerous testimonials to its marvellous curative powers having been received, a sample of which is the following:

Brockville, Ont., May 18, 1906.

My dear Dr. Bell,—You have the best medicine in Medical Wonder, for sick horses, that it has ever been my privilege to use, or see others using. I have yet to see a case where it fails to deliver the goods. It is a great boon to horsemen in Canada, and should prove so throughout the civilized world.

Yours truly,

ANTOINE WENDLING.

(Owner of Deverus, 2.114.)

Agents are wanted in every county. Bright young men, general blacksmiths and others desiring to take up this work are invited to correspond with Dr. Bell. Address: 110 Clarence St., Kingston, Ont.

The imported, six-year-old, chestnut Hackney stallion, Wadsworth Squire, 15.2, by the champion Garton Duke of Connaught, is advertised for sale in this paper by Mrs. E. M. Routledge, Georgeville, Quebec. He is said to have proven a very successful sire of high-class harness and saddle horses.

THE GARDNER-PEARSON SALE.

The postponed sale of Shorthorns from the herds of F. A. Gardner, Britannia, and S. J. Pearson, Son & Co., Meadowvale, Ont., which took place on April 8th, despite unfavorable weather and almost impassable roads, was fairly well attended, many bidders being present from considerable distances. Though the prices obtained were in some cases rather low, the best things brought fairly good figures, and on the whole the sale was reasonably successful. Capt. T. E. Robson and John Smith, M.P.P., as salesmen, conducted the sale very acceptably, and buyers secured good bargains. Following is the list of animals sold for \$70 and upwards:

COWS AND HEIFERS.

Scotch Thistle 2nd (imp.), 6 yrs.; J. F. Mitchell, Burlington	\$300
Scotch Thistle (imp.), 8 yrs.; A. McKinnon, Hillsburg	185
Mysie Maid, 2 yrs.; John Campbell, Woodville	160
Scotch Thistle 3rd, 2 yrs.; J. Ray, Scromberg	165
Scotch Thistle 4th, 2 yrs.; John Dryden & Son, Brooklin	140
Scotch Thistle 5th, 1 yr.; N. Cameron, Norval	110
Scotch Thistle 6th, 1 yr.; John Campbell	145
Nonpareil 64th, 2 yrs.; J. F. Mitchell	100
Marchioness 16th, 2 yrs.; John Goodfellow, Macville	75
Mena Maid 8th, 6 yrs.; Oscar Armstrong, Mayfield	85
Mena Maid 4th, 3 yrs.; J. Willis, Brampton	85
Lady Banff, 4 yrs.; A. McIntosh, Elora	80
Mena Maid 12th, 2 yrs.; Thos. Short, Brampton	75
Lady Brant 8th, 3 yrs.; T. Andrews, Meadowvale	75
Loretta, 4 yrs.; J. A. Fraser, Ventry	80

BULLS.

Gold Mine (imp.), 5 years; E. C. Forster, Milton	\$170
Scottish Archer, 3 yrs.; E. C. Gardner, Meadowvale	100
Brave Scot, 2 yrs.; J. A. Forster, Ventry	105

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

April 29th to May 2nd.—Canadian National Horse Show, Toronto.
May 6th to 9th.—Montreal Horse Show.
May 6th and 7th.—Glasgow National Stallion Show.
June 18th to 20th.—Galt Horse Show, Galt, Ont.
June 18th to 27th.—International Horse Show, Olympia, London, England.
June 30th to July 4th.—Royal Agricultural Society's Show, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.
June 29th to July 9th.—Dominion Exhibition, Calgary, Alta.
July 11th to 17th.—Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.
July 21st to 24th.—Highland Society's Show, at Aberdeen.

Thos. Southworth, the efficient Director of Colonization and Immigration in the Ontario Government, has resigned this office to accept the position of Parks Commissioner in the City of Toronto.

Two Suffolk-Punch stallions, one five, the other three years old, are advertised for sale by Mr. Thos. Knaggs, Vandecar, Oxford Co., Ont.

The auction sale to take place on April 23rd, of the great herd of Holstein cattle and high-grade Holstein dairy cows, belonging to the Rathbun Co., at Deseronto, Ont., should claim the attention of dairymen and farmers generally. The 140 breeding ewes, with lambs, should also find ready buyers, as also should the Berkshire and Yorkshire breeding swine. Deseronto is a station on Bay of Quinte Railway, nine miles from Napanee Junction, on the G. T. R.

Editor, "The Farmer's Advocate":

In your issue of Feb. 27th, Prof. Cumming, of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, writes that he has a calf which he thinks is a record, at 136 lbs. at birth. I have one that weighed 139 lbs. in less than three hours after it was dropped, March 30th. I took it away immediately, so that it got no milk before being weighed. The mother is a 15-16 Shorthorn, and the sire a Holstein. Who can beat it? D. BURCH.
Norfolk Co., Ont.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

April 17th.—Myrtle Sales Association, at Myrtle, Ont., Shorthorns, Clydesdales, Yorkshires.
April 17th.—R. Reid & Co., Hintonburg, Ont., imported Clydesdales.
April 23rd.—Rathbun Company, Deseronto, Ont., registered Holstein and high-grade dairy cattle, Shropshire sheep, Yorkshire and Berkshire swine.
May 13th.—John A. Govenlock, Forest, Ont., Herefords and Shorthorns.
June 14th.—John Dryden & Son, Brooklin, Ont., Shorthorns.