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Continuation of Our Report of the Meeting Held at Appin.

The second address during the forenoon session was given by Mr. Wm. Smith, of Columbus, Ont.; subject, "The Breeding and Care of Heavy Horses." This was a subject of great importance, as there is always a good demand for heavy horses notwithstanding the fact that electricity was being largely used in their stead. The low prices which have ruled lately were enough to drive farmers out of the business. Will it pay to breed heavy horses? The speaker would answer in the affirmative. To sell a horse at four or five years old for $80 or $90 is more profitable than to sell a three year-old steer at prices prevailing now. There have been a great many failures in this line of business for the simple reason that those engaged in it had no definite object in view. Let the farmer set before himself a high ideal and strive to attain to it and success will certainly crown his efforts. The two best kinds to breed, in Mr. Smith's opinion, were the Clydesdale and the Shire. Of these two he preferred the former, although there is a great deal of similarity in them.

The speaker then described what he considered an ideal stallion. He should have a broad forehead, open nostrils, long tapering ears; a strong, powerful, tapering neck; back, not too long; breast, broad and full; bone below the knee not too round. The Shire has a straighter pastern than the Clyde, which is not so good. The feet, of course should be good; a nice fringe of hair below the knee, which adds to the appearance; hind quarters, broad; thigh, strong and muscular; hind leg not too straight, with a good flat bone.

The mare should fill the bill as near as possible in the same respects as the stallion. It is very unprofitable to breed poor mares. The mare should not weigh under 1200 or 1300 and might go even beyond 1400 if possible. The foaling season was a season of great anxiety to the breeder. A person should, if possible, be with the mare when foaling. The colt should be kept growing from the start, and should never be allowed to lose any in this regard. If it does not receive enough from the dam it should be fed a little--crushed oats or bran being the best feed at this time. Flaxseed is excellant for horses and colts as it wards off disease. A horse to sell well must look well. He must have good feet, should be well groomed and kept clean, and should have plenty of exercise.

After Mr. Smith's very able address there was an interesting discussion in regard to many points relating to horse-breeding. This closed the morning session, when the meeting adjourned till two o'clock.

Owing to the president, Mr. Grigg, feeling somewhat indisposed, the afternoon and evening session were presided over by Mr. R. S. Munson. Prof. Panton was first introduced, his subject being "Nitrogen." What is nitrogen? It is the most important element we have. There are three important elements, namely—nitrogen, being necessary for the general growth of the plant: potash, without which the plant can do nothing, is necessary for the manufacture of starch; phosphoric acid, for seed production. Of these three, nitrogen is the most expensive.

(1) Its characters.--Nitrogen has very peculiar characters; it is really a nonentity, being neutral in its character. When joined to other elements it forms a soluble compound. It is the basis of decomposition and is found in all decaying substance. It is very valuable, being worth three times as much as other elements.

(2) Sources.—The air above and around us contains 79 per cent. of nitrogen, it being a free element. A certain amount is also found in ammonia. It is found in the soil as air and also as ammonia where there is any decaying substance. United with other substances it forms nitrates, which are the most important elements in the soil.

(3) Appropriation. — As there are microbes or jerms of disease there are also microbes in certain plants which help to appropriate the nitrogen. There are two groups of these working in the soil. One class works on the ammonia and forms nitrites, these elements not being very valuable. The work is continued, however, by the second class, which form nitrates. These microbes work in certain plants, called legumes, such as beans, peas, clover, etc. These plants have little lumps on the roots which are the homes of the microbes, and thus through this medium are able to take the nitrogen from the air. These facts show clearly why clover is easy on the land and makes it richer.

(4) Conditions.—Air is necessary to these microbes as food is to us. It is therefore necessary that the temperature should be right. Water should not be allowed to remain on the surface as this causes a cold bottom. It should be removed by underdraining. Lime is a very favorable base to unite with the nitrogen, and there must also be a certain amount of phosphates.

(5) Prof. Panton then gave a very interesting account of the recent discovery of a new element called nitragin. It has been found possible to breed the microbes or germs, and by this means it is thought that land which is lacking in nitrogen can thus be inoculated, and this valuable thus supplied. It is even possible to inoculate the seed, but the speaker thought better results could be obtained by inoculating the soil. The substance thus obtained and supplied to the land is called, as stated above, nitragin.

(6) Conclusions.—The speaker advised farmers to avoid bare fallow. The land should be kept covered by some growing crop, as this will tend to hold the nitrogen. If land is fallowed at all it should only be for the purpose of killing weeds. Avoid wet soil, as too much water keeps the air out. Should be thoroughly undrained,

Avoid short-lived crops. One of these is wheat. At the time wheat is ripe, nitrates are just being formed, so that the crop gets no benefits. The speaker did not mean to say that wheat should not be grown, but crops able to manufacture nitrates soould be sown alternately with it. Peas can get nitrates but wheat cannot; it is therefore necessary to supply the wheat plant with the required substance.

The land should be seeded down. Keep the soil covered is the proper doctrine. Of all the fertilizers we have, barn-yard manure comes out ahead. Other fertilizers have a sufficient quantity of certain elements while they lack in others, but barn-yard manure has the three principal elements — nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid; it also has humus, which is indispensable to any soil, and which is found to a large degree in black mucky ground. It has also the microbes or germs mentioned above, which other fertilizers have not.

The speaker concluded by urging farmers to seed their land to clover, as this is the best agent to draw the nitrogen from the air and store it in the soil.

An interesting discussion followed, when many questions were asked, eliciting a great deal of useful information. Nearly all the questions had reference to the use, etc., of ashes, and the following are some of the points brought out: -- Unleached ashes are worth about 20 cents per bushel; leached ashes, are worth about 10 cents per bushel. Ashes, when leached, lose about four-fifths of the potash, but the phosphoric acid is all left. Sow about 1½ tons of unleached or 4½ tons of leached ashes per acre. The greeness of plants is made up of millions of little balls, which have power to make starch. For this purpose iron is necessary. Potash is absolutely necessary to set the machinery of plants going. For this reason, the speaker said, it is folly to sell ashes to peddlers for a few pounds of soap.

Mr. Smith followed with an address on "The Breeding and Care of Sheep." He said that breeding had almost become a science. Many farmers have given up sheep raising on account of the low prices prevailing for wool and mutton. There is scarcely any department of farm work so simple, and from which so great returns are realized, on account of sheep being so easily fed, and because they require no expensive buildings. Sheep-houses need not be made very warm—in fact warm buildings are a fault. Mr. Smith preferred the Cotswold to any other breed, and although he had some failures with them he has stuck to them through good report and through evil report. In breeding, care should be given to the selection of the male. He should be pure-bred and should have a decided character; he should also show all the points of his breed. Every farmer should have a flock —even if it be a small flock of pure-bred ewes, as it costs no more to keep a pure-bred ewe than it does to keep a common one. Lambs should come early if wanted for an early market; but if wanted for market in July or August, the first of April is soon enough for them to come, as at this time the ewes will be able to pick a little grass. Lambs should be fed when quite young, as the ewe cannot supply sufficient nourishment to keep the lambs growing as they should. Ground oats and pulped roots—turnips preferred—is the best feed. The lambs should never be allowed to go back in their growth, as the feed required to bring them up again to their former state is just so much wasted. Lambs should be weaned when four months old—earlier if possible. A field of rape is an excellent place to turn in young lambs. A good way to prepare land for rape is to skim over a stubble field that has not been seeded down about three inches deep. If the season is favorable the rape will make a rapid growth and thus give excellent fall pasture for sheep or lambs. The average farmer should

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DISTRICT NEWS.

Brief Summary of Events in This and Adjoining Counties.

Rev. W. Lowe will give his lecture on Ireland in Newbury shortly.

The Ontario Legislature is called to meet on Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

D. Dobie, dry goods, Wallaceburg, is offering to compromise at 75 cents on the dollar.

In the big curling bonspiel at Detroit last week Ridgetown won the Russel House trophy.

Hunters are after a large wild cat seen recently at the M. C. R. diamond east of Appin.

A free library by-law was carried in Aylmer by an overwhelming majority, the vote standing 430 to 50.

Rev. J. W. Baird, of Newbury Methodist Church, preached special sermons in Strathroy last week.

Rev. Mr. Baugh, Methodist minister of Appin, preached missionary sermons on the Mount Brydges circuit last Sunday.

The vote for county councillors in Elgin District No. 1 (Aldborough) was Morris 932, Lang 741, Kirkpatrick 591 and House 111.

Alex. McColl was elected reeve of Aldborough, and D. Campbell, M. N. Leitch, F. McDiarmid and D. H. Patterson, councillors.

In Euphemia George Annett has been elected reeve; Wm. Clements, deputy-reeve, and Geo. Johnson, Robert Moorhouse and C. J. Wall, councillors.

Mrs. Emma Elliott will sue the Blenheim council for $300 for injuries received by falling over a bundle of wire fencing, which had been left on a sidewalk.

At the annual business meeting of the Melbourne brass band the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, A. T. Jones; trustee, L. Clarke; Secretary, B. G. Robinson; treasurer, J. Campbell; bandmaster, W. E. Tolson.

In Metcalfe George Lewis was elected reeve by acclamation. For deputy-reeve John Mitchell was elected by a majority of 136 over Hardy Johnston. The councillors are Dan. Taylor, Duncan McIntyre and Robert Rae.

Another letter has been received from Peter Rijnhart and his wife, who was Dr. Susie Carson, of Newbury, and who it was feared, were murdered in a rebellion in Thibet. They are in Tankar, Northeastern Thibet, and are well.

The funeral of Mrs. Handy, relict of the late Squire Handy, formerly of Mount Brydges, took place at Mount Brydges last week. Deceased was in the 76th year of her age, and died at the residence of her son, Dr. Handy, in Michigan.

Thomas Pearce, a mile south of Glen Oak, had the misfortune of having his house burned down Thursday night at 9 o'clock. It was a good, substantial frame building. Small insurance. The fire originated from the stovepipe. Part of the contents were saved.

The following are the officers recently installed in Mount Zion Lodge, I.O.O.F. Newbury:—W. H. Sando, N. G., David Webster, V. G.; A. B. Dobbyn, Rec. Sec.; D. King, Per. Sec.; A. Fennell, sr., Treas.; C. Tucker, Warden; T. Johnston, I. G.; J. Deacon, R.S.N.G.; Dr. Gordon, L.S. N.G.; R. Callan, R.S.V.G.; E. Connelly, L.S.V.G.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earhart, of Ekfrid township, were called upon by a number of friends on New Year's Day, and presented with a number of gifts, the presentations being made on behalf of the donors by two young ladies of the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Earhart have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Earhart is a mail carrier.

W. H. Hammond, principal of the public school at Bridgetown, Ont., whipped a boy named Morton for playing truant. The boy's mother was displeased with his conduct, and as Hammond left his school room she attacked him with a club, not to speak of a vigorous batch of language. The services of a surgeon were required to sew up the laceration inflicted on the pedagogue's head.

Wm. Moore, of Newbury, was arraigned before Judge William Elliot on Thursday, and elected trial without a jury on the charge of assaulting and wounding James Robinson at Newbury on Dec. 30. His trial was fixed for Jan. 16. Hinks Moore, his son, has also been arrested on a charge of assaulting and wounding George Robinson, a brother of the above complainant. Hinks will be tried the same day as his father.

The death of Mr. Jas. McPhail, of lot 27, con. 8, Brooke, aged 72 years, which occurred on Monday of last week at the old homestead, removes from the scene an active, useful and honorable life, and one of the old pioneer settlers of the township. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. Deceased leaves a sorrowing widow, and a grown up family of seven, two sons and five daughters. Mr. McPhail was a member of the Kilmartin Presbyterian church. The interment took place at Alvinston on Wednesday.

The Chatham Dredging Company have just concluded the Raleigh plains ditch—probably the largest drainage ditch in America. It is over 10 miles in length, 90 feet wide at the outlet, and tapering to 45 feet, and 9 feet deep. The contract price was about $40,000. The huge drain, which empties into Jeannette's Creek, a tributary of the Thames, serves the townships of Raleigh, Harwich and Tilbury, removing surplus water, which at certain seasons of the year submerged the low-lying farm lands, doing widespread and heavy damage. The work of construction has occupied two years. Through litigation which involved an appeal to the Privy Council, the work has been delayed for years, and the township of Raleigh saddled with law costs aggregating $25,000,