

U. S. Tariff Revision.

In the long fight which has taken place in the U. S. Congress and Senate over tariff revision, Canadians have taken but a languid interest. This would not have been the case fifteen or twenty years ago. Canadian trade with the United States is certainly of great proportions, but there are other channels into which our exports have been diverted, and which have been developed until there is less of a feeling of dependence on the markets across the border. Again, it is realized now more than it used to be that Canadian interests are not considered by

our neighbors to the south, and that no change of tariff favorable to this country need be looked for.

President Taft, in his pre-election speeches, had pledged himself and party to tariff revision, and it was implied and understood that the revision would be downward. In the Payne Bill, as it will be known, which has at last been agreed upon, after long conference and repeated amendment by joint committee from the Congress and Senate, there are changes both in an upward and downward direction, and while Republican newspapers are claiming a victory for the President, it looks as if, on the whole, rates have been raised and

the ultra protectionists have won. At first he had asked for free hides, petroleum, coal and iron ore. Through his influence, no doubt, hides and petroleum were made free, but ore has still a duty of 15 cents, and the coal duty, though reduced to 45 cents per ton, still holds. In many other lines, notably on cottons, tariff rates have been raised. The Democratic leader said the President had been deceived and imposed upon. He produced a table showing that the Payne Bill increased the Dingley average ad valorem rate by 1.71 per cent. On the whole, except in the matter of hides, Canadians will notice but little effect of the new tariff.

GOSSIP.

Mossom Boyd, Bobcaygeon, Ont., has purchased from the Shire stud of Capt. Heywood-Lonsdale, Market, Drayton, England, the Shire stallion, Lord Cecil, and two fillies of the same breed, by Severn Melbourne.

A. J. Hickman, Court Lodge, Egerton, Kent, England, whose advertisement as shipper of pedigree stock runs in "The Farmer's Advocate," writes: I am pleased to tell you that, through your Winnipeg edition, I have purchased fifteen gray Shire fillies and a good gray stallion, for Mr. J. H. Beard, of Gleichen, Alta. Several of these have won prizes, and they sail early in August. I have also purchased twenty Suffolk Punches, five stallions, and fifteen fillies, for G. A. Hamilton & Son, of Loveland, Colorado. Several of these have won prizes at the Royal and other shows. I am shipping them to New York on August 7th. I have also recently shipped to Major Carnochan, of New York, eight in-calf Kerry heifers, purchased from the herd belonging to the Duchess of Newcastle.

CLYDESDALES AT AUCTION.

The auction sale of 20 imported and Canadian-bred Clydesdale mares, fillies and stallions, the property of Jas. J. Hales, to take place at his farm at Chatham, Ont., on September 1st, as advertised, should attract the attention and consideration of breeders, farmers, and dealers. Rarely indeed are so many good imported mares and fillies found on one farm in Canada; and the two imported stock horses are high-class in breeding and individuality.

Bute Baron (imp.), whose picture appears on another page in this paper, is more than half-brother to the noted sire of champions, Baron's Pride, being got by Sir Everard, the sire of Baron's Pride, while his grandam was by Springhill Darnley, the sire of Baron's Pride's dam, and a son of the noted Darnley (222). Bute Baron is a big, strong-boned horse, standing 17½ hands, and weighing close to a ton, has grand action, and a perfect disposition. The other stud horse, Eureka Prince (imp.), is a bay five-year-old, sired by Eureka, by Baron's Pride, dam by Gregor MacGregor, by MacGregor, by Darnley (222). He is a very thick, broad, well-proportioned horse, has grand quality of bone, and true action, and is proving an exceptionally good sire, as the fillies in the sale got by him, and the fact that his book this year contains 110 mares (his third season in the county), amply evidences. There is also in the sale the capital two-year-old stallion colt, Gold Seal a red-roan son of King's Seal (imp.), by Rozelle, by Baron's Pride, while his grandam, Princess Alexandra, was by Prince Patrick (imp.), by Prince of Wales (673), and was champion mare at the World's Fair, Chicago. He is a closely-built, strong-backed, deep-bodied colt, with grand quality of bone and pasterns. Space will not admit of individual mention in this issue of the females in the sale, of which there are sixteen, eight of which are imported mares, 5 and 6 years old, four of which are nursing splendid filly foals by imported sires. These mares are of the most desirable age, and of high-class quality, have proven sure and good breeders, and are all believed to be safe in foal again to imported horses. There are also several excellent yearling and two-year-old fillies, bred from imported sire and dam. They are all in fresh condition, on good pasture, with no special fitting for sale, and will not go back in the hands of buyers. They will be sold without reserve to the highest bidder, and good bargains may be had at this sale. See further notes next week and send for the catalogue.

FARM LABORERS' EXCURSIONS

20,000 Men Wanted for Western Harvesting

To meet the demand for farm laborers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, special second-class excursions will be run by the Canadian Pacific Railway from all Ontario stations. Cost of one-way ticket to Winnipeg is \$10.00, and from Winnipeg to points where laborers contract to work, they will be carried without charge. After at least one month's work in the harvest field, a ticket back to Ontario starting point will be issued at \$18.00. Tickets are only good on Farm Laborers' special trains. Tickets will also be issued to women, but no half-rate for children. Leaving dates of excursions are as follows:

August 19th and Sept. 7th, from all stations in the territory between Toronto-Sudbury line and Toronto-Sarnia line of the Grand Trunk.

August 23rd and Sept. 7th, from all C. P. and G. T. R. stations on Toronto-Sarnia line and south thereof (in Canada and all stations in Ontario on M. C., P. M. and T. H. & B. Railways).

August 27th and Sept. 10th, from all stations east of Toronto-North Bay line, and including Kingston, also stations on C. O. and B. of Q. Railways, and stations on K. & P. south of Renfrew.

For the three excursions in August, special trains will be run from all points on the C. P. R. If you are in any doubt as to date of excursions from your district, apply to local C. P. R. agent, who will also furnish times of special trains, or write to R. L. Thompson, District Passenger Agent, C. P. R., Toronto.

Running down coyotes with a motor car is said to be one of the diversions in a newly-opened section of Montana. It is exciting sport, and the bounties help to pay the gasoline bill.

John McFarlane, Dutton, Ont., in sending us a change of advt. writes that he has disposed of a beautiful roan Short-horn bull to Martin O'Brien, Bothwell, Ont.; also a yearling one to Kenneth McPherson, Dutton. Still have two dark-red ones at low prices. Mr. McFarlane has for sale Lincoln ram lambs, of Dudding breeding, and Oxford Downs, sired by a St. Louis prizewinner; also a few young Clydesdales, and a handsome chestnut Hackney filly coming two years.

Grosse Isle, near Detroit, Mich., is to be converted into a second Guernsey Island, according to a correspondent of Hoard's Dairyman. An up-to-date dairyman named H. B. Scott set the movement on foot by importing from the Island of Guernsey, in the English Channel, 16 pure-bred registered Guernsey cows. Besides these, many Guernsey cattle have been kept on the Island for a good while. The Farmers' Club of Grosse Isle, called W. F. Raven, college agent for the establishment of co-operative breeding associations, to the Island, to give them a talk and advice, and the upshot of the whole matter was a decision that henceforth only pure-bred Guernsey sires are to be used, and those who cannot afford to own pure-bred sires will be given the service from sires owned by the company, so that in a few years only pure-bred and good grade Guernseys will abound on the Island.

TRADE TOPIC.

CHANGE IN NAME OF COMPANY.

There has been an important change in the name of one of the largest manufacturers of agricultural engines in the world, and after July 26, 1909, the Olds Gas Power Co., of Lansing, Mich., makers of the famous Olds gas and gasoline engines, will be the Seager Engine Works. Mr. Olds has not been connected with this institution for a number of years, and the management has been entirely in the hands of the Seagers. On account of the greatly-increased business, it became necessary to increase the capital stock, and it was considered an opportune moment to make a change in the name. The capitalization of the Olds Gas Power Co. was \$615,000, but the capitalization of the Seager Engine Works is \$1,500,000. The plant has been greatly increased, and for many months departments of it have been running 20 hours a day. The demand from the agricultural districts for Olds Engines has been very large, and this has been supplemented by a large foreign business. There is no change whatever in the management or personnel of the officers. The Olds Engine has been on the market for thirty years, and this factory, which is one of the most modern in the world, has built nothing but Olds Engines, devoting their entire time and energy to the manufacture of an engine that can be run successfully without any mechanical experience.

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, \$1.00 must be enclosed.

Veterinary.

ABSCESSSES.

Team running on pasture and working a little have developed abscesses. An abscess formed at the root of one horse's tail, which, when lanced, healed immediately, but a lump remains. The other horse's fetlock swelled, and several abscesses have broken. The holes remain open and discharge a fetid fluid.

A. S. D.

Ans.—This is a form of blood-poisoning, and it is hard to give the cause. It is possible there is some weed in the pasture that caused an alteration in the blood. Change the pasture, or keep the horses in the stable. Flush out the cavities of the abscesses three times daily until healed with a five-per-cent. solution of carbolic acid. Lance any fresh ones that appear, and treat as above. Purge each with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, and give each 1½ ozs. Fowler's solution of arsenic twice daily for ten days.

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POLL EVIL—CANINE DISTEMPER.

1. Mare got head caught in ladder and pulled back until she threw herself. She has developed poll evil. Would the accident cause the trouble? Is the disease contagious? I took her to my veterinarian and he gave me a blister for it.

2. A year ago last March my dog's nose got rough and sore, and his eyes discharged matter. His eyes got better, but his ears began to discharge matter. His appetite returned, but on account of his ear trouble we killed him this spring.

H. F. R.

Ans.—1. No doubt the accident caused the trouble. It is not contagious. Do as your veterinarian advises. It is probable he will have to operate, but in some cases external applications effect a cure. When pus forms and an operation is necessary, it is usually necessary to operate more than once, as fresh sinuses form, and it usually requires from 8 to 12 months to cure; therefore, do not blame your veterinarian if the case proves tedious.

2. The dog had canine distemper, which became complicated with canker of the internal ear, for which there is practically no cure. 62V.

Miscellaneous.

SOW THISTLE IN NEIGHBOR'S FIELD.

Find enclosed parts of a weed I pulled out of a neighbor's field of oats that is full of it.

1. Is this not the sow thistle?
2. What steps can be taken to get rid of it? Can the neighbors pull it, contrary to the owner's wishes?

G. W. M.

Ans.—1. Yes; it is perennial sow thistle, one of the most pernicious weeds known.

2. Unfortunately, we think not. Refer the matter to your township clerk.

LOST TIME THROUGH ACCIDENT—BREAKAGES.

1. A hires B to work on farm for one year. B fell through scaffold in the barn and was not able to work for one week; now B refuses to put in lost time. Can A keep it out of B's wages?

2. Also, B has broken some articles about the farm accidentally. Can A make B pay for them? A. J. W.

Ans.—1. We think not.

2. Unless the breakages occurred through wilfulness or culpable carelessness, A has no claim against B by reason of the mishaps.

COW FAILING TO BREED.

I have a young cow, four years old, that I cannot get in calf. I would like to know what you would do. She came in when two years old and again when three. This spring she calved in good condition, milked well, and in about two months took the bull, and in nine days took him again, and has taken him every three weeks since for five times. What would you advise to do? S. E. L.

Ans.—It is probable her ovaries have become diseased, and, if so, nothing can be done. It would probably be better to cease breeding her for a few months in order that her organs may become normal in condition. If you try her again, it would be well to use a young bull.

ALFALFA AFTER BARLEY.

I have a field of barley this year. I would like to know whether I could sow alfalfa this fall on it. I intend plowing it as soon as barley is off. It had corn on it last, from sod plowing. I did not plow it last fall, but sowed the barley on this spring by working it up well with the harrow. If it would do to sow alfalfa, how should I prepare it? How much per acre—20 lbs.? Would it do to sow any rye with it or not? H. A. B.

Frontenac Co., Ont.

Ans.—The plan proposed would be extremely unlikely to produce a successful seeding. Gang-plow, roll, and harrow just after harvest, cultivate occasionally, then fall plow, and sow the alfalfa next spring, either alone or with a very light nurse crop of, say, 3 pecks of spring wheat to the acre. Sow 20 pounds of alfalfa per acre.