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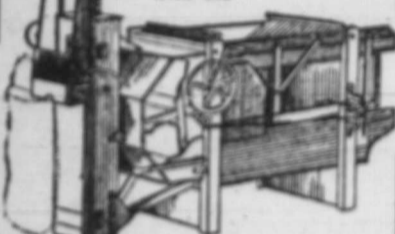
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### The Mail Bag

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stigma placed on the Canadian cattle industry.

COL. H. A. MULLINS,  
Winnipeg, Man.

#### BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

Editor, Guide:—In The Guide of January 24, I saw the report of the committee appointed a year ago to look into and suggest some means of eliminating or controlling this disease. I had expected when this report appeared that some plan would be submitted for dealing with the disease. If it is as prevalent as this report would indicate, no time should be lost in taking steps to check it.

In his address a year ago, Dr. McGillivray did not advise the slaughter of all affected animals, but rather their separation and continuing to breed from them if valuable breeders, otherwise fattening them for the butcher. This is what is known as the "Bang" system; but there are few farmers so situated as to be able to adopt this system effectively, as it would require two farms some distance apart.

I have just seen an article in an American paper by a breeder of Holsteins. He states that he has rearing cows that he values at \$500; that they are regular breeders, that the calves always come healthy and are fed the milk of their dams after being pasteurized. He is careful to keep the two herds isolated. Men going from one farm to another change their clothes. Of course, the practice of this system would only be necessary with pure-bred herds and valuable dairy cows. Ordinary grades should be sent to the butcher as soon as the disease is detected.

I know of a case of a cow that at six years of age was tested and reacted. She was then in a very run-down condition, being a very heavy milker. She was kept and gradually improved in condition. After two years she was again tested and again reacted. She then appeared in perfect health. She was kept until twelve years old, producing a healthy calf every year. She was slaughtered for beef and not a tubercle could be found in her body.

As I have said, the Bang system is beyond the reach of most farmers. I would suggest that the government set aside a farm as a bovine sanitarium, where all reactors should be sent. It should be near the Agricultural College, so that students would get acquainted with the disease in all its stages, and also fitted to apply the tubercular test. A pasteurizing plant could be installed and calves reared on pasteurized milk or at once returned to their owners. Such an institution might be made almost self-sustaining.

The first step to take would be to compel owners of pure-bred cattle and all dairy cattle where milk is sold for human consumption to have their herds tested. It would then be known what conditions would be required, and it might be found that the disease is not so prevalent nor so dangerous as some would make us believe. I hope to hear the opinion of others as to the feasibility of the scheme of a bovine sanitarium.

JAN. GLENNIE,

Macdonald, Man.

#### THE LOGIC OF THE APPLE DUTY

Editor, Guide:—I have wondered how it was Mr. Barnes' justification of the import duty on apples was allowed to pass unchallenged at the Brandon convention.

I would like to ask Mr. Barnes how many barrels do growers produce that the fifty cents a barrel "saved them from ruin"? We consumers lost far more than that if this fifty cents was just enough of a handicap to keep a large quantity of American apples off our market. Of course, we are told this duty is only "for a time," that is all time with protectionists. In any case does not this tariff really work against the grower? It made apples here a luxury. Without it they would be a cheap food, all could buy and so use several times as many.

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several years when wheat growers sold their crop at a net loss and were on the road to ruin. Should we have asked Britain for a protective tariff in favor of our wheat? In common with many other Manitoba farmers I put in two or three acres of potatoes. The year before last B.C. early potatoes were sold in Winnipeg for 40 to 45 cents. We can't put early potatoes in Winnipeg for that money in small lots. Should we have asked the government to put an import duty on B.C. potatoes and let the town consumer foot the bill? That would be most unfair, but just as fair as this apple duty.

If the B.C. fruit grower had not so generally bought his land from land sharks, I take it he could make apple growing pay without a duty. So our money goes to pay the real estate parasite his "profits." Spray him with corrosive sublimate. Meanwhile our Manitoba kiddies continue to eat raw potatoes and gaze at the fruit in the seed catalogs. If B.C. won't function without artificial help, we will have to try to grow some. I have before me a copy of an Ontario paper asking for 50,000 pounds of turkey. This is to be shipped across Canada for the Vancouver market. Put a little home-grown turkey between you and ruin, Mr. B.C. Fruit Grower.

WILSON RANSOM,

Mountainside.

#### MRS. PALBY'S REPLY

Dear Miss Hind:—I am sorry that your letter of February 6 has been so long unanswered, but I have been away from home and only received it on my return. As to the story you mention having come to you, to the effect that you were responsible for Sergeant Allbright forcing his address on the Women's Section I have heard nothing of it.

The facts of the case were as follows: The Sergeant sent in a message to say he wished to address the women. I replied that I was extremely sorry but that our program was already so overcrowded that I was afraid we could not find time that day. Shortly afterwards I received another message asking me to go and speak to the Sergeant myself, which I did. He was very anxious to address us and I promised to give him a short time. The discussion that arose after his address was perfectly natural, but I am afraid was considerably misrepresented by someone. It was unfortunate that I should have missed seeing you after the session, but I should like to assure you there was nothing said that would not bear the full glare of a newspaper report, if given accurately, justly, and with the full context. Sergeant Allright thought the farm women should be competent to work the farms and he intimated we should be doing so and more zealous in urging the men to go. I tried to point out that both men and women on the farms were fully prepared to bear their share of sacrifice, but we were not sure duty did not bid the farmer stay where he was. It is not that the men on the farms are not willing to go; they have gone from Alberta farms in very large numbers, be they British, Canadian or American. They are still going; but it is an open question in the minds of all thinking people, as to whether they are acting in the best interests of the allied cause by going.

I know there are many in the old country who think very emphatically that our western farmers are performing their highest duty by growing the foodstuffs without which the most powerful forces are impotent.

IRENE PALBY,

President U.F.W.A.

#### ONTARIO WOMEN TO VOTE

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to extend the right of the vote to women at the next election. J. W. Johnson, an opposition member is the introducer of the bill. Sir William Hearst in endorsing the principle of the bill said:—"Having taken our women into partnership with us in our tremendous task, upon which the success of the future of the British Empire depends and the civilization of the world, I ask 'can we justly deny them a share in the government of the country, the right to have a say about the making of the laws they have been so heroically trying to defend.' My answer is 'I think not.' I feel the time has now come when we should give our women a greater part in the public affairs and the greater service that the ballot affords. In this case the government endorses the principle of the bill before the house. That means they take government responsibility for it. I call for my supporters to vote in its favor, and I take full responsibility as leader of this house for what the vote may be."

Mr. N. W. Rowell, while complimenting the government on "another change of heart," said it was but a case of the administration "stealing a plank from the platform of the opposition." He said it was one of the most radical measures a government had ever been called upon to pass on. He asked for a unanimous vote of the house.

#### LIVESTOCK NEWS

Messrs. C. D. Roberts & Sons, the well-known Winnipeg Percheron Importers were present at the Chicago International and have purchased a number of horses of various sizes of the right type. These are blacks and dark greys, possessing quality, conformation, size and action. They have one colt which was only 17 months old on January 16, and it weighs 1740 pounds, which is probably a record for a yearling stallion in Western Canada.