

most important consideration of all. The night feed (do not feed at noon) should be all they will eat up quickly and consist of one of the meals before named. Do not attempt to force the comb (undue early laying) for growth practically stops with the first egg. Get a good sized frame first and then feed for eggs. Thus by gradual steps we come down to the laying period which ought to begin by October or November and continue right through until the following fall, making due allowance for the climate and the time at which they are hatched. Plymouth Rocks or any of the American brands if of a good laying strain bred for utility should begin to lay at six months old. I have had pullets laying at five months old and will next take up the subject of the hen, the laying period, and the different methods of feeding for eggs.

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The Horse.

MONTREAL HORSE SHOW.

The first official Horse Show was held in the Arena Rink on Thursday, May 3, and two following days.

As is often the case with initial ventures the attendance on neither day was of a very satisfactory character as regards numbers, though we hear promoters are satisfied, which, after all, is the great thing.

Lord and Lady Minto were in attendance, the former formally opening the show, and here it should be remembered that not a man in Canada is so fit, apart from his position, to be the prime factor in such a function, for there are very few men who know more about the horse than Lord Minto.

An address of welcome was read to His Lordship from whose reply it is only necessary in the interest of our readers to quote the following, and to add that Major Dent has secured 500 horses in Montreal, but what troubles us is the query "Were one-tenth of them bred in Quebec, and if not, why not?"

The Governor-General said, in part:

"Montreal is popularising the horse; fostering a valuable industry, while abstracting (sic) a splendid entertainment as manifest to-night. In this connection it might be well to consider the really

grand field our Canada offers for the development of every style and class of that most useful animal, the horse. Whether a hardy type — military or commercial — or for the stock farm, Canada can produce the highest grade of a horse. To encourage, then, a resource of our country is most commendable. Canadians have always shown ardent concern for their horses. The Canadian public has ever shown its interest in good horseflesh. Canada will supply horses to the Imperial Army as she has done men. From Canadian shores will be shipped largely the army's remounts in the future. The improvement of Canadian bred horses should enlist serious thought.

"Major Dent, commissioned by the British authorities, is here to purchase animals of the right sort for army purposes. Artillery horses of bone and substance, and cavalry horses of distinct quality, are what he wants and what Canada can supply, in quantities by judicious stock-raising. I hope he will succeed in establishing Canada's reputation as a supply source of desirable horses of quality, and in quantity. High-class stock-raising should be featured (sic) in Canada."

How often have these truths been promulgated in this Journal! And if this is true of the whole Dominion, how much more is it a necessity in this Province, that the breed of all our animals should be improved.

The jumpers were greatly handicapped by the electric light, and also by the short space between the jumps; but still in some instance of bad jumping and refusals the fault was not that of the horse, but of the rider.

Class 9 for horses not exceeding 15.3 to be shown in cart, gig, or phaeton, turned out 18 competitors and they were really a very good lot, and no fault could be found with the judges in placing the first three, all coming from the stables of Crow & Murray of Toronto.

In class 3, for standard bred roadster stallions, *Silver Plate* easily took the palm, and was a beautiful animal.

There was a good competition for cabmen's best turn out, the prize going to Toronto by the aid of a very swagger turn out. There were two handsome cabs—really up to date turn outs—but which were under horsed.

Versatile thoroughly deserved the ribbon in the class for thoroughbred stallions, but we certainly think that *Domitor* deserved second honours.

Class 33, for roadsters, brought out a number of