

WILL DISTRIBUTE PURE BRED MALES

Best Animals to Be Sent Out
for Breeding
Purposes

MUST FORM SOCIETIES

In Case of Stallions Fee Covering Insurance Must Be Paid.

Realizing that inability to secure the use of well-bred male animals is at the present time one of the greatest difficulties standing in the way of live stock development in many parts of Canada, particularly in the newly settled districts, the Dominion department of agriculture, thru the livestock branch, is this year undertaking a widespread distribution of pure-bred stallions, bulls, rams and boars. The original cost of the animals will be borne by the department, and they will be placed in the hands of such local organizations as agree to the conditions governing the distribution. In a word, these sires will remain the property of the department, but the local organizations will be responsible for their proper maintenance and management, under the general supervision of officers of the livestock branch. In the case of stallions, the members of the associations will also be required to pay a fee covering an annual insurance premium.

All animals distributed will be bought from home breeders and will be Canadian bred. As far as possible, they will be purchased in the province in which they are to be placed. In this way Canadian breeders will receive encouragement, and their market will be increased not only directly, but also indirectly, thru the emphasis given thru the country to the value of pure-bred sires. It may be added that it is not the intention to place the animals in districts where suitable male animals of the same class are already owned by private individuals. The aim is rather to aid sections where pure-bred sires are lacking, and, as well, to encourage new communities in following a proper and intelligent system.

All bulls distributed will be purchased subject to the tuberculosis test, and only stallions which have passed a rigid veterinary inspection for soundness will be selected. In order to take advantage of this form of assistance, it will be necessary for interested parties, in any section, to undertake the organization of a local association, in whose hands such sires as are required may be placed. Complete information regarding the rules and regulations governing the distribution may be made upon application to the live stock commissioner, Ottawa. Whenever possible, an officer of the branch will ready to render assistance in the perfecting of the necessary local organization.

THREE CLASSES ADDED TO SHOW

Open Air Horse Parade Will Be Larger This Year.

A general meeting of the Toronto Open Air Horse Parade Association, was held in Room 'G', King Edward Hotel, last evening. There was a very large attendance. The president, Noel Marshall, was in the chair. Letters were read from C. A. Burns, offering to mount 120 officers and men of the Mississauga Horse and Governor-General's Body Guard to lead the 12th annual parade and show to be held in Queen's Park. The treasurer reported that already subscriptions had been received. There were three classes added to the prize list, namely for single horse and out-ride open to lumber merchants and contractors, also pair of delivery horses and outfit open to brick manufacturers and lumber merchants.

KINGSTON NEEDS JAIL FARM.

KINGSTON, May 12.—(Special.)—Magistrate Farrell wants a farm to which he can send drunkards in an effort to reform them. He says it is no use to keep sending them to the county jail for short terms. Today he sent Michael McNally, who has spent most of the time since last December in jail, to six months in the county jail.

CHILTERN RANGE OUT OF COURSE.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(Can. Press.)—The British Director Chiltern Range, which collided with an iceberg to the east of the Newfoundland banks on her voyage from Hull to Montreal, was fully 20 miles out of the steamship track, according to a report received by the naval hydrographic office today. Officials said that the freighter was in a field which her captain must have known was full of ice.

BULLETIN ISSUED ON HOG CHOLERA

Breeders Will Benefit by Securing Information From Government.

Thanks to wise government regulations faithfully carried out Canadian swine raisers suffer comparatively little loss from hog cholera, as compared with those of many other countries. From time to time, however, this disease appears in various parts of the Dominion where the infection has been brought in some way or other. This disease which is entirely confined to hogs, is extremely contagious and accompanied by a high death rate. In order to put owners of swine on their guard, the Veterinary Director-General, Dr. F. Torrance, has issued a plainly written bulletin setting forth such information as would enable the lay reader to readily detect the malady and understand what course to pursue in the case of an outbreak in his herd.

It is stated that the disease is caused by a germ which may be transferred in virulent form in many different ways, such as on the boots of attendants, the feeding of uncooked garbage containing raw pork, which may have come from a diseased pig, wandering dogs, domestic pigeons, or in the water of a stream flowing thru an infected pasture or yard.

Infected hogs lose appetite, become sluggish, and, if moved, may cough. They rapidly become thin and weak, linger for a time, or they may die in a few days. Other symptoms that will help diagnosis, are described in the bulletin which contains a number of clear photo engravings of hogs in various stages of illness, as well as sections of internal organs showing characteristic diseased conditions.

Whenever the disease is noticed, the owner is bound by law to notify a veterinary inspector. Failure to do this, lays one liable to a heavy fine besides the forfeiture of compensation for the loss of slaughtered animals.

On account of the nature of the subject treated this bulletin, No. 15 of the health of animal branch, is not being sent out to names on the regular departmental mailing list. Persons who desire copies may receive them by making application to the publications branch of the department of agriculture at Ottawa.

HARD FIGHT WITH FIRE AT ST. KITT'S

Blaze Threatened to Wipe Out Large Section of City.

ST. CATHARINES, May 12.—(Special.)—With the aid of the Merritt firemen, the St. Catharines brigade this afternoon gained control of a fire that threatened seriously to wipe out a section of frame workmen's dwellings in the northeastern section of the city, but by hard work and a combination of fortunate circumstances, the loss will not exceed \$30,000. Children playing with matches in an empty old junk yard in the rear of A. E. Horton's house on Welland avenue are said to have caused the fire, which quickly communicated to the ice house of the St. Catharines Fuel and Ice Company which was quickly destroyed, along with three barns in the immediate neighborhood.

A high wind hurried a firebrand to Beggs' cooper shop on Wiley street in another block, and almost at the same time another ember, carried still another block, started a blaze in Joseph Newman's barn on Welland avenue east. Both these fires spread to adjoining houses, giving the firemen a triple task. Firemen and hose were sent from Merritt, all the available city hose being already in use.

The fortunate cessation of the wind aided the work of the firemen, who succeeded in getting the conflagration under control after Newman's barn and the cooper shop had been completely destroyed and three adjoining houses had been badly damaged, but not totally destroyed. More than two dozen incipient blazes had been started on houses in the path of the wind, but these were extinguished by the use of garden hose. Over one hundred families had their household effects out on the streets, so threatening did the fire appear to be. The chief losses are: ice company, \$7,000, partially insured; cooper shop, \$3,500, entirely uninsured; C. Harper, house, barn, wagons and automobile, \$5,000, partially insured.

ORE PRICES COME DOWN

DULUTH, May 12.—(Can. Press.)—Cutting of ore prices by "Independent" companies was reported today. The prevailing prices for Bessemer ore of 61 per cent is about \$4 a ton, according to certain conditions, such as the amount of phosphorus. The "Independent" mines in northern Minnesota and Michigan are said to be making contracts at \$3.75, because they were not disposing of their stocks as rapidly as they wished.

CATTLE STEADY IN MONTREAL MARKET

Demand Was Fair, But Supplies Were Large—Hogs at Higher Prices.

MONTREAL, May 12.—At the Montreal stock yards west end market the receipts of live stock for the week ended May 10 were 1400 cattle, 600 sheep and lambs, 2000 hogs and 2200 calves. The supply on the market this morning was 300 cattle, 250 sheep and lambs, 1500 hogs and 1200 calves.

Prices for cattle were firmly maintained, but practically unchanged from last week. Extra heavy steers of choice quality are not in much demand, being sold at a loss to the shipper. Medium-weight, choice steers are in good demand. The demand from packers and butchers was much better than a week ago.

Old sheep and yearling lambs were in good demand, but trade was quiet and prices firm. Spring lambs met with a fair demand. Hogs were stronger, and prices advanced 10c to 15c per 100 lbs. The offerings were light and demand was good.

Butchers' cattle, choice, \$7.15 to \$7.75; do, medium, \$6.50 to \$6.90; do, common, \$4.50 to \$5.00; calves, \$5.15 to \$5.40; butchers' cattle, choice cows, \$6.25 to \$6.50; do, medium, \$5.50 to \$5.80; do, bulls, \$4.25 to \$4.50; milkers, \$7.15 to \$7.50; do, common and medium, each, \$6.50 to \$7.00; springers, \$5.50 to \$5.80.

Sheep, ewes, \$7.15 to \$7.50; bucks and culs, \$7.25 to \$7.50; lambs, \$8.50 to \$9.00; Hogs, f.o.b., \$10.50 to \$10.65.

Calves, \$1 to \$8.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, May 12.—John Rogers & Co. cable that supplies of cattle at Birkenhead continue short, and prices dear, good quality stock being scarce and wanted at slight advance on late rates, quotations now being 15c to 16½c per pound for Irish steers.

CITY CATTLE MARKET.

Receipts at the City Cattle Market were 12 cars—202 cattle, 93 hogs, 106 sheep and lambs and 102 calves.

There was an active trade, while it lasted. Butchers' steers and heifers sold at \$6 to \$6.85; calves, \$5.15 to \$5.40; sheep, \$5.50 to \$5.80; spring lambs, at \$8 to \$9; spring lambs, at \$8 to \$9 each; hogs, at \$5.50, f.o.b. cars at country points.

Maybe Wilson sold 23 butchers, 1100 lbs., at \$8.85.

Wm. Stridger sold 19 fat cows at \$5.15 per cwt.

Representative Purchases. E. Puddy bought 23 butchers' cattle, 1100 lbs., each, at \$8.85; 25 light sheep at \$7 per cwt.; 20 yearling lambs at \$2 per cwt.

W. J. Neely bought for Mathews-Laing Company 40 butchers' cattle, as follows: Butchers' steers at \$6.50 to \$6.85; cows at \$5 to \$5.50.

Frank Hunnisset bought one load of butchers, 1000 lbs., each, at \$6.10.

D. A. McDonald, Jr., bought 16 calves, 132 lbs., each, at \$8.12½ each.

Jas. Halliday bought 15 butchers, 1025 lbs., at \$6.80.

UNION STOCK YARDS.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Yards were 90 cars—1797 cattle, 220 hogs, 136 sheep and 33 calves.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; market steady to firm; butchers' \$7 to \$9.50; Texas steers, \$6.75 to \$7.75; stockers and feeders, \$6.55 to \$7.50; cows and heifers, \$5.90 to \$7.90; calves, \$6.50 to \$9.

Hogs—Receipts, 42,000; market steady; light, \$8.25 to \$8.52½; mixed, \$8.30 to \$8.50; heavy, \$8.15 to \$8.45; rough, \$7.55 to \$8.15; pigs, \$6.30 to \$6.80; bulk of sales, \$8.37½ to \$8.45.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 15,000; market higher; native, \$5.75 to \$6.85; yearlings, \$6.35 to \$7.50; lambs, native, \$6.40 to \$8.45.

SMALL IMPROVEMENT SHOWN.

LONDON, May 12.—The monthly figures of The Bankers' Magazine show that during the month of April the aggregate value of 287 representative securities listed on the stock exchange increased 1 per cent.

PREVENT FIRES IN THE WOODS

Hon. W. H. Hearst is Making Personal Inspection of Work Done.

In carrying out the careful administration of Ontario's forest interests advocated in the recent session, Hon. W. H. Hearst has left for Algonquin Park to personally supervise work of a preventive nature now under way in that region, with a view to eliminating the fire possibilities which yearly grow greater with the influx into the woods of summer tourists. Active measures are being taken to guard the portages from danger. At present rangers are engaged in the clearing out of debris, slashing and other troublesome impediments.

It is this work of which the minister will make a personal inspection. He expects to be engaged for several weeks.

GOES TO PORCUPINE.

H. D. S. Mutch, recent graduate in mining of the School of Practical Science, has left for South Porcupine, where he will be in connection with the Dome mines for the present. Mr. Mutch is a son of the late Rev. John Mutch, M.A., former pastor of Chalmers Church, Toronto.

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