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The Reader's Side of It

THE request in our last issue for opinions regarding the licensing of stallions has met with a very liberal response. Owing, however, to so much space in this issue being given up to the horse show report, these letters will not be published till next issue. Our readers may look forward to a pretty full expression of opinion on this important subject in that number.

But there are other questions of as much importance to the farmers of this country as the licensing of stallions and upon which the opinion of our readers would be valuable at the present time. The new move in agricultural education outlined in this issue and the question of horse-racing and special attractions at fairs might with profit be discussed at the present time. Then, there are the more practical questions relating to live stock, such as developing the milking qualities of Shorthorns, the encouraging of sheep husbandry, increasing the bacon hog output, the licensing of cheese factories and creameries, co-operation in fruit growing and marketing, the cold storage movement, the seed control act, not to mention several other questions of importance to the agriculturist. Upon any or all of these we would be pleased to have the views of our readers. It will help you and it will help us in our endeavor to produce a paper that will best meet the needs of the Canadian farmer. Let us have a liberal response to this request.

The Fair and the Horse Race

If the persistent passing of resolutions year after year memorializing the Government to take the "ban" off horse racing at local fairs, will accomplish it the Ontario Fairs Association deserves to win. By an almost unanimous vote last week's convention decided again to ask the Government to remove the restrictions and allow the local fair boards to use their own discretion in the matter.

While a horse race, honorably and squarely conducted, is not an objectionable feature at a fall fair, still, so much wire-pulling and questionable methods have been associated with this form of entertainment in the past that no Government can with safety remove all the restrictions and leave it to the local authorities to do as they please. If the Ontario Fairs Association can devise some plan by which the horse race can be so conducted as to eliminate in every instance every feature that savors of dishonesty and "crookedness," both in the conduct of the race itself, and in the distribution of the prize money, they could go to the Government with a

request that might reasonably be acceded to. Public sentiment, as represented in the religious and moral element of the community, will never acquiesce in any legislation that will allow the horse race and its attendant evil accessories to be carried on free from all restriction, and this element in the country is too strong and too powerful to be ignored by any Government desirous of retaining office. It, therefore, seems up to the fair people, if they desire the horse race restored to its old-time freedom, to devise some plan whereby it can be conducted at the local fair bereft of everything that savors of dishonesty and unfair dealing between man and man. If they can do this public sentiment will back them up in any request they may make regarding it.

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The Stallion Show

This year's stallion show has been an entire success. The exhibits have been for the most part of a flattering character, and the classes of deepest interest were well filled. The St. Lawrence market building where it was held has proved to be a most suitable place for the accommodation both of exhibits and spectators, so much so, indeed, that, as the erection of the much-talked-of and longed-for arena seems to be still a mere indefinite conjecture, efforts should be made to secure the privileges for the show permanently at this place.

In this, the matter of holding the show, where, and in like adequate accommodation was possible, the show has paid for, in other words, there is no deficit to make up. The one thing which now remains necessary to make of this show a great

success, is, in vulgar parlance, "a little more boosting." If more widely and extensively advertised, a much larger attendance would be an assured thing. As it was, there was the best attendance of farmers ever seen at a show of this kind in Toronto. In the matter of filling classes, too, advertising the show, with some effort in the way of corresponding with breeders, horsemen, etc., could not fail to help. Especially is this true in the case of the light horse classes, where entries have been small, and, therefore, the interest taken in the matter, and the importance attached to the show, evidently small. A great deal could be done to improve this state of affairs.

Perhaps there is no place where a little missionary work would bring better results than in the harness classes for heavy drafters. A long string of good geldings and draft mares in harness; teams, treys, and four-horse teams, would make a banner attraction, and, as the country is full of such horses, surely owners could be induced to fit and show their goods. The good which a show of this kind can do is in exact proportion both to the number of people which can be brought out to see it, and also to the kind of exhibition which they see when they get there. Strenuous effort to bring both together is perfectly legitimate in all respects, and is even more than this, it is simply necessary.

It is, perhaps, hardly to be expected that at a show of this kind many of the citizens of Toronto would patronize it, still a larger representation was expected than that which graced the show last week. Certain events, such as the pony classes and light horses, should have proven sufficiently attractive to have drawn together larger crowds of citizens than were there when these classes were in the ring. In view of this, the management might well consider another year whether it would not be better to do without any evening performance.

The Farm Help Supply

Many farmers are becoming somewhat anxious about help for the coming season, and already applications are coming in in large numbers for men. The outlook at present is that the supply will be equal to, if not larger, than that of other years. Farmers would do well, however, to make application early. Mr. Thos. Southworth, Director of Colonization, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, is pre-