

*By Hon. Mr Reid:*

Q. Did you not swear the other day that this horse was, to your knowledge, 17 or 18?—A. I said I thought she was 17 or 18, if you remember right.

Q. You were within a year or two, you suppose?—A. I suppose I was within a year or two of the mare's age.

Q. Now, when you say 17 or 18, you have refreshed your memory and you are willing to swear now that she wasn't 15 or more?—A. Will I swear that?

Q. Yes?—A. I swear I believe she is.

Q. Did you know the other day?—A. I knew then the same as I know now, and I know now as well as I did then. I have been trying to figure out the age of the colt I raised the same year as she was raised; I might be mistaken in a year or two, but I am of opinion that she is 15 or over, I thought at the time she was 17 or 18.

Q. The only trouble is that you should know definitely. You led the committee to believe the other day that this was a mare 17 or 18 years of age; that is the impression you gave. Now you will not swear that she is not over 12?—A. No, I will not swear that she is not over twelve.

Q. Or over ten?—A. No. You asked me if I would swear she wasn't over 12? I would swear she is over 12.

Q. Will you swear she is over 13?—A. Yes, I will swear I believe she is over 13.

Q. It is not what you believe, you say you know.—A. I have no record, but as far as my memory serves me, if you asked me, I think I know how old my own colt was, because I raised it, I haven't it in black and white, and I cannot prove that to you.

Q. Do I understand you that if you raised a colt of your own you could not give us definitely the age of that colt, the year that it was raised?—A. No, with the exception of one or two; there are only about two I can give you because I can figure them from the time I took the farm at home, but every year since that I have raised a colt or two and I could not give you definitely their ages, with the exception of those two when I first took the farm.

*By Mr. Rhodes:*

Q. You say with the exception of one or two you would not be able to swear to the age of your horses?—A. Apart from two or three of the first ones, something like that, unless there is anything to fix it by.

Q. Did you not say a moment ago to Dr. Reid that you could not swear to the age of horses you raised yourself?—A. Except one or two. Except in a few cases, I could not give it to you in black and white, further than my memory would enable me to do so.

Q. Is that what you want to state now?—A. Yes, because I could not give you in black and white just exactly the age they are.

Q. Have you owned horses that you would not be willing to swear as to their age?—A. I think perhaps I had better qualify the answer; I have had a great many different horses.

Q. Yet you came here the other day and you were prepared to swear that horses owned by other people were 18 years of age?—A. That I was willing to swear?

Q. You did swear that the Bowlby horse was 17 or 18 years of age without any qualification whatever?—A. Did I?

Q. Yes?—A. All right.

Q. Would you swear now that the Bowlby horse was 17 or 18 years of age?—A. I thought so once.

Q. I have asked you if you swore that the Bowlby horse was 17 or 18 years of age on that day she was sold?—A. I hadn't looked at her that day.

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