

What One Club is Doing

"Canada is a country where co-operation starts, languishes, and dies. It always dies." So said a gentleman who has made a pretty thorough study of cooperation in Canada. There are a few organizations, however, that this student of cooperation must have missed. One of them is the Burnley Farmers' Club in Northumberland county. In a recent letter to Farm and Dairy, Mr. Wm. Dingman, secretary of this club, gives a brief sketch of the history of this club and the work it is doing. A club that is doing such good work for its members is in small danger of extinction:

"Our club was organized on 28th March, 1912. It was through our president, F. T. Armstrong, that this club was started. He had attended the Norham Club. It was a long distance to go, and he thought it was a good thing for the farmers, and

horses toward the wind, if possible, so that they may cool off. When they are resting, take the load off their necks, if possible. Give them a chance to roll and scratch themselves when they are unharnessed at night. They should be given a good bed and plenty to eat at night, and they should be watered in the morning before they are fed.

There is no animal that serves the farmer more faithfully than the horse. Owners, therefore, should not be thoughtless, and permit them to suffer unnecessary discomforts. It pays in money, as well as personal satisfaction, to make the horses comfortable.

Traction Ditcher Owned by Farmers

H. S. Kennedy, Pictou Co., N. S.

In purchasing our ditching machine we did not act on what is generally understood as the cooperative



The Officers of a Progressive Farmers' Club that is Doing Things
In the illustration may be seen the likenesses of the officers and directors of the Burnley Farmers' Club in Northumberland, Ont., that is rendering official assistance to the members. Third from the left with his hat in his hand is F. T. Armstrong, the President, and next him, in his shirt sleeves, is Wm. Dingman, Secretary. The work of this club is described in an article adjoining.

—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

through his efforts this club was started.

"We have done a business of \$3,600 for our members. We bought two carloads of grain in the spring and saved \$400 on this one deal; that is at the prices dealers were asking here for the same grain. We have been shipping our eggs and have realized good results from them. It is estimated that we have made five cents a dozen more out of our eggs this year than a year ago, with prices a year ago just as good as this year. We have bought coal oil for 14c a gallon that cost us here 25c a gallon; that's American oil. We have saved the farmers \$500 through this club since it started."

Horses Need Kindness

By A. D. Wilson

Thousands of horses, and now labouring faithfully, and with small compensation, to harvest our grain crop. The continued faithfulness of their work will depend, in no small degree, upon the care which they receive from the owners.

The horses will, in many instances, be annoyed or tortured by the chafing of harness, by flies, by heat, and by hard work. It must be remembered that these horses—like the drivers who, perhaps, sit high on the binder seat—have feelings, get tired and nervous, and become hungry and thirsty. Their discomfort should be added to by hitting them with the whip, or by letting them go without water for an unnecessarily long time. A barrel of water should be taken to the field, and the horses should be watered as often as the driver feels thirsty.

When a stop is made, turn the

plan. We first got incorporated under the Joint Stock Companies' Act, and proceeded as a regular joint stock concern. Our capital stock is \$10,000, but so far we have only \$4,000 on the market. This has practically all been taken by farmers in shares of \$5 each in blocks ranging from one to 105 shares.

We have now a traction ditcher which is fully equipped for all kinds of ditching, and is guaranteed to do 120 rods of ditch, three feet by fifteen inches, a day, and has a capacity of 5 1/2 feet deep. It is driven by gasoline power. At present the prospects seem good that it will be a fairly profitable investment, and if it turns out so, it must result in immense benefit to the farmer, as I consider underdrainage absolutely necessary if we, as farmers, expect to keep up with the other industries and compete with other countries in our produce markets.

As for cooperative buying of farm machinery, I am not very much in favor of it in general, and always advise each farmer having his own if he can afford to do so. Then the machine, whatever it may be, is available just at the proper time to use it, which often means the difference between a good crop and a poor one, as well as between a machine in good order and one always out of repair.

In cases of this kind where considerable capital is required unless one man takes it up as a business venture, I think it much better to proceed as we do. Then we have a management interested in and responsible for the managing of the machine in the interest of the company.

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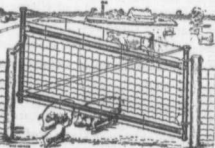
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