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FARM AND DAIRY

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Our Heavy Horse Interests

Archie Crow, Bruce Co., Ont.

The breeding of horses is being carried on more extensively today in Ontario than perhaps ever before. This is due to the high prices that have been paid for good horses during the last few years. Farmers of this country have made a great mistake in former years in selling off their good young mares because they commanded big prices and then breeding their inferior mares and crossing them to any stallion that came along just because he was cheap.

The best horse for the farmer to breed is the Clydesdale. It would seem, however, that the majority of the Clydesdale stallions of today are just a little under size. A Clydesdale stallion when mature should not be less than a ton in weight. But what do we find? The most of them will not weigh 15 cwt.

It would be a step in the right direction to license stallions. It would be the means of getting a letter type of stallion into the country. Through

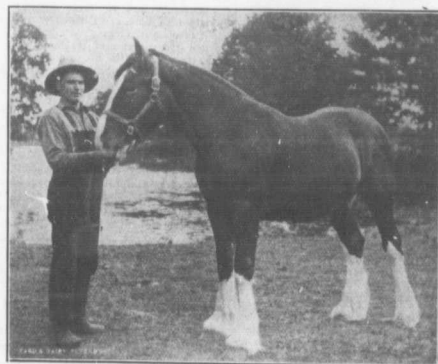
B. Gilroy, Chas. Tully, J. N. Carruthers, George Steele, James Murray, Rep. to Winnipeg Fair Board, Prof. Mitchell; rep. to Brandon Fair Board, L. A. Race.

The president, Mr. W. B. Gilroy, in his opening address briefly reviewed the progress of the past year, and said that dairying was slowly and surely gaining ground in Manitoba.

ALFAFA IN MANITOBA.

The first speaker of the convention was Prof. Bedford, who gave a very instructive address on fodder plants. He said: "The cities are on the verge of a milk famine. Cows are being fed hay, which is a very dry food and is drying up the cows rather than increasing the flow of milk. More succulent fodder should be given. Corn is easily grown in the west; it yielded as much as 20 tons to the acre on the College farm last summer. Alfalfa also does well in the west, one ton of corn fodder and one ton of alfalfa made an ideal ration for milk production."

"Alfalfa will thrive in all parts of



A Good Sired Clydesdale Colt at 15 Months of Age

We need to look for size as well as quality in heavy horses. The lighter horses of the heavier breeds, be they known as "chunks" or as agricultural horses, are not in it with the heavy drafter when it comes to price. The colt, Baron Bebe, illustrated, is owned by Mr. Archie Crow, Bruce Co., Ont.

charging a small fee we could have all stallions examined by a practical man before they were allowed their license. I would like to hear more on this question.

Manitoba Dairymen Meet

The most successful convention that has been held in Manitoba for many years was that of the Manitoba Dairy Association, which met for its 24th annual convention at the Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, on Feb. 10th and 17th. Members seemed particularly satisfied, and the attendance was larger than ever before, more of the grain farmers taking an interest, and indeed the meetings were so enthusiastic, so full of life and interest that even the most confirmed anti-grain grower could not help but feel that the dairymen were right and he wrong.

Among the prominent speakers were Senator D. Derbyshire of Brockville, Ont., and Mr. G. H. Barr, Assistant Dairy Commissioner, Ottawa. Addresses were also given by Prof. Bedford of the M. A. C., L. A. Race of Brandon Creamery, I. Villeneuve, inspector of cheese factories in Manitoba, Prof. J. W. Mitchell of the M. A. C., and Dr. Leeming, City Bacteriologist, Winnipeg.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, J. A. P. Allaire; 1st Vice Pres., L. A. Race; 2nd Vice Pres., W. E. Bonner; Sec.-Treas., L. A. Gibson. Directors—W.

Manitoba and no inoculation of the soil is necessary. Alfalfa is a decided perennial. It requires the soil to be in good tilth to obtain a proper start and in addition since the seed is expensive the field sown to alfalfa should be left seven or eight years. It is best to drill the seed to a depth of three inches. The first season the crop should be mowed several times to keep down all weeds and encourage the plants to grow large, vigorous crowns. It is always best not to use a nurse crop, as the nurse crop seems to kill it out. Spring plowing will work down and alfalfa sown well early is a pretty good method of obtaining a good stand the first year.

"Alfalfa requires careful handling and must be cut as soon as the very first blossoms appear. Otherwise much is lost because of the leaves falling off, and the leaves are worth as much as bran, pound for pound. The crop may generally be cut twice in a season; sometimes three cuttings are made, giving a total production of three to four tons per acre per season. After each cutting it is well to give a light disking to form surface mulch and keep down weeds. Alfalfa should not be pastured too closely late in the fall, and cattle and sheep must not be turned on to alfalfa until it is wet from rain or dew. The best variety of alfalfa is Turkestan. We should use northern grown seed. "For a succulent food for winter feed there is nothing equal to corn.

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