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Trusting this is the information you require, I am,

Yours truly,  
(Signed) GEO. SERLS,  
Chief Inspector.

Winnipeg, April 10, 1915.

### NEW HOLSTEIN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

Great strides are being made in some parts of the west along mixed farming lines. Among the districts which are naturally adapted to the successful keeping of livestock in Saskatchewan

perhaps there is none better fitted than the northwest portion of the province immediately surrounding Langenburg. In order to foster the breeding industry of dairy stock in this district a meeting was held on the farm of D. B. Howell, at Langenburg, on Friday, June 25, of the Holstein breeders of Eastern Saskatchewan. Breeders were present from as far west as Yorkton and as far east as Millwood. The meeting resulted in the organization of the Eastern Saskatchewan Breeders' Association. The officers elected were: President, William Wilkie, Langenburg; vice-president, S. J. W. Taylor, Bredenburg; secretary-treasurer, D. B. Howell, Langenburg; directors to serve with the officers, Geo. Kissick, Saltecoats, and Henry Wohlers, Langenburg.

The object of the association is to improve the stock at present in the district by keeping the very best sires which can be found in the breed. Negotiations are already under way to import one of the best sires obtainable. He is a bull directly descended from the "King of the Pontiacs" and carrying the blood of "Friend Hengerveld de Kol Butter Boy" and "Pontiac Aaggie Korndyke," and out of blood lines on the dam's side with official records from 31.3 pounds of butter to 44.18 pounds in seven days. This movement deserves more than passing attention among farmers, particularly those in the Langenburg district. The formation of breeding associations is one of the very best means of improving livestock, and the efforts of the organizers of this movement will be best repaid by every farmer in the district assisting to make the association an unqualified success.

### BARB WIRE INJURIES

This is the season of the year when stockmen are most frequently annoyed with barb wire injuries to their horses. Just a few things to bear in mind at such times have been suggested by Dr. A. S. Alexander, of the Department of Horse Breeding of the University of Wisconsin.

"After a barb wire accident, do not apply axle grease or any rancid ointment to the wound. Wash the wound thoroughly with warm water. Then clip the hair as close as possible around it, and wash again to remove any hair or other foreign substance.

"When sand or hair has lodged in the depths of a deep cut never use a wet sponge to clean it out. Use a piece of absorbent cotton or cotton batting. There will be much less risk of infection.

"It will be useless to put stitches in

wound that is very deep or ragged, or that is located in a place not in perfect rest when the animal is making natural movements.

"Dry dusting powder has a healing effect on barb wire wounds and other large, moist cuts and abrasions. Such a powder may be prepared cheaply by mixing together equal parts of slaked lime, sulphur and charcoal.

"Prevent lock-jaw dangers in nail wounds of the hoof by opening them up freely, which provides drainage for serum and pus. Saturate with a solution of corrosive sublimate and water in the proportion of 1 to 500. Cover with dusting powder, absorbent cotton and a bandage. This treatment should be repeated daily until the wound is healed."

### BALKY AND KICKING COLTS

The office of information of the United States Department of Agriculture offers the following suggestions for the treatment of colts which have acquired the bad habits of balking and kicking:

In breaking the colt to draw a vehicle, the horse may develop bad habits unless he is properly handled. The most common cause of balkiness among horses is punishment to make them do something that they cannot do or that they do not understand how to do. If the horse balks because the load is too heavy, and he is not allowed occasionally to rest and regain his breath, the use of whip or spur will very often provoke further and more stubborn rebellion. He should be given a short rest, and while he is resting, rub his nose, pick up a front foot and tap the hoof a few times, or adjust the harness, and he may forget his balkiness. Take up the lines and give the command to go ahead, turning slightly to the right or left to start. If the horse does not start, it is either a case of overload or a chronic balker. If the former, the load should be lightened; but in the case of the latter, training will be necessary to overcome the habit.

Where the balking habit is fixed, the horse should be trained to obey all commands with promptness without being hitched to the wagon. First put on the double trip ropes, which consist of a strong surcingle, four two-inch iron rings, two straps to go around the pasterns, and a rope about twenty-five feet long. Fasten two two-inch rings to the underside of the surcingle, and put straps with rings on the front feet. Run the end of the rope thru near the ring on the surcingle, thru the ring on the near foot, up and thru the off side surcingle ring, down, and tie to the off fore foot. A pull on the rope when the horse steps will bring him to his knees. Always use knee pads, or have the horse on soft ground where he will not injure his knees.

"Use the ropes until the horse stops and stands when he hears "whoa." Next put on the guy line, which should be managed by an assistant, while you drive and attend the trip ropes. The guy line is a rope fastened around the horse's neck, and a half-hitch over the lower jaw. It is very severe, and should not be used to excess. If the horse shows any tendency to balk, give the command "whoa" before he stops of his own accord. When ready to start, the assistant should take a position in front of the horse, and smartly jerk him forward with the guy line at the same time you give the command "get up." Repeat the process of stopping and starting until the horse shows no signs of self-will. Use the guy line, and use it severely, on the slightest intimation that the animal is going to balk. After a few of these lessons the horse may be hitched to the wagon. The trip ropes and guy line should be kept on until he is well broken of the habit.

In treating the colt to overcome kicking, put on the harness and trip ropes. Let the assistant take a stick about four feet long, wrap a gunny sack around one end, and tie it. With this the assistant, if he stands at the colt's shoulders and holds the halter with one hand, can rub the colt's hind legs without being placed in danger of his heels. If the colt kicks, do not hit him, but allow him to examine the stick again, and proceed to stick and pole him all over, that is, make him become accustomed to being touched on any part of his anatomy without kicking. After he

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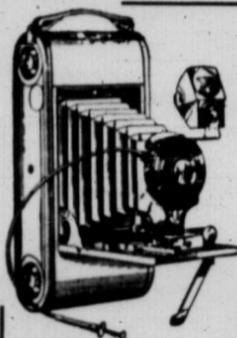
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