

Horse Breeders' Ass'n Conform to the Act

On Feb. 9th last the annual meeting of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association was held and the officers elected for the current year. But it seems that these officers were not legally elected, and of course, also, the business transacted by them since that date was illegal. The illegality arises from the fact that sixteen directors were elected, whereas the act governing the association provides for only nine, with a president and two vice-presidents. And what is more, the officers who have managed the association during the past few years have been illegally elected. It does not reflect much credit upon the executive officers of the association that the business should have been allowed to go on in this illegal way for so many years. But all's well that ends well.

the Toronto Exhibition, to assist in doubling the prizes for aged stallions in all the purebred classes, brought out some strong criticism of the way the Toronto exhibition board choose judges. After some discussion the grant was made.

When the new agricultural and arts act comes into force the personnel of the association will be materially changed.

Feeding Mares and Colts

Col. Henry Exall, who has bred some of the fastest young trotters and pacers on the turf, writes Colman's Rural how he feeds mares and colts. He says: Do not try to see how little the mares and colts can live upon, but see how much you can give them to consume and digest. Let them have air and exercise in plenty, and then

weigh from one hundred to one hundred and twenty pounds. Its mother will then give as much milk as she will ever give. The colt grows very rapidly and beautiful, gaining probably two and a half pounds per day. When it is two months old and weighs say two hundred and fifty lbs., it has twice the live weight to sustain that it had at birth, and having only the same amount of milk to sustain it that it had when it weighed only a hundred and twenty pounds, it almost ceases to grow; it loses its sleek and glossy appearance, and if you fail to supplement the milk with a grain ration before this period you cause a stoppage of the growth that is almost impossible to overcome later. I am certain that I never made an investment in feeding stock that paid me so well for the amount invested as the grain that I fed to my weanlings that some of my neighbors thought I was throwing away.



Imported Clydesdale stallion, owned by Messrs. Lavin and Richardson, Harrison, Ont., a good son of the premier horse Hiawatha.

At a special meeting of the association, held in Toronto on March 30th, things were fixed up and a new set of officers elected, according to the constitution. They are as follows: President, Peter Christie, M.P., Manchester; 1st Vice-President, Thos. Graham, Clarendon; 2nd Vice-President, J. J. Dixon, Toronto; Directors, Wm. Smith, Columbus; R. Davies, Toronto; R. Beith, Bowmanville; W. E. Wellington, Toronto; John Bright, Myrtle; Geo. Pepper, Toronto; O. B. Sheppard, Toronto; E. C. H. Tisdale, Beaverton; J. H. Sharp, Toronto. Mr. Henry Wade was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. Smith presented the report of the Clyde and Shire Show, which had been most successful. The sum of \$200 was voted to meet some outstanding liabilities connected with the show.

The proposal to confirm the grant of \$300 made by the illegal board to

tempt them with a change of rations, so that they will eat abundantly and grow rapidly. You cannot afford to be stingy with the little colts. Teach them to eat grain at as early an age as possible. On the Lomo Alto farm we make a pen in the pasture—say twenty-five feet square—with wide, low troughs in the centre, and we so adjust the height of the outside railing that the colts can go in and eat at will, but the mothers cannot follow. We keep ground oats and bran in the troughs at all times, so that the little fellows will not be disappointed when they want a lunch. This grain ration in connection with the mother's milk is a most excellent combination. In fact, it is difficult to get good results with young colts unless they are fed separately from their mothers. I will give an illustration that I think will be readily recognized by any man that has raised any kind of stock. When a colt is foaled it will probably

Aiding Western Cattle Trade

The special legislative committee investigating the cattle industry of Alberta recommends that a Provincial official be appointed to select central markets throughout that Province and encourage the producer and buyer of live stock to get closer together. The general conclusions reached were that the local government should assist in a co-operative movement at least to the extent of handling the export trade. The consensus of opinion was that while the buyers of butcher stock might not be giving more than their share of the profits, the exporters were, and that with co-operation the producer could get a much higher price for his produce.

Mr. Peterson, of Calgary, discussed the subject at great length, and urged that the Government aid co-operation in export. He showed that the cost of a steer to a retail butcher was