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in progress. Information, however, has come from authentic sources that the Japanese general staff has left Tokio for Corea, and it is judged from this that all the troops necessary for a forward movement there have been landed. Japan now is practically in full control of Corea, whose Government is rendering her assistance, although the natives in the north are said to be hostile to the Japanese, and giving aid to Russia. The harbor at Chemulpo and the approaches of the Han River leading to Seoul are both filled with torpedoes, and the Japanese fleet has been greatly strengthened. The infantry of her land forces, also, is said to be in excellent condition, but some anxiety is expressed regarding her cavalry, whose horses are small and incapable, a poor match for the superb mounts of the daring Cossack riders. Bodies of Cossacks and Russian Infantry are reported to be advancing toward Ping Yang in Corea, and collisions are looked for at an early date in that quarter. The northern Russian squadron is still in port at Vladivostock, whose harbor is reported frozen up.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Vancouver reports Australian creamery butter arriving there which sells at 27 cents.

Marcus A. Hanna, the prominent U. S. senator, who died recently, left an estate valued at \$7,000,000.

The Imperial crest of Japan is a sixteen-petalled chrysanthemum in gold.

The Canadian Hackney Horse-breeders' Association has donated for Alberta a cup valued at \$25.00, to be competed for at the Calgary Exhibition next July.

Seoul, Corea, is equipped with electric light, a trolley line, and system of waterworks, all operated, with much profit to themselves, by American firms.

A noted British botanist and professor says Canadian red clover seed is sometimes hardy, but cannot always be relied upon.

British piano manufacturers say their trade has increased immensely under the Canadian and New Zealand preferences.

H. Vanderburg, Brant Co., Ont., writes: "I have been delighted, amused and greatly instructed by the perusal of your journal for the past year."

The Wilson Cordage Co., of Chatham, Ont., was fined \$360 and costs by the police magistrate for selling "short" binder twine. Inspector J. L. Haycock, Dominion Twine Inspector, was the prosecutor.

Mr. J. F. Webber, Oak Grove Stock Farm, Bothwell, Ont., says: "Please find our renewal for this year. I did intend to drop the paper, but find I cannot do without it. Now it is better than ever."

John W. McDonald, Bruce Co., Ont., writes: "As for the 'Advocate,' I am very well pleased with it. As an agricultural journal, it is without a peer in America."

Last year was a record one in fish culture. A total of 314,511,500 young fish was put out from the Government hatcheries, this being an increase of 40,000,000 over the output of 1902.

"Sleet, snow and mud are enemies of sheep. Sheep should have good shelter, dry overhead and underneath, if they are expected to thrive."—Homestead.

The Crystal Palace authorities, London, Eng., have presented a special commemoration medal to the Nova Scotia Government in recognition of the splendid exhibition of apples shown by the Fruit-growers' Association.

R. J. Dunlop, Frontenac Co., Ont., says: "I subscribed to the 'Advocate' at an early date in its history. Its progress has been marked, and always in the interest of the farmer's industry. Wishing you years of success, I am, yours truly."

"Clover assists in building up the soil, and is an excellent crop for the orchard. . . . Wood ashes that have not been leached are valuable orchard fertilizers. In applying them, place them four or five feet out from the trunks."—Homestead.

Andrew Woelfle, Grey Co., Ont., says: "We have taken the 'Farmer's Advocate' two years, and would not like to do without it. There is always something instructive in it for everyone from the oldest to the youngest of the family. It is the best farmer's paper I know of."

Frog-catching is proving to be a very profitable industry in Minnesota, whose 10,000 clear lakes are very favorable to the production of frogs of high market quality. There is a good demand all the year round in the U. S. for the legs of these creatures, and frog-hunters find no difficulty in earning from \$3 to \$10.

Mr. A. W. Grindley, Canadian Agent for the Department of Agriculture in London, reports that there is a good demand for Canadian strawberry, raspberry, gooseberry, black currant, peach and pear pulp in Great Britain. There is also a good demand for tinned meats and lobsters if of the very best quality. Desiccated vegetables are required for naval and military stores.

The British cwt. (hundredweight) will be the flat

hundred pounds (100), in place of the long hundred (112) so well known to the Old Country man. While not insisted upon, the British Government, through the Board of Trade, has sanctioned the change from 56 and 112 to 50 and 100, as the half hundred and hundred weights, respectively. Even the Old Country man awakes, if sufficient time is given him!

Mr. J. Bobier, Oxford Co., writes: "If you have sound hardwood ashes, don't sell them off the farm, even though you are offered 50 cents a bushel." He also recommends the extra early Ohio potato to prospective potato-planters. "I have tried many kinds," he says, "but, since the deterioration of the Early Rose, have found none to equal the Extra Early Ohio. It is dry, firm, and good flavored, a good all-year potato if properly taken care of."

Passengers on the morning express from North Bay to Toronto had an amusing experience lately. The train turned off on a switch, which had been left mis-

placed, and made a beeline for the heavy gate which closes the entrance to the Central Prison yard. Charging the gate, the engine broke through it, and did not come to a halt until the whole train was drawn precisely into the middle of the yard, where convicts were at work. The train was not permitted to back out until it had been thoroughly searched for stow-away prisoners.

The high price of cotton materials and the shortage of raw cotton have made the question of raising cotton within the British Empire a pressing one. Although Canadians cannot hope to enter into this industry, they are, nevertheless, affected by its success, and will be interested to know that India, South Africa, Egypt, Queensland (Australia), Ceylon, Burmah, British Guiana and British Honduras have all been declared by experts to be very promising cotton areas. Strong efforts will be put forth to promote the cultivation of the plant in these places.

Second Annual Spring Stallion Show.

The functions that have suffered from the effects of this winter's unusual climatic conditions are numerous. One of these was the Spring Stallion Show, at Grand's Repository, Toronto, last week. Yet, despite the fact that only about half the horses entered were able to get to the show, it was a pronounced success. Among the principal horsemen whose stock were detained at home were Bawden & McDonnell, Smith & Richardson, Robt. Beith, Robt. Ness, and Dalgety Bros. Others who were a long time delayed, but who finally reached the show late, were O. Sorby, and several who showed individual horses. The principal exhibitors who were fortunate in getting their stock to the show were John Gardhouse & Sons, J. M. Gardhouse, J. B. Hogate, T. H. Hassard, Graham Bros., Morris & Wellington, Geo. Isaac, Jno. Miller &

sions, Messrs. W. S. Spark, Ottawa, and Geo. Gray, Newcastle. As was expected, the judges made an honest effort to render impartial decisions in every class, and the general expressions of satisfaction with their awards was evidence that they attained that end.

In the aged Clydesdale section, eleven stallions came out, making one of the best rings ever shown in Canada. Seldom do judges have before them so many good candidates for the best positions, and several excellent horses had to go unplaced. The final line-up was: first, T. H. Hassard's Gallant Robert (imp.); second, Graham Bros.' Baron Primrose (imp.); third, O. Sorby's Vanora's Pride (imp.); fourth, J. B. Hogate's Sir Reginald (imp.); fifth, H. Hendrie's Lakeview Laddie; and sixth, Jno. Miller & Son's Border Duke (imp.).

Gallant Robert is a newly-imported horse, sired by Prince Robert (7135), dam by Top Gallant, and his selection reflects great credit upon the judgment of his young importer. From end to end he is hard to fault, and his underpinning is just the proper thing, as, indeed, it had to be to beat Baron Primrose, the winner in his class at the Dominion and third at the International Exhibition last fall. This horse was fully described in our reports of these shows, but the good son of Mac-Eachran goes on improving in his paces and developing in substance. Vanora's Pride is just a little better than he was last fall, when he won second at Toronto, and when he was photographed for illustration in our Christmas number. He certainly is a good type of the modern Clyde. Sir Reginald is one of the newcomers, and is a grand acquisition. He is one of



Gallant Robert.

Imported Clydesdale stallion. Winner of first premium in aged class and champion of the breed, Canadian Spring Stallion Show, Toronto. Imported and exhibited by T. H. Hassard, Millbrook, Ont.

Sons, O. Sorby, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, A. Aitchison, Robert Davies, and others. Mr. Walter Harland Smith again favored the horsemen by placing the Repository at their services for the better part of the week, and, needless to say, everyone appreciated his generosity. The judging, which was to have begun on Wednesday, was postponed until Thursday, to allow delayed exhibitors to reach the show. The officiating judges in the Clydesdale classes were Messrs. Robt. Ness, Howick, P. Q.; Peter Christie, Manchester; and John Boag, Queensville; and in the Shire divi-

the very big, compact horses, with splendid feet and ankles, and with no lack of quality. His kind are none too plentiful, for from such as he we expect to get our heaviest drafters. His sire was Sir Everard, and dam by Lord Erskine. Many expected to see his stable companion, King Dick, come into the list at about this juncture, or a little above, but for some reason he did not find favor with the judges, his age probably being a little against him, although he won in good company in Scotland last year. The Canadian-