

Question Drawer

This department of The Guide is open to all readers, and it is hoped that they will take advantage of it. All questions relating to the problems of the farmer of Western Canada will be answered in this department. Write questions on one side of the paper only, and send only one question on one sheet of paper. In making this department of the greatest value.

MUST HAVE NAMES

Questions sent in without the name of the sender attached will not be answered. The name will not be used if not desired, but it must be sent in as a guarantee of good faith.

ARREARS OF TAXES

J. G. T. Alta.—Can a man securing no before a gathering of 8 or 10 persons of having done an illegal thing in my place of secretary, by reading before the meeting of the categories the collector's report on arrears of taxes and due by whom (although two officers of the board had tried to convince him that the reading of the report was prohibited by the "School Ordinance of the Province") be called before the court to prove his statement and be compelled by that court to apologize for the rough and insulting language used in his statement? Together with other expressions he meant to have the right to say that, "I was the greatest fool and the most ignorant person in the district."

Ans.—The words spoken are not actionable as they do not amount to defamation and are merely words of abuse.

MAKING A WILL

H. W. Alta.—Having made a will in England before I came to this country, is it necessary for me to make another will here as all my property, etc., is in this country?

Ans.—It is not necessary to make another will as formalities in the making of a will in England are the same as the formalities in connection with a will made in Alberta.

PARTNERSHIP IN BRANCH

D. L. Sask.—A and B go into partnership in the ranch business. A furnishes the experience and all the work in connection with boys and wife and B furnishes the money to finance the business. What share is A entitled to?

Ans.—If partners each take 50 shares of the profits A should have 50 shares in assets purchased by B's money but 50 shares in increase of assets.

FIRE-GUARD

W. L. Sask.—The width of a legal fire-guard and the current distance from the railway track?

Ans.—This depends upon order of railway commission. Write commission at Ottawa.

SUCCESSION LAWS

J. T. B. Sask.—A short synopsis of the Canadian succession laws or tax. Will the fact of an estate being willed to a number of relatives or others, effect such laws? It is the law of this province I am interested in, but I presume that the Succession law is a Dominion Act.

Ans.—Each province has its own succession law, (tax statute). Write to the King's Printer Legislative Building, Winnipeg, for a copy of Manitoba Succession Duties Act.

LOAN ON HOMESTEAD

S. B. Sask.—I get a loan on a homestead from a loan Co. in the city of Winnipeg. When check is received I find they have retained so much for premium to pay for fire insurance. Buildings were not insured at the time of application for loan. I write them to find amount of insurance put on. In reply I find fire insurance is scarcely one-half appraised value of buildings, nor am I given name of fire insurance Co. who issued policy.

1. Who has the right to hold the insurance policy, me or the mortgage Co.? 2. In case of fire who collects the insurance, me or the mortgage Co.? 3. If company holds policy and collects insurance, do they pay it to me or retain it and deduct from loan? 4. If company retains insurance, if it is not deducted from loan, have I to pay loan in full? 5. In case of fire, if company holds policy and collects insurance, who pays for the investigation, me or the company?

Ans.—1. Mortgage company. 2. Company. 3. Credit on loan. 4. If company collects insurance they must credit on loan. 5. If investigation by fire company, expense borne by company.

OWNER AND RENTER

C. A. Sask.—If the owner of farm and renter both break the agreement, can renter still hold possession of farm until the expiration of agreement? Can A make B give up possession after he told A he would and also B didn't fulfill agreement? Can A make B give up possession? B is agreeable to give up possession if he can get about

three times what it is worth. A considers it a case of hold-up on the part of B.

Ans.—It is necessary that you should show in what respect tenant broke the agreement. The agreement may provide that on breach of agreement the landlord may resume possession. If this is the case, the tenant should have to give up possession and be obliged to do so in the landlord could take steps for this removal. The matter that should be disclosed to us is in what respect the landlord broke the agreement.

CHATTLE MORTGAGE

Gilbert, Sask.—If a mare is under chattel mortgage of a loan note and has a calf, will the calf also be under the chattel mortgage or loan?

Ans.—No, in the absence of a stipulation to that effect.

Ans.—Is a stockholder in a rural telephone company liable for more stock than he has subscribed?

Ans.—No.

LEEN NOTE

W. H. Sask.—A father and B (son) go together on a note for 1000 dollars and interest. They work together for one year, at the end of year B wishes to come to some arrangement with A as to their share of the stock, etc., and A says that B has nothing whatever to do with the stock. 1. What can B do to claim his share without much unpleasantness? 2. Can B claim wages from A?

Ans.—Depends upon agreement between them whether they were co-owners in stock, implements, etc. If cannot make friendly division remedy will have to be obtained by action.

FIRE DAMAGES

W. R. Sask.—My best lot, lot 4 was started near the house of W. R. on the N.W. section of 13 and went north on to S.W. of 41 where it burnt out. I have a house belonging to Mr. A. Can I recover damages from W. R. Cause of fire Mrs. W. R. put wax on the grass that day.

Ans.—Yes, if Mrs. W. R.'s act can be shown to be negligent.

COURT OF REVISION

D. A. T. Sask.—Court of Revision was held in May. Late in June I bought a half-section of land which I did not fence or receive any benefit from. Can municipal council force me to pay taxes and do road-work on same?

Ans.—Yes.

SOLD CATTLE

R. E. A. Alta.—A sold cattle to B for about \$30. B promising to pay in about a week or two and after about six weeks again promising to pay in two weeks but not doing so. B and his partner are supposed to have money coming from C.P.R. on contracts, etc. Can A collect this money (no note signed) and if so how should he proceed? Ans.—Carbine, mortgage, and employ solicitor for purpose.

LEGAL INTEREST

J. W. E. Sask.—What is meant by legal interest? A machine note due this fall, I could only pay half, and to settle the company made out a new note for the other half and charge 10 per cent. interest. Can they collect it?

Ans.—5 per cent. is legal interest. That is interest given by Canadian statute in absence of agreement by parties for higher rate. If note is under \$500 law allows agreement for interest up to 10 per cent. If over that sum, the rate may exceed 10 per cent. if parties agree.

CONCRETE MIXER

J. H. R. Treherne, Sask.—I would like to ascertain if there is any way to make at home a machine to mix cement and gravel for concrete. I am worked by horse or other power. I wish to use the mixture in building a concrete wall.

If any reader has this knowledge he will confer a favor by letting THE GUIDE know. However, unless the job is a very big one it is probable that the most economical way of mixing the concrete will be with a hoe on boards or in a box such as is used for mixing plaster.

MEDICINE HAT LAND CO.

Can any reader of THE GUIDE inform another reader as to the whereabouts of the Medicine Hat Land Co.?

DRIVING SHALLOW WELLS

W. A. Prince Albert, Sask.—Can you advise me if I can drive a sharp point down from the surface so as to get water? The top soil is 7 1/2 feet of black loam and beneath is about five feet sand. The bottom of the well here is from 8 to 40 feet deep and quicksand beneath. What is the best kind of pump to use? What would be the cost of the pump and, say, twenty feet of piping besides the drive point?

The writer has heard of wells being driven in this manner but does not possess definite information on the subject. Will some reader who has driven such a well please furnish the desired particulars?

PARALYSIS IN PIG

T. B. Sask.—A 5 months old pig after eating a few mouthfuls of feed, got back and lay on the ground kicking for a few minutes, then stretched out as if dead. After a few minutes it

daily peroxide of hydrogen. Apply to muscles of shoulder the following blister:

Cantharides, 1 dram.
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Mix well, rub well in, leave on 36 hours, wash out and give as well. Tie up calf so that he cannot bite parts blistered.

FEEDING WHEAT STRAW

W. R. Morris, Man.—Please advise me how to feed wheat straw successfully without cutting it. I have a good many horses through feeding wheat straw.

Ans.—Reduce the quantity of straw fed by one half and feed more hay. I think you are feeding too much bulky food.

HORSE WITHOUT BOTTOM

O. E. C. Parkerton, Sask.—I have a horse that is in fair condition, fed on oat straw and nine quarts of chopped oats and wheat per day. After standing in the barn for three weeks cannot drive ten miles in a day. He is about ten years old. Please prescribe.

Would advise you to quit feeding straw and give good hay. Also stop feeding any wheat and use only good straight oats. Have your horse's teeth examined and give these powders:

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Make into twelve powders and give one in feed

got up and finished his breakfast. At three different times the pig was taken thus while feeding and then a stiffness developed in the hind quarters so bad that the hind legs are useless. Kindly advise.

Ans.—Give your pig the following on an empty stomach:

Raw linseed oil, 4 ounces. After the purgative has worked give these powders:

Cantharides, 1 dram.
Vaseline, 8 drams.
Sulphate of iron, 2 ounces.

Mix well, divide into 12 powders and give one in feed night and morning. I would advise you to feed less shorts and more bran for a few days.

HORSE WITH SMALL FOOT

T. V. Bethune, Sask.—I have a one-year-old horse that is lame in the front foot. His foot seemed to be small last winter and I took the shoe off and about three times a week I rubbed vasoline on the hoof. One foot got better and grew to be a good foot, but the other is still small. Kindly advise.

Ans.—A one-year-old mare is due to have her first colt about the middle of April and she has a big udder which has been running milk for some time. Should I do anything for her?

Ans.—1. Apply the following blister to the foot:

Cantharides, 1 dram.
Vaseline, 8 drams.

Mix well, rub well in, leave on 36 hours, wash off and grease well. Repeat in two weeks, continuing using food containing to keep foot soft.

2. I would advise you to have your mare examined by a veterinary surgeon who will advise you as to the best treatment.

RUPTURED MARE

Subsidiary, Holland, Man.—A five-year-old mare is found to rupture on the lower part of her belly fifteen inches from the side joint, about the size of a man's fist. The skin is not broken but inside of it there is a hole through to the bowels. Kindly advise me as to the best treatment.

Ans.—Have your mare examined by the local veterinary surgeon as I do not think it is advisable to have a rupture on the lower part of her belly.

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MARE WITH ENLARGED HOCK

J. S. Alta.—An aged mare has an enlarged hock; she does not show signs of lameness while walking but hops slightly while trotting. When standing she makes a creaky noise as if dry. Kindly prescribe.

Ans.—1. Apply the following blister to the hock:

Cantharides, 1 dram.
Vaseline, 8 drams.

Mix well, rub well in, leave on 36 hours, wash off and grease well. Repeat if necessary in three weeks.

MARE WITH SWAMP FEVER

Subsidiary, Tisdale, Sask.—I have a mare that has the swamp fever and is left her chilly and cold. Can you advise me what to do for her?

Ans.—Give the following:

Liquor arsenicalis hydro-chlor, 4 ounces.
4 times a day, 4 ounces.
Tincture of iron, 3 ounces.

Mix and give two tablespoonfuls in half a pint of water before feeding. Also these powders:

Sulphate of iron, 3 ounces.
Gentian, 3 ounces.
Potassium nitrate, 1 1/2 ounces.

Mix and divide into 12 powders and give one in feed three times daily.

MARE NICKLING IN FETLOCK

Subsidiary, Colony, Sask.—Kindly prescribe a cure for nickling in the fetlock of horse.

Ans.—Apply to the fetlock the following blister:

Cantharides, 1 dram.
Vaseline, 8 drams.

Mix well, rub well in, leave on 48 hours, wash off and grease well. Repeat if necessary in three weeks.

HORSE LAME BEHIND

P. K. Sask.—I have a horse that is lame in the hind quarters but I cannot tell what is the matter. The knee joints seem to be where the trouble comes from.

Ans.—Rub in the following liniment to parts near distal:

Liquor ammonia fort, 4 ounces.
Oil of turpentine, 4 ounces.
Raw linseed oil, 4 ounces.

Mix well.

COW WITH HOLE IN TEAT

J. R. Milestone, Sask.—I have a valuable cow that has her teat cut with wire. The wound healed up but there is a hole in the side of the teat and the milk flows out. I have tried to fill up the hole with wax but without success. What treatment should I have applied at the start? What can I do now to effect a closing of the hole?

Ans.—You should have had the teat sewn up. Now you had better apply this blister every third day:

Cantharides, 1 dram.
Vaseline, 8 drams.

Mix and rub well in the hole, leaving in 12 hours, then wash the parts and insert a milk tube.

When a horse is sick and needs a cathartic, and no raw oil is at hand, would you seed answer the purpose? If so, how much flax seed would equal a quart of oil?

Ans.—You would have to use so much flax seed that it would be much better to use an 8 or 10 dram ball of aloes, according to size of horse.

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night and morning. Give a bran mash once a week with salt in it.

STIFF HIND LEG

Subsidiary, Edinburg, Sask.—I have an aged mare sold on right hind leg. Year ago last spring got so bad I could not work her, the muscle at the hip has shrunk away somewhat. A veterinary gave me a blister which I applied five times but it did not help her. She has run in pasture ever since. Can anything be done for her?

Ans.—Have the mare given over affected parts and if this proves useless nothing can be done.

BULL NOT CHEWING CUD

L. A. Killen, Alta.—Four year old bull has been months. He seems to chew his food alright but not the cud.

Have his teeth examined and give the following:

Eggsalt, 1 pound.
Common salt, 1/2 pound.
Ginger, 1/2 ounce.

Divide in warm water and give as drink on an empty stomach. Also these powders:

Nux vomica, 1/2 ounces.
Sulphate of iron, 3 ounces.
Potassium Nitrate, 3 ounces.

Divide into 12 powders and give one in feed night and morning.

COWS WITH LUMPY JAW

J. T. S. Waterton, Sask.—I have two cows that have lumpy jaw. I keep them by themselves. Is there any danger to other cattle? Can they be cured and will lumpy jaw insure the meat of the animals are fattened for beef?

Ans.—It is dangerous if other animals come in contact with those affected. I would advise you to apply Fleming's Lumpy Jaw Cure as several cures have been made by this. It is advisable not to use the meat.

MARE NOT DOING WELL

H. E. Snowflake, Man.—Seven-year-old mare has not been in good health for a year and is getting worse. Feeds all night but has started up and in getting dry. When latched has no appetite. Breathes very quickly and trembles. I have been feeding wheat straw since a day, say twice a day, but she does not seem to improve. Gallons of cold water and bran at night and stock food three times a day.

Have the mare's teeth examined and the following powders made up:

Sulphate of iron, 3 ounces.
Nux Vomica, 3 ounces.
Potassium nitrate, 3 ounces.

Magnesium sulphate, 3 ounces.
Gentian, 4 ounces.

Mix and give one tablespoonful in feed three times a day.

Also the following:

Fleming's Lumpy Jaw Cure, 5 ounces.
Give two tablespoonfuls in drinking water at night.

G. E. W. Borden, Sask.—I would be glad to know of a good condition powder to be given occasionally with horse feed.

Have the following made up:

Sulphate of iron, 4 ounces.
4 times a day, 4 ounces.
Potassium Nitrate, 4 ounces.

Magnesium sulphate, 3 ounces.
Gentian, 3 ounces.
Ginger, 4 ounces.

Mix and give a tablespoonful in feed night and morning. If possible stop feeding wheat straw. Also for colic keep this mixture on hand:

Chlorate hydrate, 4 ounces.
Spirits of ether nit, 3 ounces.
Elixer, 3 ounces.

Tincture of Nux vomica, 3 ounces.
Mix and give 2 to 4 tablespoonfuls in pint of water every 1/2 to 1 hour.

FIRST MILKING

G. W. M. Kinross, Alta.—Is the first milking of cow necessary suitable for use on the table? No, it certainly is not.

CALF WITH BROKEN LEG

D. V. Sask.—Three-day-old calf has broken a hind leg about two inches above the knee. How shall I treat it?

Set the leg in plaster of Paris bandages and leave on for three weeks.

SWAMP FEVER

H. U. Whitewater, Man.—Can the prescription for the cure of swamp fever that appeared in the Jan. 11 GUIDE be guaranteed?

It is impossible to guarantee a cure for this disease. The prescription was given by a competent veterinarian.

MARE'S LEG SWOLLEN

J. E. Optie, Alta.—A mare was kicked in the side about three months ago. It healed but she has been lame on that leg since. Now her leg is swollen from the side to the foot. Please prescribe.

Foment the leg three times daily for one hour with hot water and vinegar. After fomenting apply the following liniment:

Liniment ammonia iodide, 4 ounces.
Tincture of stramonium, 4 ounces.
Liniment sassafras, 4 ounces.

JACKS FOR SALE

I have the largest Jacks in the world in both imported and home-bred. I have sold over seven hundred Jacks from my farm here, and they have sired and are siring the best mules in the United States. My prices are lower than any other man on earth for good, first class Jacks. Let me show you before you buy.

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VETERINARY

We shall be glad to have our readers remember that all Veterinary Questions they wish to ask will be answered free of charge in The Guide. The services of one of Winnipeg's leading veterinarians have been secured for this work. Private replies by return mail, if desired, will be sent upon receipt of \$1.

COLT KICKED ON KNEE

K. F. Mound, Alta.—Last spring's colt got kicked about two months ago, by a shot horse, on the front of the knee. It swelled up and then ran matter for a while. About a month ago it broke at the back and ran matter. Now it has broken out in front again. The leg from knee to point of shoulder is quite hard; also the muscles in the shoulder are wasting away. Kindly advise me what to do.

Ans.—Foment the parts well with hot water from shoulder to knee for half an hour, three times daily. Inject into wound three times

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