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### Percherons vs. Clydesdales

Ed. Farm and Dairy—I have been greatly interested by the letters in your journal under the above caption. Never but once in my life did I attempt to breed any horse other than a trotter.

Pound for pound, I believe he will give as much service for the feed he is too light to handle the heavy machinery required on most farms today. And in many cases he is too nervous and high strung for an ideal farm horse.

For about 30 years, we have had in this section both grade Clydesdales and Percherons. I am free to say that the latter have many points that compel my admiration. They are smoothly made, clean cut animals, with better necks, heads and limbs so far as contour is concerned, than any Clydes. They are free, quick snappy movers, all horse, and for heavy animals do fairly good road work. Although no expert in judging horses, I have never yet seen a Percheron in which I could not pick a really serious defect. Flat feet, narrow heels, navicular disease, down on their pasterns, are some of the worst. If there are any good sound Percherons, I wish a few could be brought down here, to give us a start in the breeding of a very desirable type of horse.

The Clydes we have here, are to my eye, no beauties. Many of them are short necked, Roman nosed and hammer headed. Some have white enough on them for a Holstein cow, which does not enhance their appearance and more bee-like than that of the Percherons. But with us they have run fairly sound, and are good, servicable, willing workers. A homely horse with good underpinning is greatly to be preferred to a handsome cripple. "No feet and limbs, no horse."

It is not surprising then, that the grade Clyde is being fast displacing the grade Percheron though the latter had the first inning. It is quite possible that we were unfortunate in our choice of foundation stock of the French horse. If he is worthy, many of us would gladly see him on his way to the front again.—L. J. Flower, Queen's Co., N.B.

### A Profit in Quebec Hogs

Ed., Farm and Dairy—In your editorial, "An Impossible Suggestion," published in your issue for December 9th, you said that the idea had been advanced at various times that the packers should keep the price of hogs at a reasonable figure, and you claim that the suggestion was not practical. I agree that it would not work because, as your editor would say, "Oh! it is an old thing when we first proposed it fully, 'what would it do?' Now, however, we are trying to breed the packer not to breed the packer."

In case any of our readers may not have seen our announcements in former issues they will be surprised to receive this, the first issue of the New Year, bearing the name of

## FARM AND DAIRY

The only change that has been made in The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World is in its name (the former name was too long). This is the same paper under the same management. It will continue to be as interesting and helpful as it has been in the past, and will be published weekly at the same old price—only \$1.00 a year.

raise, the better they find hogs pay. They aim to get two litters a year and their breeding sows. The spring litters are turned out to pasture as soon as the clover, rape, or alfalfa has grown enough to provide feed. These fields are enclosed with a regular farm fence and then divided into sections with what they call here a hog fence, about 26 inches to 30 inches in height.

When the hogs are four to four and a half months old, they weigh from 125 to 150 lbs. The farmers claim that they cost them less than three cents a pound up to that stage. They are then put into smaller enclosures and their feed changed to one of a fattening nature. Being in a good healthy condition they put on from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 lbs. fat a day and are soon ready for market at a weight of 175 to 190 lbs. The best ones are sold and their places filled by the best ones of younger litters. After our farmers get the rotation well started there is scarcely a week in which they do not sell two or three hogs at from \$5.75 to \$7.25 a 100 lbs. live weight depending on the time of year, and the question of supply as well as on the Danish killing which rule all markets.

Our farmers are beginning to raise more of their own feed. They find that roots, ensilage, etc., make good feed when mixed with grain.—Job. W. Taylor, 137 Youville Square, Montreal, Que.

### Record of Performance Work

Ed., Farm and Dairy—Report No. 1 of the Canadian Record of Performance for pure bred dairy cattle has been issued by the Live-Stock Branch, Ottawa. The report contains a brief history of the work done about performance work which has been the purpose of the work done in the past.

The report contains a list of pure-bred researches for milk and fat production, and also contains the rules and regulations for the work. It also contains the names of the breeders who have been selected for the work in the year 1908. This record is a valuable reference for breeders and buyers of the breed.

This report will be of great value to breeders and buyers of the breed. It will show the progress of the work and the results of the performance work. A large number of the names have been printed and will be sent to those who apply for it. It is published by the Live-Stock Branch, Ottawa, P. O. Station, Ottawa, Ontario.

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