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Ostrich, Rich in Bend Or Blood.

The National Bureau of Breeding has started a campaign to secure thoroughbred stallions in England. For a country of its size, Canada has been remarkably slow in getting English Stallions. According to the English Stud Book, eight hundred sires were brought to this country between the years 1905 and 1909. During that period South America secured no less than 144 English sires, and they got the very best, including Persimmon and Polar Star. It is small wonder that Argentina has left Canada far behind as a horse breeding country, for, while Canada has been buying her sires by the hundred-weight, Argentina has been profiting by the experience of the foremost nations in the world, and has been spreading broadcast the parent thoroughbred blood.

France has now 320 thoroughbred sires in her Bureau, and 253 of these are "pure-bred English," or English thoroughbreds. When you stop to consider how many good thoroughbreds have left England for foreign countries, it is small wonder that a remount problem now confronts the War Office. If Canada, through the National Bureau, can get some of them, they will at least remain under the flag and England will have first call on the produce in time of stress.

In this connection it may be well to state that one of the greatest authorities in England, in a book just published, says that in the event of war, England would require 150,000 remounts at once, and 500,000 remounts within the first six months after hostilities commenced. A Canadian paper, in commenting on this, says that to supply such a great demand is futile. Nothing is futile to a country the size of Canada. The solving of the remount problem by this country depends on one thing only, and that is the getting out of a sufficient number of thoroughbred sires.

This week the story of Ostrich is told. He is full of the Bend Or blood, which has made England famous. The Bureau has stationed him in New Brunswick, where, in two seasons he has been mated with 115 cold-blooded mares.

OSTRICH.

BAY HORSE, FOAL, 1901.

(Written Specially for The Montreal Herald by John F. Ryan.)

Ostrich, the royally bred son of Order and Plumage, combines the blood lines that have always produced winners. He was bred by James B. Haggin and his long life of usefulness on the turf, was itself a testimony to his fashionable ancestry. Order, his sire, is practically a brother in blood to the great Orme, winner of \$70,000 on the English turf, and sire among others of Orby, winner of the Derby of 1907, in the colors of Richard Croker; Flying Fox, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, St. Leger, etc., in 1899, and who was sold for nearly \$187,500, and was himself a great sire.

Bend Or, the sire of Order, was a Derby winner, and the son of a Derby winner, Doncaster. Bend Or is the sire of Kendal who got Galtie More, Martagon, Golden Garter, Ben Strome, and many others that have since achieved fame both as race horses and sires.

Order's dam, Angelica, is a full sister to St. Simon, a sire that for many years headed the English winning list with his get. Galopin, the sire of Angelica, was the giant of his day and a Derby winner. In addition to begetting St. Simon, he was the paternal ancestor of Donovan, winner of a Derby and St. Leger; Galtie, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas; Carrie Rose, winner of the Cesarewitch; Fulmen, Galore, and hosts of other good ones.

Order himself sired Ornament, sire of the Bureau stallion Redmore. He was one of the best colts in America and a winner of \$24,836 in two years old, \$53,375 at three, and \$11,205 at four. Box High, Order, Jolly Roger, Pass Book, Loricat, Reidmore, Countermand and many other good ones were sired by him, and raced successfully. Loricat is now one of the most successful Bureau stallions in Manitoba.

Plumage, the dam of Ostrich, is a daughter of the English stallion Goldfinch and out of Lizzie Dunbar, by Bonnie Scotland. Bazar was the son of Jack Malone and Ivy Leaf, the dam of old Bayonet, who was the first race horse in the world to run a mile in 1:40. Ivy Leaf was a daughter of imported Australian and Bay Flower, a daughter of Lexington.

Goldfinch, the sire of Plumage, is an English horse that has been on this side of the Atlantic so long that he has thoroughly established his reputation as a sire. He is a son of Ormonde and Thistle. Thus it will be seen that he traces in the male line through Bend Or, right to the same strain as Order, the sire of Ostrich. Ormonde was always considered the best son of Bend Or, and the best race horse England or the world ever produced.

On the dam's side, Goldfinch traces back to the famous Maniac, to whom trace such performers as Wenlock, Kisher, Apology, Pontian, Peppermint, Our Nell, Macgregor, and many others of like fame.

Goldfinch, in the stud of Mr. Haggin, sired such good ones as Tradition, winner of more than \$50,000; Song and Wine, one of the most promising youngsters of recent times, who unfortunately went wrong early in his career; Old English, a winner to his sixth year; Conard, a winner of \$20,000, and many others.

From such parentage, it is natural that a sturdy horse should come, and Ostrich in his long career on the turf, has surely proved his worth. His first start was a

victory in the colors of J. B. Haggin. Shortly after his first appearance he was sold to O. L. Richards, who raced under the nom de course of the "Boston Stable," and it was in these colors that Ostrich achieved most of his fame.

In his three-year-old season he was winner of six races, including the Crescent City Derby at New Orleans, and the Jerome Handicap at Morris Park. That year he also won the Montague Stakes at Jamaica. He early demonstrated that he was a horse of remarkable courage and stamina. His best races were over distances that try the stoutest horse, and there never was a time when the son of Order lost by reason of faint heart.

As a four-year-old he was purchased by Thomas Sexton, but it was not until towards the end of the season, and not until he had won four good races for Mr. Richards. He went on through his five-year-old season a good winner, and Sexton foolishly started him in a selling race at Saratoga, he was run up after winning and bought by so good a judge as J. L. McGinnis, for \$2,500. McGinnis won him out the first time he sent him to the races, when he scored over a good field at Sheepshead, at the mile and three-sixteenths distance. All through the season he was a consistent, clever performer, and he had a decided liking for the green course at Sheepshead Bay. One of his last starts there saw him a good second to Miss Crawford, after he had been knocked about in the running in a manner that would have disheartened any horse of less sturdy build. Is that race he beat Nelson a subsequent Suburban winner.

Ostrich, though standing a good sixteen hands, looks scarce more than 15½, he is so heavily muscled and has such immense quarters. He comes of a wonderful prolific family, and though raced long after most horses of the present day are usually sent into retirement, he came out of his long campaigning as sound and sturdy as a two-year-old. The Province of New Brunswick is proud of this horse and his colts are the best looking half-breeds ever foaled here.

Fortunes in Real Estate.

The fortunes that have been made recently in real estate speculation in Montreal and its vicinity have been simply marvellous and in some instances almost incredible. Options on certain properties have been obtained and within a few days have found buyers at handsome profits. Nor has this advance in real estate been confined to the North side of the river, as farms around St. Lambert have been bought up, and resold for subdivision in building lots at big profits, and still the boom in land continues to make rapid headway. A resident of St. Lambert informed the writer that already enough land has been bought up around that place to accommodate building space for a dozen St. Lamberts. And as regards Montreal, it is stated that sufficient earth space has been subdivided in lots around that city to accommodate two to three million people, whilst another authority places it at a much higher figure. The profits that have been realized on St. Catherine Street properties have been fabulous, and those who are the fortunate beneficiaries of this wonderful advance in values are beginning to ask themselves whether there is to be a halt to this doubling and trebling of land values in such remarkable short periods. Even real estate men are beginning to advise caution as regards investing in certain properties that have already met with such wonderful appreciation in values. But there seems to be no falling off in the demand for city and suburban properties, notwithstanding the unprecedented advances in values. A real estate dealer who has accumulated many thousands of dollars in buying lots and turning them over on quick profits, stated a few days since that the bulk of purchases have been made for speculative profits and not for building purposes, and that if a setback were to occur buyers would soon become scarce, and the bottom might temporarily fall out of the boom. But on the other hand as the writer reminded the dealer referred to that if as recently estimated, the population of Montreal is increasing at the rate of 40,000 a year, and if the immigration into Canada keeps up at its present ratio, the end of the land boom in all parts of the Dominion may not be yet—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

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The soy bean, also called the "soja bean," is a native of southeastern Asia and has been extensively cultivated in Japan, China and India since ancient times. The beans are there grown almost entirely for human food. Their flavor, however, does not commend them to Canadian appetites. As a forage crop, however, soy beans have become of increasing importance in parts of the United States, especially



FIELD OF MARYLAND SOY BEANS IN NORTH CAROLINA. (From bulletin of United States department of agriculture.)

southward. They have been tested at most of the state agricultural experiment stations, and it is clear that their region of maximum importance will be south of the red clover area and in sections where alfalfa cannot be grown successfully. They thus compete principally with cowpeas, but as cultivation is usually required they fill a somewhat different agricultural need. Their culture has greatly increased in recent years, especially in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and the southern part of Illinois and Indiana. It seems certain that the crop will become one of great importance in the regions mentioned and probably over a much wider area. The earlier varieties mature even in Minnesota, Ontario and Massachusetts.

As a hay plant the soy bean cannot successfully compete with red clover or alfalfa. The soy bean is especially adapted to the cotton belt and northward into the southern part of the corn belt. The early varieties mature in the northern part of the corn belt, but frequently do not make a sufficient yield to warrant growing them. Farther south, where the later and larger varieties can be grown, the yield is sufficient to make their extensive cultivation very profitable. Generally speaking, the soy bean requires about the same temperature as corn. It is perhaps even better adapted to a warm climate and does not do well in a cool climate.

The soil requirements of soybeans are much the same as those of corn. They will make a satisfactory growth on poorer soil than corn, provided inoculation is present, but will not make nearly as good a growth on poor soil as cowpeas. Soy beans make their best development on fairly fertile loams or clays. The Mammoth variety also succeeds well on sandy soils. On rich soils all varieties are apt to make a large plant growth and a comparatively small yield of seed and on the poorer soils a small plant growth with a relatively large seed yield.

Soy beans do not require a well drained soil for their best development although they will not grow in a soil where water stands for any considerable length of time. However, they are able to withstand a greater amount of moisture than either corn or cowpeas.

Soy beans are also decidedly drought resistant, much more so than cowpeas, and but for the depredations of rabbits would be a valuable crop in the semiarid west. Rabbits are exceedingly fond of the foliage, and where they are numerous it is nearly useless to plant soy beans unless the field can be enclosed with rabbit proof fencing.

The matter of variety is of special importance in soy beans, as many growers have been sorely disappointed in getting a small early variety when they desired a larger and later sort—Bulletin United States Department of Agriculture.

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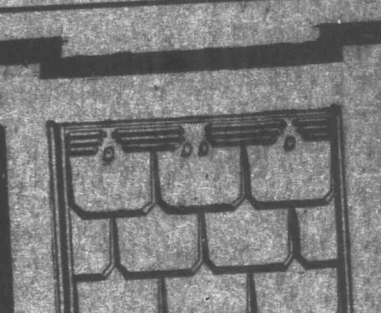
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