

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

FLAXSEED.

Will you please tell, through your valuable paper, how many bushels of flaxseed you would advise to sow to an acre?

R. J. W.

Ans.—Sow from 20 lbs. to half a bushel per acre.

GOVERNMENT STOCK CARS.

Could you tell me, through your paper, whether the Government is sending any cars of pure-bred stock to the Northwest, or where to apply to find out?

F. W. C.

Ans.—Correspond with A. P. Westervelt, Director Live-stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

INDIGESTION IN HORSE.

What is best to do for a horse, twelve years old, subject to indigestion, especially when I change his feed, and is there anything that can be fed to him to prevent him taking it?

A SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—Be careful that he gets no sudden change of food. Make all changes gradually. Giving two drams each of gentian and ginger twice daily in damp food, might be beneficial in warding off attacks. Another cause is bad teeth. Have the animal's mouth examined and teeth dressed. A purgative might also be given of 6 to 8 drams aloes, previous to giving the gentian and ginger.

PERCHERON REGISTRATION.

I wish to ask a question in regard to the rules of the Canadian and American Percheron Studbooks. How many crosses from imported sires will entitle an entry, or will any number permit of registration?

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W. F. J.

Ans.—Neither the rules of the Percheron Society of America or the Canadian Percheron Horse-breeders' Association allow the registration of graded-up animals, no matter how many crosses they may have. Mares or stallions, to be eligible, must be by registered sires, and out of registered dams, in the case of both associations. Formerly, mares were eligible for registration in the American Percheron Studbook if they had four crosses. The rule was discontinued a couple of years ago.

SOY BEANS.

1. Would Soy beans be a paying crop to sow to cut for hay?
2. Would they do well in Simcoe County, on a rich, heavy clay, plowed in spring?
3. When should they be sown, and in what stage of growth should they be cut for hay, or could they be cut and fed to cows during summer?
4. How much feed should they give per acre?
5. What feeding value have they?
6. How much seed should be sown per acre?
7. How would Soy beans compare with Early Amber sugar-cane for feed?

H. A. L.

Ans.—Most varieties of Soy beans require a long season to mature, and are not suited for growing in Ontario. The varieties recommended are Early Yellow and Medium Green. The crop furnishes very rich feed for stock, but we would not advise sowing them for hay. They should grow on the kind of soil indicated. They could be cut and fed as green feed, making a nitrogenous fodder. The time to cut for this purpose is from the time they commence to flower until the time they are ready to cut for hay, which is just after the seeds have formed in the pods. In a favorable climate, and on good soil, Soy beans yield about ten tons of green feed per acre, and of a feeding value said to equal if not rather better than alfalfa. About one-half bushel of seed is required per acre, sowing in rows from two to three feet apart, and cultivating as ordinary beans. Compare with Early Amber sugar-cane, we would prefer the latter in your district. We could not advise sowing the Soy beans. Better try out the cane for feed for annual hay crop.

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