

POTATOES.

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE: Kindly say in next issue of ADVOCATE that those who are writing me to ask prices of my potatoes explained in your Feb 27th. issue will find prices advt. in Wants and For Sale column. This is giving me much unnecessary trouble, being 8 miles from post town. Holland, Man. JOHN C. WALKER.

AN EARLY AND HARDY FOAL.

I had a mare foal on the 20th February right out on the prairie in my band of range horses. The colt is big and fat and is alive. I think there are no horses like the Western-bred ones, half Percherons and half pony. That's the best kind of breeder for this country. JOHN B. CAPLETTE.

B. C. SPRING STALLION AND STOCK SHOW.

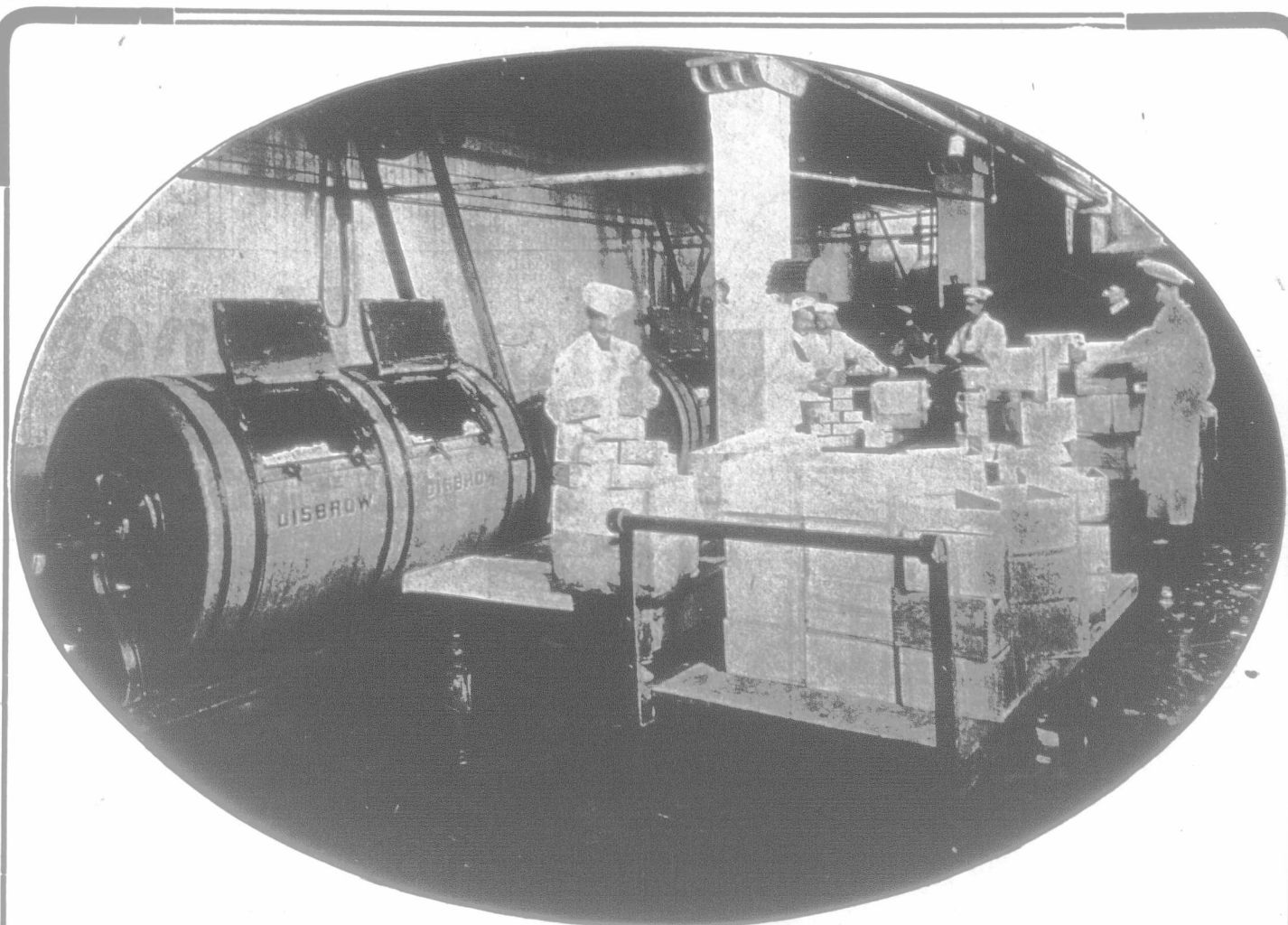
The provincial fat stock and spring stallion show held at New Westminster, March 20th to 22nd, was quite a success. In the stallion classes which were judged by Dr. Tolmie of Victoria, several good horses were forward. In the section for Clydesdales Harry Vasey won out with the right good moving horse Royal Citizen, that was later made Champion draft horse, Premier Prince, also owned by H. M. Vasey, being second. For Clydesdale stallions over two years and under four the rating was Evans, Chilliwack; Shannon Bros., Cloverdale, with a young imported horse in low condition, Vasey's entry, third. In the other draft breeds, including Shires, Percherons and Suffolk, Punch, the aged winner was found in the Langley horse, owned by Geo. Dair. The younger sections brought out more competition, Anderson, Agassiz, being first; Vancouver Coach and Draft Horse Co., second; J. M. Steves, Steveston, third. In Standard-breds Geo. Marshall, Chilliwack, won over Jno. Murray's entry from Langley and also got the light horse championship. In the section for younger stallions J. H. Wilkinson, Chilliwack, was first; and reserve for championship, J. H. Watson. Competition in Coach horses was not heavy.

Cattle, sheep, and swine were judged by C. M. McRae, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa. In Shorthorns, over two years and a half, Vasey was the winner. For bulls, 18 to 30 months, Pemberton Stock Farm was first and third, Inverholme second, Ladner, fourth. Pemberton also secured the championships, senior and junior. In the class for bull under eighteen months Inverholme (Paterson) was first, Pemberton second and fourth, W. H. Ladner, third. In the dairy-bred bulls over two years Austen Sapperton was first and second; under that age the blue and red went to A. C. Wells and Sons, Chilliwack, for Ayrshires. Vasey won for grade steer under three years. In purebred sheep G. H. Hadwen Duncans won both in shearing and lamb classes for males, J. H. Wilkinson getting to the fore on a ewe. In grades and crosses for the flock, by a purebred sire, Jos. Thompson was first and second with grade Suffolks.

In purebred swine, Thompson was the prizetaker, also being to the fore in grades and crosses, H. Webb of Sardis also getting into the money in this section.

HOW SOON IS FERTILITY EXHAUSTED?

In some parts of Western Canada where the Mackay system of handling land for wheat has been followed, good crops of wheat have been obtained on the land without manure rotation of crops, the Indian Head district being often cited as a case in point. From the scientific and theoretical standpoint the contention was held to be wrong, yet people claiming to know stated that under that system, viz., summer following every second or third season, good crops were obtained and the soil showed no signs of serious depletion of fertility. At a convention recently held at Denver, Co., Mr. H. W. Campbell, known as the originator of the Campbell system, gave utterance to an almost similar opinion as a result of some questions. His testimony was given in the following words:



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