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than pay his way if held for service at the low fee for which he must stand in order to secure patronage in competition with good registered horses. The contention that not all registered horses and not all horses imported are of a desirable class to breed from is well taken, and it goes without saying that the knife might well be more freely used on pure-bred colts, as upon pure-bred males of all classes of stock, for an inferior pure-bred is little safer to breed from than a superior grade, and an unsound registered horse, used as a sire, may do more damage to the coming stock than an unsound grade, since he is likely to be more largely patronized, and is more potent.

The system of enrollment of stallions held for service for a fee, and the requirement that their breeding, whether registered or unregistered, must be publicly posted for the information of the people, has been adopted in several of the States and in at least three of the Canadian Provinces by order of the Government, and would appear to be a reasonable requirement, doing no injustice to owners, while serving as a protection to the public in so far as they choose to be guided by its provisions.

The question of inspection and the justice of requiring the taking out of a license certificate, and the payment of a license fee in order to secure the right to stand a stallion for a service fee, is open to argument, and it is not surprising that a difference of opinion should exist among horsemen. The choice and character of inspectors, and the inference that these are to be appointed by the head of a Government Department, and may not be such as to command the confidence and respect of the horse-breeding public generally, while it might work out fairly well, is, it must be admitted, one of the most difficult features to harmonize in the proposed scheme of license, and will require careful consideration in order to avoid serious trouble.

The question of interference with personal

rights, so dear to the hearts of Britons the world over, while requiring to be judiciously dealt with, will be found much less difficult of assuaging, since we are getting pretty well used to the principle of restriction by law of the liberty of the individual where the general good is at stake, and, while it would be admittedly going too far to say by legal enactment that a man may not use a grade or a scrub sire on his own stock, there would be less room for complaint of a law restraining him from standing or travelling such sire for a service fee. This principle has long been accepted as reasonable and right by the Canadian people in the matter of licensing the sale of intoxicating beverages, in the licensing of medical and dental and veterinary practitioners, of auctioneers and pedlars; so that if the requirement can be shown to be for the general weal, owners of licensed stallions would find themselves in a large company.

HORSES.

Iowa Stallion Service Law.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Regarding the stallion-service law in Iowa (the text of which appears below), I may say that this is the first year of its working, and it is too early as yet to say just what the results will be. I feel, however, that it cannot be otherwise than good. I know that a great many people who own stallions have given the matter much consideration. I also know that a great many grade stallions have been sold out of the State in the last few months. Since the law became effective, July 4th, 1906, State certificates, have been issued to about 2,200 pure-bred stallions. There are some things about our law which I do not like. I think they will be improved in the future. We had to get such a law through as would meet with the approval of the members of the legislature. We hope to strengthen our present law very materially either at the coming session or two years from now. At the present time we allow the owner of the horse to make affidavit pertaining to the soundness of the animal, or to have a veterinary do so. The time will come when we will have State inspection to do this work, and then we will not be obliged to take any man's word. The time will come in this State when we will require horses, in addition to being sound, to possess a certain standard of excellence which will be determined by animal-husbandry experts, similar to the work now being done in Belgium. I realize that it will take some time to get this law, but we are going to work for it.

I think that a law giving the stallion owner a lien on the foal would be a good one. This is nothing but fair. Our people are very much in favor of a similar law, and we will have one.

I assure you that at any time I am in a position to help you in any way I will be only too glad to do so. I visited at my father's home at Vernon, Ontario, during the holidays, and never before was I so favorably impressed with the progress which Ontario is making along agricultural lines.

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IOWA'S STALLION-SERVICE LAW.

Any owner or keeper of any stallion or bull kept for public service, or of any stallion kept for sale, exchange or transfer, who represents such animal to be pure-bred, thoroughbred, standard-bred or registered, shall cause the same to be registered in some studbook or herdbook recognized by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., for the registration of pedigrees, and obtain a certificate of registration of such animal. He shall then forward the same to the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture of the State of Iowa, whose duty it shall be to examine and pass upon the correctness and genuineness of such certificate filed for enrollment. In making such examination, said secretary shall use as his standard the studbooks or herdbooks recognized by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., and shall accept as pure-bred, thoroughbred, standard-bred or registered, any animal registered in any of such studbooks or herdbooks. And if such registration is found to be correct and genuine, he shall issue a certificate under the seal of the Department of Agriculture, which certificate shall set forth the name, sex, age and color of the animal, also the volume and page of the studbook or herdbook in which such animal is registered. For each enrollment and certificate he shall receive the sum of one dollar, which shall accompany the certificate of registration when forwarded for enrollment.

Any owner or keeper of a stallion or bull for public service who represents or holds such animal to be pure-bred, thoroughbred, standard-bred or registered, shall place a copy of the certificate of

the State Board of Agriculture on the door or stall of the stable where such animal is usually kept, and shall furnish to any patron who shall request it a copy of such certificate.

If the owner of any registered animal shall sell, exchange or transfer the same, and the purchaser desires it, he shall transfer in writing the certificate issued by the State Board of Agriculture to the purchaser of such animal, and upon filing such certificate so assigned, and accompanying the same with a fee of fifty cents, the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture shall issue a new certificate to the then owner of the animal, and all fees provided for by this act shall go into the treasury of the Department of Agriculture.

Any person who shall fraudulently represent any animal, horse, cattle, sheep or swine to be pure-bred, thoroughbred, standard-bred or registered, or any person who shall post or publish or cause to be posted or published any false pedigree or certificate, or shall use any stallion or bull for public service, or sell, exchange or transfer any stallion, representing such animal to be pure-bred, thoroughbred, standard-bred or registered, without first having such animal registered and obtaining the certificate of the State Board of Agriculture, as hereinbefore provided, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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