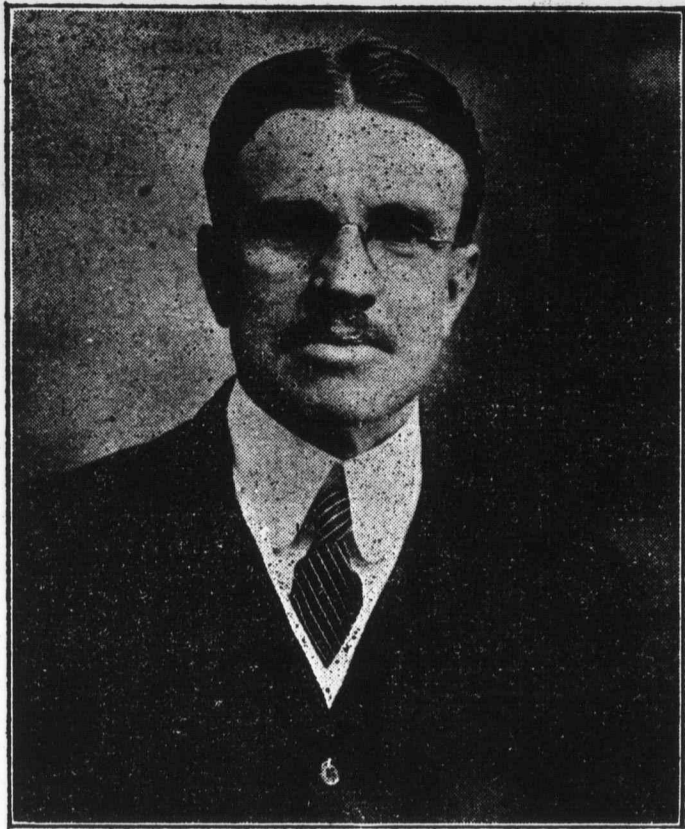


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ON TRAINING OF COLTS

They Should Not be "Broken," but Educated.

Start Them Wearing Harness and Bridle — Then Hitch and Give Light Work at First — Methods of Keeping Cow Records.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The too common practice of allowing colts to go "unbroken" until such time as they are required to perform the functions of a horse in the spring, is irrational, and is unfair to the animal. Colts should not be "broken"; they should be taught or educated. In the unhandled, or unbroken colt, the muscular, respiratory and nervous system (the organs whose functions are taxed in the performance of the ordinary functions of a horse) are weak and undeveloped from lack of function. Hence, when the unprepared animal is asked to perform ordinary horse labor, he has neither any knowledge of what he is required to do, nor the muscular nor respiratory tone that is necessary for its satisfactory performance; therefore, unless very carefully handled, and very little work done for the first two or three weeks, trouble of various natures that will probably necessitate complete rest for a variable time is very liable to result. Hence, a regular course of preparation during the late winter and early spring months, when the time of both man and horse is not very valuable, should be given in order to have the colts in such condition when time becomes valuable, that they will be able to perform a reasonable amount of work with satisfaction to the driver and safety to themselves. This course should be commenced at least six weeks before regular work is expected to commence.

They Should Be Harnessed and Bridled Early.

The colt or colts should first be taught to wear harness and bridle by being allowed to run free for a few hours daily in a box stall or paddock with the harness on. It is then good practice to match each with a handy, smart and good-natured horse, or if necessary a pair of colts together, and teach them to drive, obey the words of command, stand when asked, etc.

When they have become reasonably handy without being hitched, they should be hitched to a sleigh or wagon. Care should be taken to see that the harness fits properly. This applies especially to collars. The collars in which they are expected to work later on should be worn. Each should have his own, and it should fit properly, not being too wide, so as to allow a rolling motion, nor yet sufficiently narrow to pinch at any point. The bearing surface should conform thoroughly to the surfaces of the neck and shoulder with which it comes in contact, except at the bottom, where sufficient vacant space to allow the introduction of a man's fingers should exist.

Exercise or Light Work a Benefit.

The colt or pair should be given daily exercise or light work. Commencing with an hour or two the first day and gradually increasing the amount, until they will be able to perform a full day's reasonable exertion without showing signs of weariness. The amount of grain given should also be gradually increased in proportion to the work or exercise given. By such usage the muscular, respiratory and nervous systems gradually gain tone, the muscles with which the harness, especially the collar, comes in contact, gradually become hardened and increased in power of resistance, hence become much less liable to soreness. In many cases, on account of the hardening of the muscles, they lose bulk; hence a collar that may have fitted perfectly at first, may now be too large. This should be attended to either by providing fresh collars or filling the extra space of the old ones with sweat pads. While we prefer collars without sweat pads, the latter is much better than vacant space.—J. H. Reed, V.S., O. A. College, Guelph.

Methods of Keeping Cow Records.

Four things are necessary for keeping cow records: 1. A monthly milk sheet, ruled so that there shall be a column for recording the weight of the morning and evening milking of each cow for each day of the month, though some use a sheet ruled for three days only, and estimate the weight of milk given for the month from these three days, which may be consecutive or on the 1st, 10th and 20th of the month, making ten day periods between.

2. A milk scale, preferably one having a dial-face and two hands, one of which shows the net weight of milk in the pail, when properly set. This scale costs about five dollars.

3. A four to eight-bottle Babcock test, where it is desired to know what each cow's milk tests in fat. This will cost from eight to twelve dollars complete.

4. The fourth and most important requirement is, "The-will-to-do." Without this, milk sheets, scales, testers, etc., are valueless. By having scale, sheet, pencil, sample bottles properly labelled, etc., all conveniently arranged, it takes but little time to keep a record of each milking cow in the herd.

We would add a fifth need, which is, some form of permanent record book for monthly totals and tests, as milk sheets, and notes or records of testing, are likely to be lost and not available for reference. But if these are recorded once a month in a permanent form, they will prove a source of help in breeding, feeding and weeding dairy cows.—H. H. Dean, O. A. College, Guelph.

Morton

T. King and family have moved to Phillipsville.

BORN — to Mr. and Mrs. George Roantree on October 14th, a pair of boy twins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sly spent Sunday with friends in Forfar.

Miss T. Owens spent the week-end at her home in Forfar.

Miss Winifred Kenney, Jones Falls was the guest of Miss Peryl York.

Sanford Dean, Ottawa, spent the week-end at his home here.

Hairy Whykes spent Sunday at his home in Chantry.

Mrs. S. Taber is still on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Moore and family of Sealeys Bay were Sunday visitors at Mr. Samuel Jacobs'.

Great preparations are being made for a box-social to be held here on Friday evening, October 28th.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

The Annual Harvest Festival of the Methodist Church was fittingly observed on Sunday last. Those in charge of the decoration had spared neither time nor effort and with their resourcefulness and taste had transferred the hands-me edifice into a very tower of beauty. The plentitude of the harvest was expressed by the golden grain, huge vegetables, luscious fruit of both trees and vines, and the picture further entranced by the splendid specimens of flowers in all their varied hues, magnificent trailing plants and many tinted foliage. Several clusters of wild raspberries were noted abundantly loaded and ripe. The Pastor, Rev. S. F. Newton gave two excellent discourses in the a. m., one "The Bethshemish Reapers" preceeded by a splendid sermonette to the children based on "Mountain Lions and their Trainer" to which the children, indeed all, listened intently and we trust carried away the truth which the speaker strove to impress for it was one helpful for all and necessary. In the evening the subject was "A peep at the World's Granary, a Look at the World's Saviour."

Farmers had been specially invited to this service and again the lesson taught was a most helpful one thankfulness, appreciation, opportunity and responsibility. Good audiences greeted the speaker on both occasions, the church being nearly filled though the weather was quite inclement.

A choir of over twenty voices did excellent service all day rendering splendid anthems, solos, duets, and a mixed quartette, which were all well received.

Great credit is due Misses Klyne and Taber who were the convenors of the decoration committee and their faithful band of helpers for it is an undisputed fact that ones surroundings means much, and certainly on entering the church on Sabbath morn one felt inspired to both worship and pray.

National Supper a Success

The National Supper held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday last was a grand success and much credit is due those in charge of affairs each table decorated with emblems of the country it represented was very pleasing in appearance called forth many pleasing comments. The program was short but very pleasing and was much enjoyed by all.

Charleston

The last of the guests of Cedar Park took their departure on Thursday. A number of Athenians spent Sunday at their cottages.

There is considerable sickness in this section. An epidemic of Cholera Morbis seems to be prevalent. Miss Cora Kelsey has been very ill.

Some of the farmers are refilling their silos. F. Sterry's family is staying with Mrs. B. Killingbeck at present.

The painting on E. Taylor's cottage is being finished this week.

The National Crisis

"My appeal is to the whole people; to every man and woman who wants to do right by this country; to everyone who breathes the spirit of our fathers who founded this British Dominion."

—ARTHUR MEIGHEN

THE Election to be held December 6th will be the most momentous in Canadian history; for as men and women vote will depend the economic stability, the political stability and, indeed, the national stability of this country.

Today we find group striving against group, class against class, the industrial and financial structure of the country assailed by false and unsound doctrines and theories, while our great neighbour to the south has adopted a trade exclusion policy directed against Canada's vast agricultural interests.

The currencies of nearly every country in the world are depreciated. The Canadian dollar in the United States is subject to a heavy discount causing a loss of over one hundred million dollars in exchange annually.

Europe is overwhelmed with war debts—unemployment is acute—and the restoration to pre-war conditions is slow.

While Canada is in a much more favorable condition than many countries, yet there is evidence of stagnation, instability, unemployment and lack of confidence.

Taxes are heavy because of the country's efforts in the Great War, but have become burdensome on account of the misconceived policies and blunders of Governments that directed Canada's affairs prior to 1911.

These conditions are largely the direct aftermath of the war, but they must be dealt with fearlessly and constructively. This is no time to consider experimental changes, or the theories of visionaries.

This is no time for Crerar and his Free Trade policy.

This is no time for King and his wobbling "charted" policies, varying with each provincial boundary.

It is the time to cling to orderly, stable Government in the interest of all the people; to be guided by the experience of the past, proceeding upon lines that have been proven sound.

It is the time to place the destinies of Canada again in the hands of a Government led by a sane, courageous Canadian who has safely brought the country through the trying years of reconstruction, and upon whom we can rely to retain and initiate policies in the interest, not of a group or class but of all the people.

It is the time to support Arthur Meighen and his Candidates.

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