

the driver said: 'The Canadian worked him to death.' A large horse that was mated with him afterwards died within a year, leaving the Canadian still well and sound. The Canadians are undoubtedly descended from a large breed of horse brought over from France in the early settlement of the country. The colts, not being as well fed and warmly stabled as their ancestors, and exposed much of the time to a rigorous climate and hard work, degenerated in size, but improved in hardiness and endurance."

AS A GENERAL-PURPOSE ANIMAL.

Mr. A. W. Smith, ex-M.P. for North Middlesex, Ont., spoke as follows, in 1909, before the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization: "There are quite a number of these horses that I have had the pleasure of handling personally, and I know of the good qualities which they possess. I have in mind one particular team which was typical of the large number that I was conversant with. This team weighed 1,250 pounds each as nearly as possible. They were very well matched. They were black. They would travel up to ten miles an hour and continue it for a couple of hours or more; I have seen them do it. On a ten-mile gait they would continue for three or four hours without any trouble whatever. Besides that, they would walk



FRENCH-CANADIAN MARES.

If they have a load belod them they will tug at it until they move it.

with a good ordinary-sized load at about four miles an hour. I think that is one of the best qualities you could have in a farm horse and the French-Canadian is an ideal farmer's horse. Besides that, I have seen the same team matched against other heavier horses that would weigh probably 1,600 to 1,700 pounds. The French-Canadian horses would draw a heavier load than heavier horses. That is one of the characteristics I have found in these French-Canadian horses and I fancy that we have not yet developed any breed, or mixture of breeds, that would come up to the French-Canadian as a general-purpose horse. It is perhaps the most valuable horse that the farmer could have either in Quebec, Ontario or in the West."