

The Good Farmer Made Good, The Poor Farmer Failed.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

In the report of Dr. Creelman's address at the Ontario Corn Growers' Annual Convention last year occurs the sentence at the head of this article. Never, in my opinion, were truer words spoken. It is ever thus. The good workman is the one who makes good, the poor workman is the one who fails. We farmers are prone to blame the weather, the soil, the government—anything or anybody rather than to place the blame for failure where it usually belongs—"myself." A poor crop is—

with rare exceptions—the result of failure on our part to fulfil the conditions necessary to make a good crop. We sow or plant poor seed, too early or too late in the season, on poorly-prepared ground; we fail to harvest the crop in proper time and condition, neglect to keep the hoe and cultivator going, or in some other way fail to co-operate with nature to raise the 100-per-cent. crop. Nature is bountiful if we obey her laws and do our part of the work.

The different amount or quality of crop on adjoining or neighboring farms is by no means always due to difference of land; it is oftener due to difference of man. Yet, while the inspirational talk and lecturing is true, to the point and the purpose, may I be permitted to suggest that this form of help be occasionally supplemented by something more strictly practical. That if—during the hoeing season—the lecturer should once in a while climb down from his pedestal of paid position, take off his coat, put on a pair of overalls, and with hoe in hand make a bee-line for the corn field, there give an expert demonstration of the effectiveness of this "food-producing" instrument, and incidentally help the farmer with his work. Despite Edwin Markham's scathing characterization of "The Man with the Hoe," he is yet needed, and there is room for skill in his work. He may not care nor does he need to "trace the stars and search the heavens for power." His concern is to search (or till) the earth for food. The stars are too remote for him. Markham himself would have lacked potatoes for breakfast if they had to come from the stars.

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Gossip.

Breeders' Sale of Thirty Shorthorns.

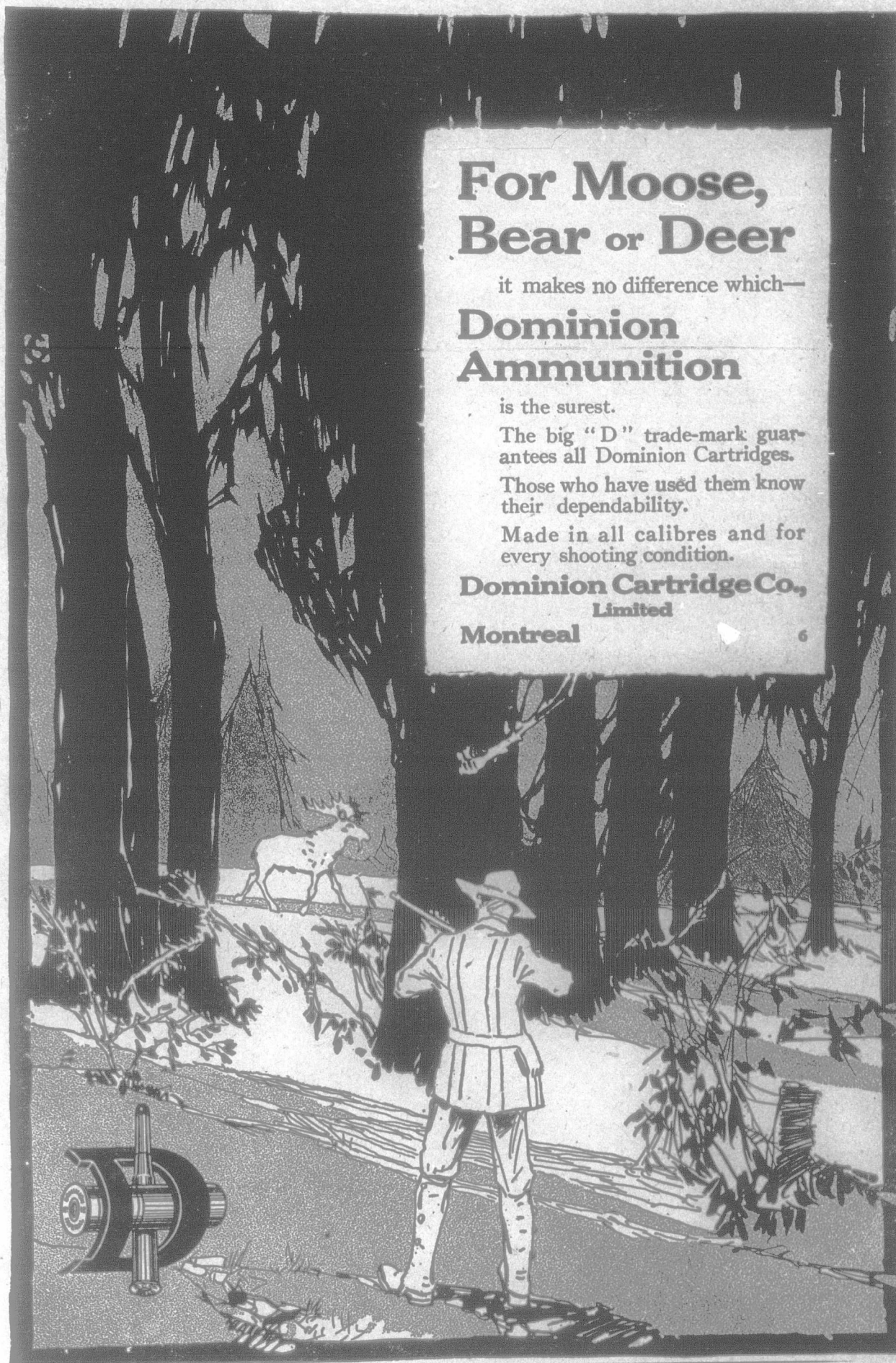
A very promising and important breeders' sale of pure-bred Shorthorns is advertised elsewhere in this issue, for Wednesday, October 24. The owners are Messrs. H. Oestreicher & Sons of Crediton, Ont., and the number to be sold are twenty-four females and six young bulls. They are as the catalogue indicates a choicely-bred lot of breeding cattle, showing in the very best of field condition and breeders who are at present understocked will do well to keep the date in mind and make a request for a catalogue at once. The families are all mentioned in the advertisement and are the kinds that are sought after now. It might also be stated that the chief sire used in this herd up until this season was the noted bull, Excelsior, seen out at the shows this year. He is got by the noted champion, Gainford Marquis, and several heifers and two of the young bulls in the sale are got by him. Most of the cows to freshen around sale time are calving to the service of the promising young son of Excelsior, Cloverdale Marquis. A full brother to Cloverdale Marquis, one year younger, will also be among the six young bulls to be sold. Write for catalogue which gives full particulars including breeding, ages, terms of sale, train connections, etc.

Doctor (to wounded soldier who is on "low diet")—Is there anything you want, my lad?

Irishman.—Och, doctor, if ye'd be givin' me a nice fat goose for me dinner, now?

Doctor.—Ah, and I suppose you'd like it stuffed with something special, eh?

Irishman.—Indeed and I would. I'd like it stuffed with another wan.—Punch.



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