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known to be due to the cattle eating hay in which ragwort is abundant. This condition of affairs was discovered on a farm opened by Dr. J. G. Rutherford, at Antigonishe, N.S. It was found that sheep could eat it either in pasture or hay without ill effects, and with the former treatment the weed soon was eradicated.

The districts infested by ragwort are found chiefly surrounding Antigonishe and Pictou, in Nova Scotia, and at the east and west ends of Prince Edward Island. Last spring seventy-seven pure bred shearlings rams were selected by Mr. Spencer and sent to these districts. They were chiefly Shropshires and Oxfords, but a few each of Cotswolds, Leicesters and Linconls. The selections were made on the recommendations of the Maritime mutton raisers. In addition, twenty-five well developed lambs were purchased in the Maritime Provinces.

To further encourage the sheep-raising industry, sales are being arranged at which Mr. Spencer will be present. On September 30th at Pictou Fair thirtyfour fine lambs were to have been sold At Antigonishe on October 14th an equal number will be disposed of. On October, 1st at Souris, P.E.I., fourteen are to be sold, and again on October 3rd fifteen are to be on sale at Summerside,

P.E.I. The sheep-raisers of those localities are very much interested in these sales. Great results are anticipated for the sheep industry of the Maritime Provinces. At the same time a weed that has been causing great annoyance with the cattlemen will be at least partially subdued, as a result of the increased attention to sheep husbandry.

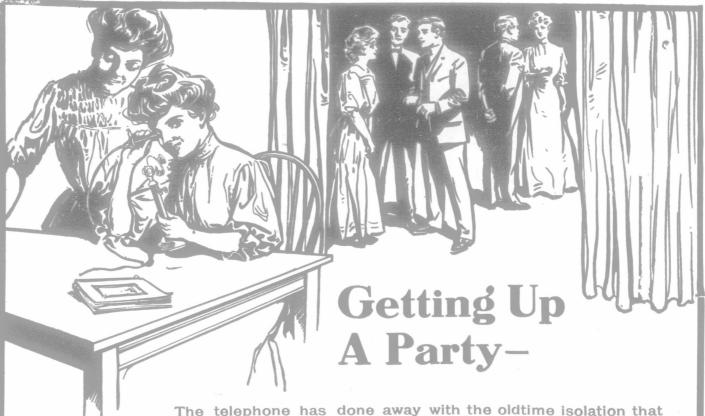
SEAHAM HARBOUR CLYDESDALE SALE

The annual sale of the Seaham Harbour stud held three weeks ago was as usual largely attended and proved one of the most successful yet held. The highest price realized was 100 gs. given by James Kilpatrick, of Craigie Mains, Kilmarnock for the colt-foal Silver Mark, by Silver Cup, out of a Marcellus mare. The same figure was paid for the big brood mare Welcome, by Macgregor. Silver Rock, another Silver Cup foal, out of a Sir Hugo mare, and tracing back to Darnley, brought 60 gs. Amongst the filly foals the highest price was 70 gs., paid for Silver Rose, also by Silver Cup, out of Rosebud, the Royal winner. Silver Blossom, another Silver cup filly, out of a Hiawatha mare brought 60 gs. The sale list summarized is as follows:

	Average			Total		
13 filly foals	£39	6	8	£511	7	0
8 colt foals		11	3	388	10	0
4 yearling fil-						
lies	30	16	10	123	7	6
6 three-year-						
old fillies	49	8	9	296	12	6
2 yearling colts	37	5	6	74]	1	0
2 two-year-old						
colts	48	16	6	97	13	0
3 stallions	48	13	0	145	19	0
12 brood mares	51	8	1	616	17	6
3 geldings	52	13	6	158	0	6

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The Irish horse-breeding scheme has done much to promote the interests of the different breeds in the Emerald Isle. In 1901 the Department of Agriculture registered, and so, in a manner, subsidized, 97 Thoroughbreds, 23 Clydesdales and 8 Shires, or in all 128. Last year the Department subsidized 161 Thoroughbreds, 51 Clydesdales, 26 Shires and 38 hunter sires—horses not eligible for the racing calendar or general studbook, but to all intents and purposes pure-bred. The total was 276 and it will be observed that there is quite a considerable relative increase in the number of Shires. Clydesdales have only about doubled in the six years, while Shires have fully trebled. In respect of the nominations of mares, almost the same proportions hold. In 1901 there were 1,102 nominations for Thoroughbred sires, 328 nominations for Clydesdales, and 114 nominations for Shires, or 1,544 in all. In 1907 the relative figures were 2,404, 727, 226, and 315 for half-bred sires; a total of 3,672. Consequently, while the num-



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