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ting lame, apply to a blacksmith the majority of whom advise shoeing. Instead, the horse should be taken to someone who has made a study of the horse's foot, and who probably would advise removal of the shoes. I have seen many results of the blacksmith's way of treating, the majority of which were failures.

Another very common ailment of the horse's foot is thrush. This would never occur if the stalls of the stable were built with a slant to the rear, or with proper drainage, so that the urine would not lodge under the fore feet, and thereby cause the disease. It is a shame to see horses suffering from this disease, a disgrace to the owners who keep such a filthy stable.

The farmer should keep in his stable some oil, (castor oil answers) with which to rub the horse's feet occasionally, and thereby keep them soft and flexible. A brittle hoof, after pieces have broken off the edge of the hoof, is a most unsightly thing. It is best always to have a mallet and chisel with which to pare the hoofs. A hoof-parer is good, if you have one. Do not pare more than you are apt to strike the sensitive sole, and may cause severe bleeding. Those men who look after the feet of their horses, are seldom sorry for their trouble.

Hackneys Gaining in Popularity

There was a record attendance of members and lovers of the hackney horse present at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Hackney Horse Society, held last week in Toronto. Great improvement has been made in Ontario during recent years, and Hackney blood is beginning to show itself in the best harness horses of the country. The winnings at shows had been more than during any previous year.

The President, Mr. E. C. H. Tisdale, in his annual address, emphasized the importance of the Hackney to the country. Many more are now recognizing its value by discarding other breeds for the Hackney.

The officers for 1908 are as follows:

President, W. C. Renfrew, Bedford Park, Ontario; 1st Vice-President, O. Sorby, Guelph; 2nd Vice-President, John Graham, Carleton Place; Sec. Treasurer, H. M. Robinson, Toronto; Directors, T. A. Graham, Claremont;

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Legislation Wanted to Improve the Horse Industry.

At the meeting of the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association at Toronto, last Thursday evening, it was decided to press immediately for legislation that would tend to raise the standard of horse breeding in Ontario. Last year an endeavor was made to determine the condition of the horse industry in Ontario. The province was divided into eight sections, and a number of qualified inspectors placed on the road. These men were told not to lead public opinion, but to discuss the horse situation as they found it. When their report came out, it became evident that something should be done in connection with the horse industry of the province. It was felt that the Department could do considerably more than it is doing.

On the strength of the report furnished by the inspectors, the board of directors of the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association drafted a number of resolutions dealing with the situation. The principal ones were resolutions to place restrictions on the use of stallions, and thus curtail much of the indiscriminate breeding that now prevails. Some of the suggestions were that only pure bred and registered stallions be allowed to stand for service, except that for three years good stallions should be granted licenses, that all stallions standing for service should be free from hereditary unsoundness, that no person should be allowed to accept a service fee for any stallion unless a license has been taken out for said stallion. Other resolutions dealt with the matter of licensing and further, upon the licensing of stallions.

There was some objection to asking the government to enact legislation covering these points. The majority felt, however, particularly Mr. George Pepper and Mr. Peter Christie, M. P., that if they did not press for the changes now, they would not get them. The matter should not be considered from a political standpoint. Everyone knows that it is expedient that improvements be made in the horse industry. The association is one that represents about three millions of money. Surely the government, then, would give its representatives a hearing. The standard of horses in Ontario should be raised, and through the passing of legislation, regulating the licensing of stallions, the desired end may be accomplished.

Shire Horsebreeders Need to Hurry Up

That many breeders of Shire horses in Canada fail to record their animals in the herd books of the Association was forcibly brought out at the annual meeting of the Canadian Shire Horse Association, held in Toronto last week. Many breeders neglect this part of their duty, with the result that the number of animals recorded during the year is not enough to make it worth while to publish a handbook. In volume I published some time ago, 475 animals were recorded. Since that time only 207 stallions and 172 mares have been recorded. The leading breeders and officers of the Association are desirous of having another book printed, but do not care to go to the expense with so small a number.

There are enough Shires unrecorded in Canada to make a good-sized volume, and the chief business of the convention was the discussion of ways and means of stirring up these

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