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Is Looked For Every Week

Mr. Wilbert B. Stevens, of Shetland, Ont., writes on Feb. 24th: "We have taken FARMING for one year now. It is a good paper and we look for it every week. There are lots of good things in it that the progressive farmer needs to know. It is better than the semi-monthly—in more ways than one."

"More Orders than we can Fill"

The following letter from one of our regular advertisers speaks volumes for FARMING as an advertising medium for all kinds of pure-bred live stock. The letter needs no comment on our part, and we publish it merely to show the great value to breeders of regular and continued advertising in a weekly farm paper:

Harriston, Ont.,
February 24th, 1899.

FARMING, Toronto, Ont.:

DEAR SIRS,—Enclosed please find \$14, amount of account for advertising. Have had a great year of sales. Have sold all stock fit for service. Have had good luck with young stock. More orders than we can fill. Many thanks to FARMING also. FARMING has been mentioned in all orders but one.

Yours, etc.,
JOHN COUSINS & SONS.

Agricultural News and Comments

In France, where poultry breeding is carried on very extensively, turkey hens are used to hatch the chickens, as they can cover as many as thirty eggs at a time and thus bring off large numbers of chickens.

The directors of the Cheese and Butter-makers' Association of Western Ontario met in Ingersoll last week. It is probable that the next annual convention of this organization will be held there. It is, however, not definitely decided yet.

The compulsory annual dipping of sheep has many supporters in Great Britain. At a meeting of the Central Chamber of Agriculture recently held, the majority present were in favor of this plan. The question, however, has not been generally discussed, and is, therefore, not likely to come into force for a while.

In an address in the Legislature last week the Minister of Education made an important announcement, to the effect that agriculture will be made a compulsory subject at the public school leaving examinations. This announcement will be welcomed by every one who has the real interest of agriculture in this province at heart, as the fore runner of compulsory teaching of agriculture in our public schools.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature for the destruction of the barberry bush. It provides that no person shall keep or have, under cultivation or otherwise, in the province, barberry shrubs within one-half mile of farm lands used for grain-producing, and gives the Minister of Agriculture power to destroy the same by fire, by duly qualified inspectors, who shall report to the Minister the value of the plants destroyed. Provision is also made for compensation to the owner of the shrub when destroyed.

The yearly consumption of potatoes per head of the population in Ireland is 1,467 lbs., in Germany, 1,300

lbs.; in the Netherlands, 840 lbs.; in Norway and Sweden 740 lbs.; in France, 700 lbs.; in Austria, 663 lbs.; in Canada, 600 lbs.; in Great Britain, 238 lbs.; in the United States, 200 lbs.; and in Italy, 48 lbs. The yearly consumption of wheat per head of the population is: France, 467 lbs.; Canada, 360 lbs., Italy, 307 lbs., Great Britain, 250 lbs.; United States, 240 lbs.; Austria, 230 lbs.; Russia, 93 lbs.; Japan, 22 lbs. The yearly consumption of beef per head of the population is: United States, 147 lbs.; United Kingdom, 100 lbs.; France, 77 lbs.; Germany, 64 lbs.; Russia, 50 lbs.; and Italy, 24 lbs. The yearly consumption of eggs per head of the population is: United States, 133 eggs; Canada, 90; France, 78; Germany, 75; Italy, 47; and the United Kingdom, 39.

The Canadian Horse Show

One of the important events of the year in this province is the Canadian Horse Show, which takes place annually in the Armouries, Toronto. Heretofore, for some reason or other, the farming community has stood somewhat aloof from this show and looked upon it largely as a society affair existing more especially for the well-to-do. Whether there has been any justification or not for this view it is not necessary for us to discuss here. What we do wish to point out, however, and emphasize more particularly just now is that, whatever grounds the farmer may have had for remaining at home other years, he will have no good reason for doing so at the coming show, which takes place on April 13th, 14th and 15th next.

The management is making a special effort this year to reach the agricultural classes. The show will be held two weeks earlier than last year, which will enable farmers to visit the show before the spring work begins, and breeders to show their horses before it is time to start the stallions on the road. Additional prizes will be given for young stallions in all the classes where there were none before, and good prizes will be given for heavy draft teams of horses, which should serve to bring out a large exhibit of the kind of horses in which the farmers are more interested. The price of admission has been reduced to twenty-five cents for any time during the show. This, however, does not include reserved seats. There will also be reduced rates on all railways and special freight rates for horses exhibited. All this is along the right line, and the coming show will be a good opportunity for gaining a knowledge of the kind and quality of horses it will pay our farmers to breed. The prize lists will be ready this week, and may be had on application to Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto.

Manures and Manuring

A subject of vital interest to the Canadian farmer to-day is that of manures and manuring. It is the real basis of all successful farming, and the farmer to-day who does not give special attention to maintaining and increasing the fertility in his land cannot hope to make his vocation a profitable one. No subject attracts greater attention at the Institute meetings than this, and farmers are anxious to get the fullest information possible on the subject. One of the regular staff of speakers at the Farmers' Institute meetings who discussed this topic in a practical and com