

others are similarly situated—and it is said that misery loves company—perhaps it might be interesting to note how the destruction goes on annually in Ohio, U.S. From returns published through the proper department, we learn that the total number of sheep killed and injured for the year 1888, was 59,560, and the total valuation, \$146,202. The Ohio Farmer of October 27, 1888, published a list for the past eight years. The totals of killed and injured were 432,828 and the total value \$1,215,747. The number of dogs owned in that State is computed at 300,000. I do not know what it costs to keep each one; but perhaps a fair estimate would be \$5 per year. If that be correct the total cost of keeping these dogs that worried the sheep during the eight years for which the table is given would be \$12,000,000. Add to this the value of sheep destroyed, and you have a total of \$13,214,746.

The question I ask just here is, are they worth it? I maintain they are not and should every dog be banished from this province to-morrow and the destruction of sheep stopped, an immense gain would be made in this branch of agriculture. This province would be just that much richer. This, however, cannot be done; and if dogs must be kept by persons who determine that they cannot get along comfortably without them, what course shall be taken to limit the destruction which, is sure to follow? The thought upon which the bill before the legislature during the last session was based, was that to double the tax on dogs and make it universal, would limit the number kept to those alone which were of practical value, and would prevent large numbers of persons, unable properly to keep themselves, from being the harborers of dogs allowed to prowl about the country at will. Dogs of value are generally cared for and kept under proper control. It is the dog of no merit, except that he is my dog,

which most needs extirpation. The second thought was, that persons who insisted on keeping dogs should be compelled to keep them in charge and under control; that if they permitted them to wander about the country at large they did so at their peril,—such dogs being liable to be shot while straying away.

My position is briefly: First, outside of exceptional cases, dogs are not a necessity, but, at best, an expensive luxury. Second, the vast majority can be shown to be utterly useless except as pets of the household. Third, they are dangerous both to person and property. Besides the destruction of sheep, so constant, how many ghastly wounds are inflicted on children by dogs roaming around in the street? How many valuable robes are torn and ruined by a useless road cur grabbing at the sleigh and cutter? How many flower beds are scratched and torn beyond recognition by these night prowlers? How many vegetables are saturated and made unfit for food by these inverted leg-lifters? How many horses are daily frightened and set to kicking, tossing the occupant of the vehicle headlong into a ditch, at the risk of neck and limb, by these barking whelps, who allow no one in peace to use the Queen's highway? And this for what? Who can tell?

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BRED.

Minnehaha—*Blue Cap*. Elora Kennels, Elora, Ont., English Beagle bitch Minnehaha, (Dandy-Beauty) to their Blue Cap, (Blue Cap—Blue Bell) May 21st.

Elora Nancy.—*Bolivar*. Elora Kennels, Fox-hound bitch, Elora Nancy (Sportsman—Royal Fan) to their Bolivar, (Planter—Countess) May 25th.

Belle—*General Middleton*. H. F. Gordon, Woodstock, St. Bernard bitch Belle to

General Middleton, A.K.C. 5764, on 21st May, 1889.

WHELPS.

Luna. Pottersburg Kennels, London, Ont., St. Bernard bitch, Luna, June 18th, 6 dogs, 3 bitches, by General Middleton, A.K.C. 5764.

Chein. Canadian Cocker Kennels, Simcoe, cocker bitch Chein, 79 C.K.R., June 13th, 1 dog, six bitches, by Black Graf.

Tough. Corktown Kennels, Ottawa, cocker bitch, Tough, (Belle—Wildair) June 4th, 4 bitches, 2 dogs, by Obo, Jr., A.K.R. 148.

SALES.

Black-Eyed Susan. Black white and tan Collie bitch, whelped December 28th, 1888, by Bruno, out of Vic, by Hiram Card, Elora, Ont., to A. McCullough, Ennotville, Ont.

Nellie St. Lambert. St. Bernard bitch, Nellie St. Lambert, by imported dog out of Cora, winner 1st at Buffalo, 1887, from H. M. Charlesworth, Owen Sound, to A. H. Bennett, Barrie, Ont.

NAMES CLAIMED.

Monieta. By Pottersburg Kennels, London, for St. Bernard pup whelped June 18th, 1889, General Middleton, A.K.C. 5764, ex-Luna, A.K.C. 5772.

Tecumseh Chief. Same litter.

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