

# SPECIAL FARM

## From Our Readers

### INJUSTICE TO MINDEN.

To the editor: World's Farming department: In your paper of Oct. 6 in the portion devoted to farming and live stock news there is an illustration of a Minden, Ont. outfit. Would you kindly let me know from what source you received this information, as I know for an absolute fact that it is utterly erroneous and misleading. My wife and people have lived there for the last 40 years and never during that time has such an outfit been seen.

God, that drives that chattering engine, the human heart with ceaseless, tireless stroke, sending the crimson streams of life bounding and circling through every vein and artery? Whence, and what, if not of God, is this mystery we call the mind? What is this mystery, we call the soul? What is it that thinks and feels and knows and acts? Oh, who can comprehend, who can deny, the Divinity that dwells within me?—Governor Bob Taylor.

"How moodily the sun rises o'er you basky hill."—Shakespeare.

"Self-reliance, self-knowledge, self-control, these three lead life to sovereign power."—Tennyson.

We must be free or die, who speak the tongue.

That Shakespeare spoke: the faith and morals hold

Which Milton held—in everything we are sprung.

Of earth's first blood, have titles manifold.

"It is the authors more than the disciples who make nations love one another."—Tennyson.

"Domesticity is the ray which ennobles the nation to branch wide and high. The motive and end of the trade and empire is to guard the independence and privacy of the homes."—Emerson.

"Then up w' my plowman lad, And hey my merry plowman! Of a trade that I do ken, Commend me to the plowman."—Burns.

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Mr. Stinson, the present livey man, has a splendid equipment, having 11 or 12 horses, and neither he nor his predecessors in the business, J. Mountain and D. J. Hartie, ever owned an ox.

I, myself, lived there two years, so I know something of what I am talking about.

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space. But the main points are summarized here:

EXPORTS TO U.S.

Breeders of pure bred horses desirous of sending animals into the United States must send an affidavit made by the owner, declaring clearly the purpose for which said animals are imported; i.e., whether for breeding purposes, as part of seller's stock, or otherwise, and a temporary stay as provided by the regulations.

2. Horses for breeding racing, show or any other purpose, for grazing or for work must be inspected at the point of entry.

3. No animal for breeding purposes shall be admitted free of duty unless the importer furnishes a certificate of the record and pedigree according to a prescribed form showing animal to be pure bred and that it is in the blood of the sire and dam.

4. All registered animals for breeding purposes are admitted free of duty if accompanied by the proper certificates.

5. The minimum value for all other horses is \$150 and duty \$30. Over that value the duty is 25 per cent ad valorem.

6. American horses returning from Canada enter duty free.

COMING TO CANADA.

1. All horses imported into the Dominion of Canada from the United States must be accompanied by a statutory declaration or affidavit made by the owner or importer, stating clearly the purpose for which said animals are imported.

2. Such declaration must be presented to the collector of customs at the port of entry, who will decide whether the animals are entitled to entry under these regulations, and who will notify the veterinary inspector of the department of agriculture.

3. The minimum value for all other horses is \$50 and duty. A letter to the veterinary inspector general of Ottawa would bring you full particulars of the regulations. At the time of the Canadian Live Stock Records' Convention, held at Ottawa, this matter was thoroughly discussed, the burden of which, if we remember correctly, lay around the acceptance of the Canadian live stock records.

4. It is to be hoped that the freight of imported horses will be reduced.

Alvin Sanders of The Breeder's Gazette expressed this at the recent Dried Apples' Convention, held at Ottawa, when he was recaptured by every stock breeder.—F.M.C.

There is a big demand with fair prices for Canadian Fruit.

"There are not so many evaporating factories at work in the province as two years ago," says John Fisher of Church-street. This will have a tendency to send the prices for dried apples up. The railway construction has been a great deal of this class of goods and they will need them all year. Prices are good now. Wholesale prices are 1-2 cents per lb. while some are selling out at 1-3 cents to 7 cents. It is likely all available stock will be purchased by the end of the year. The object is to complete the year by the end of the year. Factories are paying as high as 40 cents per hundred for apples. The supply is likely to be light owing to the good price of barreled apples.

THE MARE AND FOAL.

The accompanying cut on this page was made from a photo taken on the Markham fair grounds this year.

They are the property of Geo. Davidson and Sons of Cherrywood, Pickering Township. The foal is the first prize mare of any age on the grounds, and is from the justly celebrated old McQueen of Cairnbrooke. Messrs Davidson secured prizes on all their animals entered at Toronto and Markham, most of them being red tickets.

The form of the mare is no more known in this cut, but her wide forehead and kindly eye, with a full nostril and lip, show to the horse breeder the disposition, intelligence and endurance necessary in a draught animal. Her good shoulders, arms, back, and feet, complete the style for this model breed.

Such foals as this one are hard to pick up in the country and there is an astonishing dearth of good draught colts for sale by, or in possession of, local farmers.

WORKMEN MAKE CAPTURE OF STORES OF AMMUNITION.

Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, Oct. 25.—A detachment of gendarmes who yesterday seized a shipment of 238 revolvers and 18,000 cartridges destined for the revolutionists, were later attacked and defeated by an armed party of workmen, who carried off the greater part of the revolvers and 8000 cartridges.

THE BACON HOG IS INVADING QUEBEC.