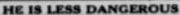
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# Conserve Your Breeding Stock

British Imports-The Submarine-Decrease in Canadian Herds

"When the farmer really realizes the when the farmer ready realized, the will see that preservation of breeding stock on farms is one of the most vital factors to all the people of every nation, in order that the world's rapidnation, in order that the world's rapidly disappearing supply of meats, wool and leather may be replenished. It seems unfortunate but true that this war will go on for some time to come. The world's needs will increase as the war goes on. It seems plain that the demands upon agriculture for food and elething will grow greater and greater. clothing will grow greater and greater with each month of destruction; that it will be impossible to produce an adequate supply, especially of animal pro-ducts, such as meats, leather and wool, unless breeding herds are maintained and that such demands and the need for breeding stock to replenish the wasted herds and flocks will continue long after the war ceases; that America must be looked to mainly for such supplies and breeding stock, and that those farmers who are wise enough to realize this fact and prepare for the world's coming greatest needs which are inevitable, will reap the greatest rewards for their foresight."

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Such was recently expressed by Arthur G. Leonard, president of the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, the world's greatest livesteck market. Conservation of breeding stock of cattle, sheep and swine especially is vitally important. Especially is thus true of sows. The Allies are calling to us for every ounce of lard, every drop of oil, and every pound of bacon we can send them. The women and children of France are near the bread line, and this depletion of their supplies is demanding a division with France and Italy of large amounts of supplies Britain previously had to appease her own hunger.

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Imports have been cut off tremendodity. In January and February, 1917, Great Britain imported from Article 240 123 cmt. gentine 349,138 cwt., compared with 617,744 cwt. in 1916, and 85,737 cwt., compared with 109,709 cwt. from New Zealand for the same periods. Her imports from Australia are negligible.

#### The Submarine

A total of 923 British vessels have heen sunk is 61 months. Since Febru-ary 1, 1917, 2,000,000 tons, or about one-tenth of the total British mercan-

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This total includes fishing vessels.

These figures sufficiently explaia why Britain has been unable to carry mutton and beef from Argentina, Australia and New Zehland. She has not ships to spare for the long haulage. She must look to Canada and the United States for beef and bacon as well as wheat.

How much Great Britain is dependent upon the beef supplies of North America is shown by the increased imports from the United States for January Polymers Programmes ary-February in three successive years:

The total British imports for the same months show a serious decline: 901.204 -019.781 600,734

Britain, for the period of the war, will be dependent upon Canada and the United States for practically all her imports of mant; and after the war, until shipping is restored to its normal tonnage, Europe will be largely dependent upon us for lighting and livestock products.

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In response to the needs of the Al-lies, and to make up the shortage from other sources, Canada has increased her exports to Europe very greatly since 1914. But that has been done at the expense of her own capital supply.



Such figures are sufficient to show Such figures are sufficient to show the serious state of affairs now existent. The eall for increased production has a very real foundation. It should be answered by the greatest possible response from every farmer in Western Canada. It will not be done by a few rushing into hogs, but by every one keeping one or two notes sows. There is too great a tendency just now There is too great a tendency just now to sell off breeding sows on account of lack of labor. Such should not be done lack of labor. Such should not be done until the farmer is absolutely sure he will not have enough labor. If the necessary men for production are not conscripted from the farms, and the government says they won't be, it should be possible to carry out sufficient increases in pork production to answer the Atlies' most- urgent demands.

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The Saskatoon Winter Fair, which was held this year late in the fall instead of early in the spring, was a great success. This change was made at the suggestion of the Saskatchewan Livestock Board, who felt that a fall-fair would be of greater advantage to the farmers and livestock breeders than a fair in the spring. A fall fair is primarily a breeders' and farmers' fair; a spring fair is more advantageous to dealers who exhibit the stock they have put into prime condition, for sale to the farmers at the opening of the spring season.

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That the exhibitors appreciate this change is evidenced by the fact that the entries in all classes were larger than in any previous year, while the quality of the stock shows a steady but decided improvement year by year. There were exceptionally strong classes in horses, sheep and swine, while the exhibits in gattle, although not very large in numbers, showed a decided gain on last year in both number of exhibits and quality of the stock. In this regard the sheep and swine classes were particularly outstanding.

The Curling Rink which was used for the Winter Fair, was well equipped to accommodate the stock. The stable room, however, was all taken up, and

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some of the lafe entries had to be kept in near-by livery baras. The judging arena was also slightly small for some of the larger classes.

The judges who officiated were:—Clydesdales — Scharff, of Ottawa; Percherons—Isaac livity, Brandon, Man.; Beef Cattle—Prof. A. M. Shaw, Saskatchewan Agricultural College; Sheep—Prof. A. Ibarell, University of Alberta; Swine—Prof. W. H. J. Tisdale, Saskatchewan Agricultural College; Soultwell tladen of Calgary, and W. J. Barinskill, of Saskatoon.

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The awards in some of the most im-portant classes were as follows:

Clydesdales

In the aged stallion class the red ribbon went to Edward Garnett... owned by Ben Finlayson, of Olds, Alta. He is a rare, big horse, with a flash of action and a splendid draft conformation seldom seen in the show rings of the West, and deservedly won the championship. His stable companions, Aragibbon and Bowbill Baron, also owned by Finlayson, both of them conforming very closely to the Clydesdale ideal, won second and third places. Count Ideal owned by J. R. Eskert, of Nanton, Alta., got fourth place; Prince Bellcairn, owned by John Graham, of Carberry, Man., fifth.

The principal exhibitors of Clydesdale horses were Ben Finlayson, Olds, Alta.; Thorburn and Riddle, of De-Winton, Alta., uno won he Clydesdale female championship with Maggie Fleming; S. Haggerty, of Belle Plaine, Sask., who won three firsts with younger stock; Staples Bros., of Oxbow; Lawrence Bros., of Unity.

Percherons

The outstanding feature of the Perch-Clydesdales

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The outstanding feature of the Percheron classes was the splendid stallions shown by R. H. Brown and J. H. Graham. Koimao, a clean going, classy grey, weighing 2,240 lbs., owned by R. H. Brown, took first in the aged, stallion class. Peter Pan, a great, big draft horse, owned by J. H. Graham,

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