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consider him a crackerjack as a roadster. However, such horses are very few and far between.

*By Mr. Hunt:*

Q. How are these horses registered? Are they put as being of a certain breed?

A. A good deal of attention is paid to the breeding, to the genealogy, and the owners who present them for registration are questioned very closely as to their breeding. But it is quite impossible to depend entirely upon the spoken statements of these men, and it being impossible to trace back the breeding, or verify it in any way, as a matter of fact they are largely accepted on their conformation alone.

*By Mr. Sexsmith:*

Q. Are there any of these thoroughbred stallions in the province of Ontario now?

A. You mean the pure bred French Canadian stallions? There are a few but they have not been re-inspected yet. We intend to have another inspection next month and no doubt a large proportion of them will be thrown out of the new stud book. I would not like to make any promise as to any of these horses now in the province of Ontario being accepted by the members of the Commission.

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. Is there any such system in regard to the other breeds? Generally in the registration of live stock there are the pure bred sire and the pure bred dam to qualify for registration in the stud book without any inspection?

Hon. Mr. FISHER.—I think every other book is closed for foundation stock. I do not think there is any other book except the French Canadian book which is still open for what is called foundation stock. Where the books are closed for foundation stock it is only the progeny of the registered animals that can be registered.

Mr. WRIGHT.—But can all the progeny be registered, no matter what they may be?

## GOVERNMENT INSPECTION.

Hon. Mr. FISHER.—Oh, yes, there is no system of inspection by the government; that would be a matter for the association to discuss. This is a case where the old French Canadian book maintained in the province of Quebec was examined and before we could, on the part of the Department of Agriculture, put our stamp on the animals registered, or rather on the certificates which we now do in the case of the national records of Canada, we felt that we ought to go over the animals and reconsider them and for that purpose this system of inspection was established. In making that inspection there were a large number of animals which the owners had not registered in the old stud-book, but which they still claimed were French Canadian horses of the best stamp. We, therefore, advertised that any body that would bring us horses for examination by this commission would be entitled to that examination, and, if they passed, to registration. That was to be done for a certain limited period and when that period is passed the books will be closed and no new blood will be permitted entry. The suggestion has been made that the breed would be benefited, and perhaps made better in every respect, if a system of allowing the infusion of some out-crosses of selected stallions might be permitted. That is a subject which is now under consideration by the French Canadian Horse Breeders' Association and the officers of my department. It has its advantages but it also has its dangers; we have not yet come to a conclusion in the matter.

Mr. CURRIE (North Simcoe).—The Standard Bred Books allow an infusion of the thoroughbred.