

## HORSE

Who will be the first to report a 1907 foal?

No matter what the weather is like get the breeding stock outside for the greater part of day between now and next winter.

Mr. Nathaniel Dymont, one of Canada's best known race horse owners, died recently at his home in Barrie, Ont. Mr. Dymont's horses have been frequent winners of the King's plate and other big purses in recent years.

The elements have seriously interfered with the pushing of stallion sales the past month, but if the weather keeps propitious for the next two months considerable business should be done.

We are hearing quite frequently of the deaths of stallions from inflammation of the bowels. This means that during the cold weather their owners or grooms have been too kind to them and have kept them warm and fed when they should have been out breathing fresh air and stretching their legs.

### Why Not Suffolks?

Writing from Dubuc, Sask., a correspondent says: "Can you inform me through your columns why it is that Suffolk horses are not more common in the Northwest for agricultural purposes? Clydesdales, Percherons and Shires are the only breeds represented to any extent, and of them the Shire is a poor third. Why is it that the splendid English breeds are not more common? Surely they are on an equal footing with any other draft breed of the world?"

Well, it is pretty hard to say why certain things are so, especially when their existence is largely due to personal tastes. A Scotchman of course could not be expected to own a Suffolk, and most of our American-Canadian neighbors swear by the Percheron, while our English farmers are about equally divided in their loyalty to Shires and "race horses," (Thoroughbreds). So by this process of elimination we have accounted for the reason why a large majority of our people do not breed Suffolks. Of the remaining farmers, most of whom are Canadian born, a large number are influenced by the opinions of others and by the appearances of the horses on hand. It is not detracting anything from the breed of horses most popular in a community to say that its predominance there is due largely to the personal tastes of one or two men rather than to any particular merit the breed itself might possess. Scotchmen are proverbially good horsemen and are loyal to the Clydesdale, and as there is usually a Scotchman in every community it naturally follows that there is a Clydesdale stallion there also, and as long as a Clydesdale continues to get good stock the community does not want to hear of other breeds. But where a Clydesdale, or it might be a Percheron, is a poor stock getter from whatever cause, then some farmers begin to look for a stallion of another breed.

From this it can be gathered why there are not more Suffolks. The breed is not very numerous at home and its devotees probably not so forceful nor enthusiastic men as champion some other breeds. Besides this the Suffolk has quite a distinct type which is not easily impressed upon all classes of mares, and as few Suffolk stallions are used the Suffolk type becomes assimilated by others rather than the other being moulded by its form.

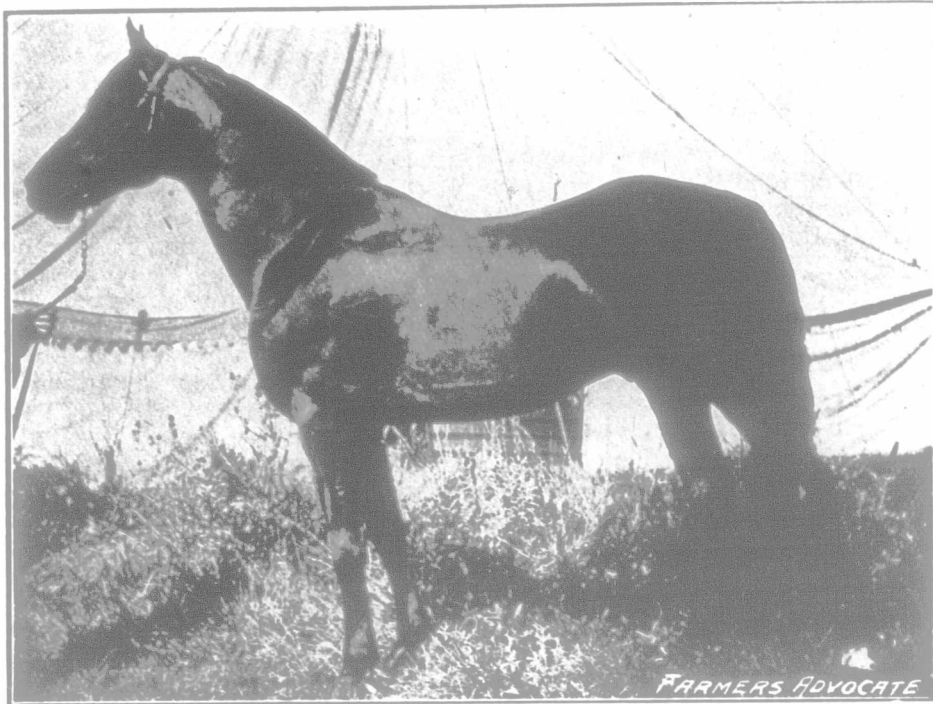
We cannot agree with our correspondent that they are the equal of any other draft breed, but as agricultural horses they can scarcely be surpassed. They average about the right weight for farm work, are active, gentle, and are the best muscled, easiest kept horses we have. They are also exceptionally healthy and long-lived. In some parts of Canada they have been introduced and the first cross has proved quite satisfactory, but for different reasons, chiefly we believe because the stallion owners did not make much out of it, they have not been perpetuated. If, as is probable, there be a Suffolk stallion in our correspondent's community, those wishing to raise good, serviceable farm horses, generally called general purpose, would make no mistake in using him, provided he is a good individual. For those who wish to grade up to

drafters though, nothing could be gained by introducing a cross or two of Suffolk blood where Clydesdale, Percheron or Shire could be had, for it is more than probable that horses of these breeds will be more readily available than will a Suffolk representative.

### Naming Horses.

Mr. T. C. Patteson, Postmaster, of Toronto, has recently published an interesting article on the nomenclature of Thoroughbreds, in which he says:—"Students of pedigree who have had to wrestle with the two Champions of the English Studbook, the two Chesterfields, two Clarissas, two Inos, and other cases, as well as with the innumerable repetitions of early American breeders—Diamonds and Diomedes galore, with the prefixes Young and Old ceasing to be a distinction—will hold up both hands for the abolition of any and all duplications.

"Mr. Robert Davies, another Canadian breeder named a colt by Imp. Farthing, from King Ernest's daughter Thistle, 'Farmer's Foe,' and about the same time Mr. Seagram chose 'Far Rockaway' for a colt by Faraday—Slipaway. This year he named the Watercress—Baby colt 'Babbling Brook.' The obvious has acknowledged advantage over what may be called the far-fetched derivative, but is not always available. Recourse must then be had to association. Colt by Imp. Morpheus (God of Dreams and Sleep), out of Homelike, becomes, under Mr. Seagram's winter meditation, 'Cosy Corner.' Another by Havoc, out of the same Homelike, is known by the hunting-cry of 'Have-a-Care.' St. Blaise is a witness that some little playfulness is permissible in such matters, as when the president of the Ontario Jockey Club called a son of Egmont and Bonnie Ino 'Ego Nosco,' though neither the dead nor the foreign languages should be employed except in the last extremity. What the ring will



BRYSON.

One of the best known trotting sires in Western Manitoba.

"It is a very usual thing when a horse bears a name which is a synonym for that borne by his sire, to read of 'the well-named son of So-and-So,' in the words of the gushing reporter. But a horse is not well named unless a suggestion of both parents is offered and a clue given which is of vast assistance in future research and even in present mention. In many instances it takes a lot of time to find such a name, and after much anxious brain-twisting, reference to the studbook only shows that somebody else has taken that name, and very generally, has misappropriated it; that is to say, no sort of connection exists between the names of the parents and the name that you so fondly thought was just the very one to meet your own case. To take an example. A youngster, destined to be a very famous one in Canadian racing, was born to the marriage of Marauder and Bonnie Ino. Mr. Seagram, owner of the leading stable in the Dominion, and a gentleman who rightly insists on his horses bearing appropriate names, sent down to New York the name of Maraschino. The registrar said it was a duplicate, and time being up, called the unfortunate mare Bon Ino, involving what the grammarians term a false concord, and an empty nothingness as well. She won the King's Plate, and is therefore for all time in the forefront of Canadian turf history. She had a better named son—Inferno—who also won the Plate, and is by Havoc, his name containing the 'ino,' while indicating the state of things Dante's great work pictures in the nether regions. Canadians, in fact, have set a good example in this line to Americans.

"The late Mr. Hendrie called a colt by Imp. Derwentwater, out of Lamplighter's sister, Spark, 'Firewater.'

"Mr. Adam Beck has given the name 'Photographer' to a colt by Imp. Phaeton, from Snapshot. This belongs to the 'obvious' class of names, and it is amazing that it had remained at Mr. Beck's disposal. The clue to patronage may be given by alliteration, association, or application. Photographer covers the whole field of vision, and it is to be hoped he may stand out as pre-eminent on the course as he does in the register.

make of it should be an ever-present consideration. They made Chat-and-no-go out of the roarer, Chattanooga, and Abscess-of-the-jaw, out of Lord Randolph's Oaks winner, L'Abbe de Jouarre. Barcalaine, inappropriately named after an old place near Oban, N. B., and known in Argyleshire as Bar-cauldin, in the mouths of the bookies soon had the accent thrown back to the first syllable, and it is no outrage on euphony.

"Instances of happy nomenclature in England are more numerous than in America, the educated classes there furnishing as yet a more numerous contingent to the turf, but barring Persimmon and St. Blaise, it is six and thirty years since the name of a Derby winner gave a clue to his parents, though Common comes near it.

"How was the ridiculously named Volodyvoski bred? Prior to Kingcraft's day the proper principle had not been recognized. Americans have named well-known mares Semper Idem, Semper Paratus and Beatus, while the offensively neuter name of Nasturtium was given to the excessively masculine son of Watercress and Marguerite. Saragossa was decidedly an improper name for a colt. To match these anomalies, the feminine name Cyllene has been given to one of England's proudest stallions, to perpetuate, I suppose, the error of calling his sire Bona Vista.

A meaningless compound of the first syllable of the sire's name with the last syllable of the dam's, is, to my mind—but tastes may differ—the most objectionable of all ways of meeting the difficulty.

"I sat next to a titled English lady the other night at a dinner, who seemed to have a pretty wit in turf nomenclature, and was addicted to naming the horses of her racing friends. She told me that just before leaving home she had christened a colt, by Wise Man, out of Acceptable, 'Wise Child.' She then paused, expectant. I caught on—then I caught my breath, and blushed as I murmured, 'very good, indeed.'

"Perhaps the farthest-fetched derivative name for a colt was Bad Potato, given to a son of Badsworth and Beehive. Give it up? Well, eventually the etymology was explained. A beehive is a bee-holder. A beholder is a spectator. A speckled 'tater is a bad 'tater. See?

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