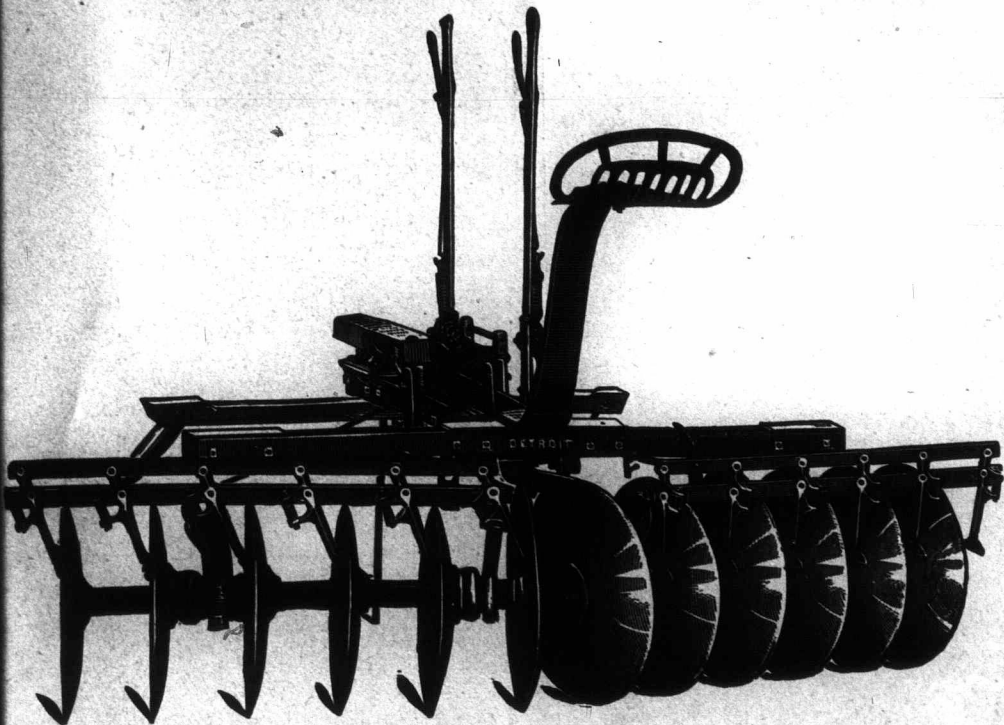


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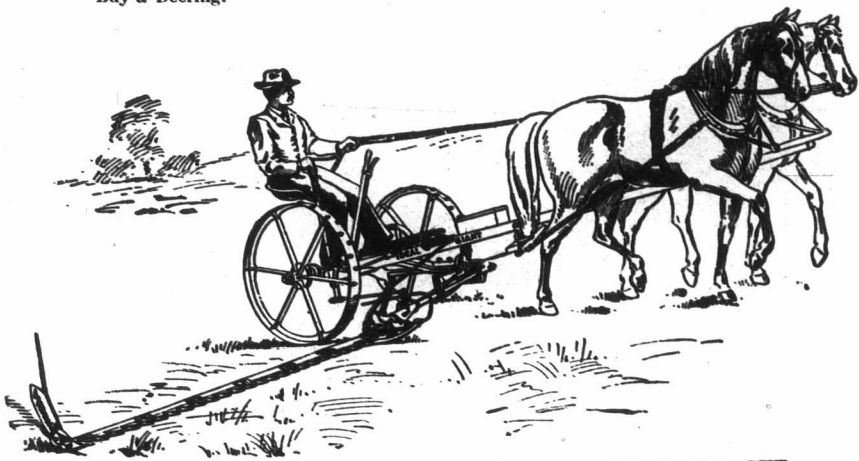
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Hackney Horse Breeders' Annual Meeting.

The seventh annual meeting of the Hackney Horse Society was held on February 23rd in the Albion Hotel, Toronto. The chair was occupied by Mr. Robert Beith, M. F., and the other members of the Society present were: Messrs. R. Davies, Dr. A. Smith, John Macdonald, H. N. Crossley, Geo. Pepper, Robert Bond, John Holderness, O. Sorby, P. Pollard, and H. Wade, Secretary.

The President, in his opening remarks, mentioned that the Hackney Horse in Canada had been a great success, and horse dealers had wanted a showy harness horse would pay a longer price for one with a cross of Hackney on either a Thoroughbred or Standard-bred mare, thus making an ideal for a striking brougham horse, or for a cob. Farmers had been slow to appreciate this, but were now realizing the fact that Hackney horses brought long prices.

Mr. H. Wade, the Secretary, read the annual report, showing that 32 pedigrees of Hackneys had been recorded during the past year, and that 16 gentlemen had paid their fees to the Society. After paying \$75 for premiums and other expenses, the Society had \$165.51 in the treasury.

The list of officers elected was as follows: President, H. N. Crossley, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, John Macdonald, Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, Robert Graham, Claremont. Vice-Presidents for the Provinces—Ontario, A. G. Ramsay, Hamilton; Quebec, James A. Cochran, Hillbush; Alberta, A. Macmillan, Calgary, Alta.; Manitoba, Mr. McMillan, Brandon; New Brunswick, J. R. Frink, St. John, N. B. Directors—Robert Davies, Toronto; Robert Miller, Stouffville; Robert Beith, M. P., Bowmanville; Robert Bond, Toronto; Dr. Andrew Smith, Toronto; O. Sorby, Guelph; John Holderness, Toronto; Geo. Pepper, Toronto; D. B. Simpson, Bowmanville. Secretary-Treasurer, H. Wade, Toronto. Delegate to Industrial Exhibition, Henry Wade, Toronto; delegate to the Western Fair, London, Adam Beck, London; A. G. Bowker, Woodstock; delegate to Ottawa, Robt. Beith, M. P., Bowmanville; delegate to Montreal, Jas. A. Cochran, Hillbush; Que. Delegates to the Horse Breeders' Association: Robert Beith, M. P., Bowmanville; John Macdonald, Toronto. Auditor, C. F. Complin, London.

Silver medals were accepted from the English Hackney Society for Canadian-bred stock. The sum of \$25 was voted to the Canadian Spring Horse Society, a very fine Hackney stallion of any age, and \$25 for the best mare of any age, sired by a registered Hackney stallion, both classes to be shown on the line.

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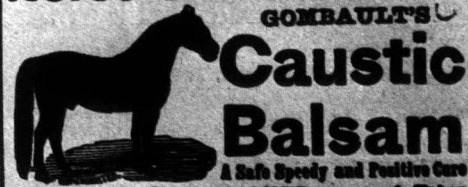
Charles Rankin, Wrebridge, Ont., offers for sale three fine young Durham bulls. Two of them fifteen months old, and one ten months. They are all sired by Crimson Chief.

A. C. Hallman, New Dundee, Ont., writes: "Trade in Holsteins never better. Sold three cows to H. Park, Norwich, Ont.; one cow to James Kettle (Lad. Acma, a very fine cow); also a fine Pieterson cow to G. D. Montmercy, Norwich. Demand for Holsteins never better. My August bull calves are a grand lot, full of quality, and the very best breeding. My herd of Tamworths never was as complete. My imported boar, Royal Prize-winner, is developing very fine. I have some young stock from him now; they are nice. My other imported boar, British King, is fully equal to the Royal Winner, very lengthy and grand side. Have some sows bred to him just due to farrow. I was never in such shape to offer stock equal in breeding (both the sires and dams). I have an excellent lot of brood sows. My imported champion sow is due to farrow on the 15th inst.; bred to British King. The produce ought to be something rare. My young imported boars (dam, the champion sow Whit-acre Countess 2nd) are doing fine. Have three left yet that I could spare. My Barred Rock chickens are also a select lot, and hope to be able to supply my numerous customers with choice settings."

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