

Practical Talks to Farmers

The sessions of the Winter Fair lecture course this year of greatest interest were those devoted to horses. The attendance was large and the keenest interest was manifested in the proceedings.

We have not space to deal with everything in detail in this issue, and shall hold the report of the special session on horse-breeding till a later issue.

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LICENSING STALLIONS.

The afternoon of Dec. 12th was given up entirely to the discussion of a series of recommendations submitted by the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association relative to the licensing of stallions for service in Ontario. A brief outline of these recommendations were given on page 1103 in our last issue. As presented to the meeting there were eleven in all, which, with a few exceptions, were concurred in by those present. The question of whether a system of licensing of stallions was advisable or not, was voted on first. The large majority of those present favored the enacting of legislation along this line. Some there were who thought that things should be left as they are and the farmer allowed to select any stallion he wished to breed to. However, they were in the minority. A contentious clause was that which provided for granting a license to "grade stallions, for three years, and classifying them as "Grade 2." An amendment, which eliminated the three years limit and substituted the word "unregistered for grade 2, was lost, though it had many sympathizers. The clause defining the license to a pure-bred stallion as "Grade 1," was changed to read "Class 1." There was considerable discussion upon the question of charging a license fee. Many thought the government should do the inspection without a fee. However, the recommendation of the Association that a yearly fee of \$10 be charged was accepted by the meeting. There was some doubt expressed as to the method of inspection, but as this is something that will come under the direct supervision of the government, no change was recommended.

CATTLE.

The evening of Dec. 12th was devoted to topics of interest to cattle, sheep and swine breeders. Mr. John Campbell, Woodville, Ont., in discussing the beef-cattle question, stated that he believed the panicky feeling in the country had passed to some extent. With the exception of a few districts, where spring opened up there would be plenty of feed. The present scarcity of feed would be a blessing in disguise as it would purge the country of a lot of inferior cattle. He recommended the feeding of oil cake.

Prof. Grisdale, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, believed it was possible to make good gains on cheap rations. He pointed out the good qualities of gluten meal, but

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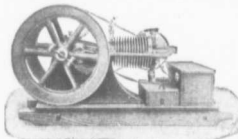
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