

FARMING AND LIVE STOCK PAGE

HOW TO GET UNIFORMITY IN OUR HORSE BREEDING

A Writer Argues For a Progressive Adherence to a Standard of Perfection.

The horse industry of Ontario does not improve as many of our horse men would desire, and the questions now before them will sooner or later have to be threshed out. In the meantime, it is unwise to legislate hastily on too fast. Precedents from other countries are good things to follow for the purpose of counsel, but not always for action. Our circumstances differ somewhat from any other. Whether the government should publicly aid horse breeding more largely and whether it should be encouraged are pertinent questions. Every friend of the horse wants a better class of his particular breed, but how to reach that desired end is not in the executive noddle of every breeder or lecturer.

Anent the situation a letter from Secretary Sangster of the Clydesdale Association is to hand. The experiment of standardizing the departmental judges is his suggestion to aid in the educative work. He says: "To visit a series of the spring stallion shows, such as have been held during the past few weeks, at almost every central horsebreeding point throughout Ontario, is to become convinced that here, if anywhere, is the place and the opportunity for getting at the real men behind the horsebreeding interests of the country. If effort is to be spent for the advancement of this great agricultural interest of Canada, here is where it can profitably be done."

"In the great efforts for the elevation of the horsebreeding interests of the country, much money is annually spent, yet, while progress is not unmarked, it is certainly not so obvious as lovers of the horse could wish it to be."

"But the great lack in this work, as felt and seen everywhere, is that of uniformity. The work has been done in many minds, and this fact has led to each man forming, in his own mind, some ideal for which he works along his own lines, and in his own way. Limited he often is to his material, not too well adapted for carrying it out. In all countries where horsebreeding has enjoyed a full measure of success, such success as commands the patronage of other nations for breeding stock, some such thorough appreciation of a common ideal in type and standard is ubiquitous. It is the one great necessity, which the Canadian horsebreeding interests still to some measure lack. It is doubtful if individual effort can ever supply it. That work must be the duty of either the government itself, or else of consolidated horsebreeding interests."

"How France Breeds Horses." In France, the system of government inspection, and of subsidizing stallions of superlative type, quality, soundness and size has been in vogue since the most marked success. But the enterprise has been a very costly one. About \$500,000 is annually given to owners of subsidized stallions, about \$300,000 more is awarded in prizes, while the work of the government inspection foots up into a very respectable amount annually. This would seem to be paying a pretty big price for the results. Nor is it likely that in Canada the same principle could be worked less expensively. In France, the revenue which meets this great outlay is drawn from a tax levied upon race gambling, and other speculations."

"In Belgium the government supervision is very strict, and the coercive principle in its paternal legislation is seen everywhere. "Perhaps there would be no more immediately practical system, which could offer fewer objectionable features, and at the same time accomplish substantial advancement in the acceptance of a universally recognized type of horse, than the more thorough standardization of the work of the department judge at the spring stallion show. Were every judge to work to a common ideal, in each class of horse, the public mind would be very quick to grasp it, and the result of this would be evident in a very few years. A type of horse essentially far more uniform than at the present time."

This work has already been undertaken in a small degree, and departmental judges have all been asked by J. Locke Wilson the present superintendent of fairs, to attend a short course series of lectures, at the Ontario Agricultural College, where, under the supervision of Prof. G. E. Day, efforts are made to render a more uniform appreciation of just what the right thing in the various breeds of live stock is."

"This is a work which could well receive more exhaustive attention. Its importance cannot well be overestimated. The fixing in the popular mind of a comprehensive and accurate idea of an ideal type, embodying the qualities and characteristics desirable, is a work rather too big for any one man to undertake, and should call for the co-operation of the best horsemen in the country, whose experience and judgment qualify them to adjudicate upon such a matter intelligently. Its compilation should represent the best efforts of the best men, whose services could be obtained. Some years ago, at the invitation of the minister of agriculture for the Province of Ontario, the Ontario horsebreeders' Association was organized. Under its provisions, every member must be a man actively engaged in horsebreeding. Its officers are elected by these men, and represent the best available skill, experience, and integrity. Such a work as this should be theirs. A commission from the Ontario Horsebreeders' Association, consulting with associations representative of the various breeds of horses, should be able to set down standards for both light and heavy breeds, which would soon become well known, and generally accepted, and to which progressive adherence on the part of departmental judges might profitably be insisted upon."

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MOTOR HASN'T RUINED BREEDING OF HORSES

Big Demand For All Sorts of Good Horses and Western Men Can't Get Enough Pure-Bred Mares

Good breeding draught mares are scarce in Ontario. Buyers from the great west, which is rapidly filling up with great, big, optimistic farmers, report that it is impossible to get enough of any sort here, and consequently they cannot fill their orders.

Secretary Sangster of the Clydesdale Association, informs The World that the number of record entries on Monday exceeded all past ones, which looks good for the future of the draught breeds.

The big railway construction work, the mining interests and the comprehensive development work by incoming settlers on our western wheat plains, necessitates a great number of horses and in spite of the automobile growth, there is a keener demand for equine power than ever in the world's history.

What man would have done without electricity as a motor power in the world of production and distribution is a problem. Had we to depend on horses and men now could we have possibly coped with the burdens?

Another feature of the Toronto horse mart is the good prices being paid for good drivers. These bring as much money as the draughts, which is another wonder, in this age of autos.

J. Herbert Smith of the Union Horse Exchange reports a brisk sale on Monday. Several buyers were present from the west, and he reports more likely to come.

The following prices were made at yesterday's sale:

Top-notchers (draught) 1700	Do. 1800
Draughts, 1500 to 1600 lbs., 160 to 180	Do. 180 to 190
General purpose 180 to 190	Do. 190 to 200
Deliverers 100 to 110	Do. 110 to 120
Serviceably sound 30 to 40	Do. 40 to 50

Mr. Isaac Watson of Peterborough, Ontario, reports a lively demand also. Every week of late they have been sending a large consignment of horses under the name of the Canadian horsebreeding interests, and demand seems as insistent as ever.

Burns & Sheppard, at the well-known Repository, hold their sales on Tuesday and Thursday, and over 1000 horses were on hand last night for the sale to-day.

LOCK YOUR STABLES. Horse stealing is getting too common in the vicinity of Markham and Pickering. Several horses of late have been reported missing and now John Locking of Whitby reports the loss of his drivers from his stable last Friday evening, for which he is offering \$50 reward. A horse thief above all others is a detestable coward and the Kingston home is almost too good for him.

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The Farmstead.

Plan for plenty of corn. It will pay to loosen up the surface of the sown grain.

Sir Marcus goes to the Mormons. Where's the farmer's unearned increment?

Seeds have survived the winter in Ontario very well.

A good Holstein is a leader in land values.

Poultrymen complain of their poor hatching experiences this spring.

Whey butter was manufactured in sixty-three cheese factories in Eastern Ontario last season.

A chance for a progressive young harnessmaker is offered in our advertising column.

It has been said that the hog is the mortgage raiser among our farm stock; but while the hog is growing the little hen buys groceries for the family, the carpets, lace curtains, pictures and trills for the girls. The hog is all right, but the hen is in the race, with a strong chance that a fair count would put her first, says an American exchange.

Winnipeggers are putting forth every effort to make the Winnipeg and Selkirk Centennial Exhibition, to be held in 1912, one of the best ever held on the continent. Representatives are touring the west. Last week a number of western members of the Dominion house had an informal interview with Hon. Sydney Fisher, and asked for federal assistance.

It is being suggested to the government from many quarters in the west, says The Advocate, that Dr. J. G. Rutherford, veterinary director-general and live stock commissioner of Canada, should be appointed to the board of railway commissioners, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Thos. Greenway.

COMPOSITION OF AN EGG. An expert scientist who has looked into the matter asserts that the ordinary hen's egg and the human body are composed practically of the same matter. This scientist states that the body of the ordinary man weighing 150 pounds contains the same combination and weight of substances to be found in 1200 hens' eggs. The following is the composition of the man's body, and of the number of eggs mentioned. Sufficient iron to make seven large nails, sufficient fat for fourteen pounds of candles, phosphorus enough for some thousands of matches, twenty teaspoonfuls salt, fifty lumps of sugar, and a small quantity of soap. In addition, there is enough carbon to make few thousand crayons, and the final item is a large bucketful of water—Profitable Poultry.

SEEDING LATE, BUT HOPEFUL. The continued wet and cold weather throughout Ontario is causing the farmers to look rather serious in many parts. R. H. Harding of Brant County reports that he has finished seeding the majority of his half thru and the storm of Thursday has laid them off all this week. Water is standing on the fields from Berlin west. James Bowman of Guelph says that backward conditions also are prevailing in that vicinity. Fall wheat did not get a good top last fall and this cold delay will materially affect the yield. Cattle were not turned to pasture generally last year until May 20th and it looks as if it will be as late this year.

Seeding at Streetsville has only commenced, says Joseph Featherston, the noted swine raiser. Wet weather in this vicinity has kept our farmers off the land.

James McFarlane of Claremont, Ontario County, has considerable crop sown. About half of the heavy Pickering lands are sown, says he, and with warmer weather now, we look for a good summer.

R. J. Mackie of Oshawa, who was attending the National Records Board, informed The World that farmers near Oshawa were fearing the lateness of the season and were afraid of another yield like that of last year, when the late season did not make much straw or grain.

P. L. Green of Greenwood reports a poor growth of fall wheat in his vicinity and about half the seeding done. Barley, wheat and oats are the leading crops. Much grain in Ontario and York counties has been sown for three weeks and is not yet germinated. Seeding is continuing. Grass seeds never looked better, while fall wheat in Markham Township is doing well, some fields in this section leading the province in outlook.

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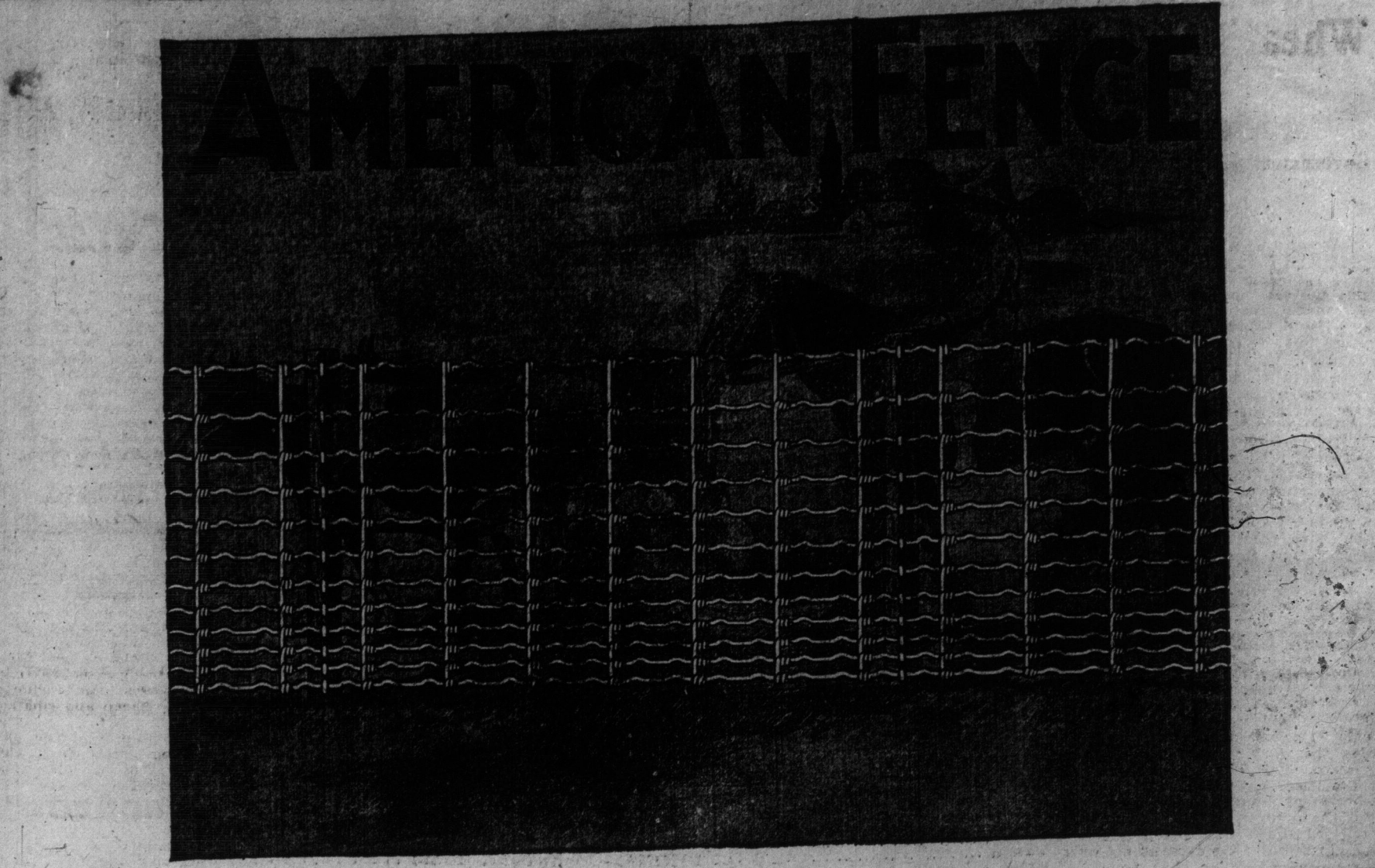
SIR MARCUS GOES TO UTAH. Graham Bros. of Claremont have just closed the sale of the celebrated champion Clydesdale stallion Sir Marcus, imp., to the Rocky Mountain Stud Farm Company, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Messrs. Graham have been very proud of this horse, as he has developed wonderfully in his hands, and they were looking forward to a big show season with him. However, the Mormon State Association wanted him and put up the figures to a most tempting point.

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THE NEBRASKA HEN. Nebraska has in the person of her new labor commissioner, Mr. Maupin, a fair rival to Secretary Coburn of Kansas in his power to group facts about the "helpful hen." Says the Wichita, Kansas, Beacon: Here is what Mr. Maupin says of the Nebraska hen: She laid 1,200,000,000 eggs in 1908. Placed one to end these eggs would reach around the earth and overlap 12,000 miles. They would make an egg walk three feet wide reaching from Omaha to Ogden. With ham they would furnish breakfast for 600,000,000 people and make an omelette containing 625,000 cubic feet. The hen was worth more to Nebraska than the boasted wheat crop of \$26,000,000; almost twice as much as the oat crop of \$16,000,000.

Thought She Could Marry Twice. Ethel Mearns, alias Ethel Sheehan, pleaded not guilty to a charge of big-



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any in police court yesterday morning. She admitted that she had been married twice, but said that as Sheehan, her first husband, was only six years old when she married him, she thought the union was illegal and

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