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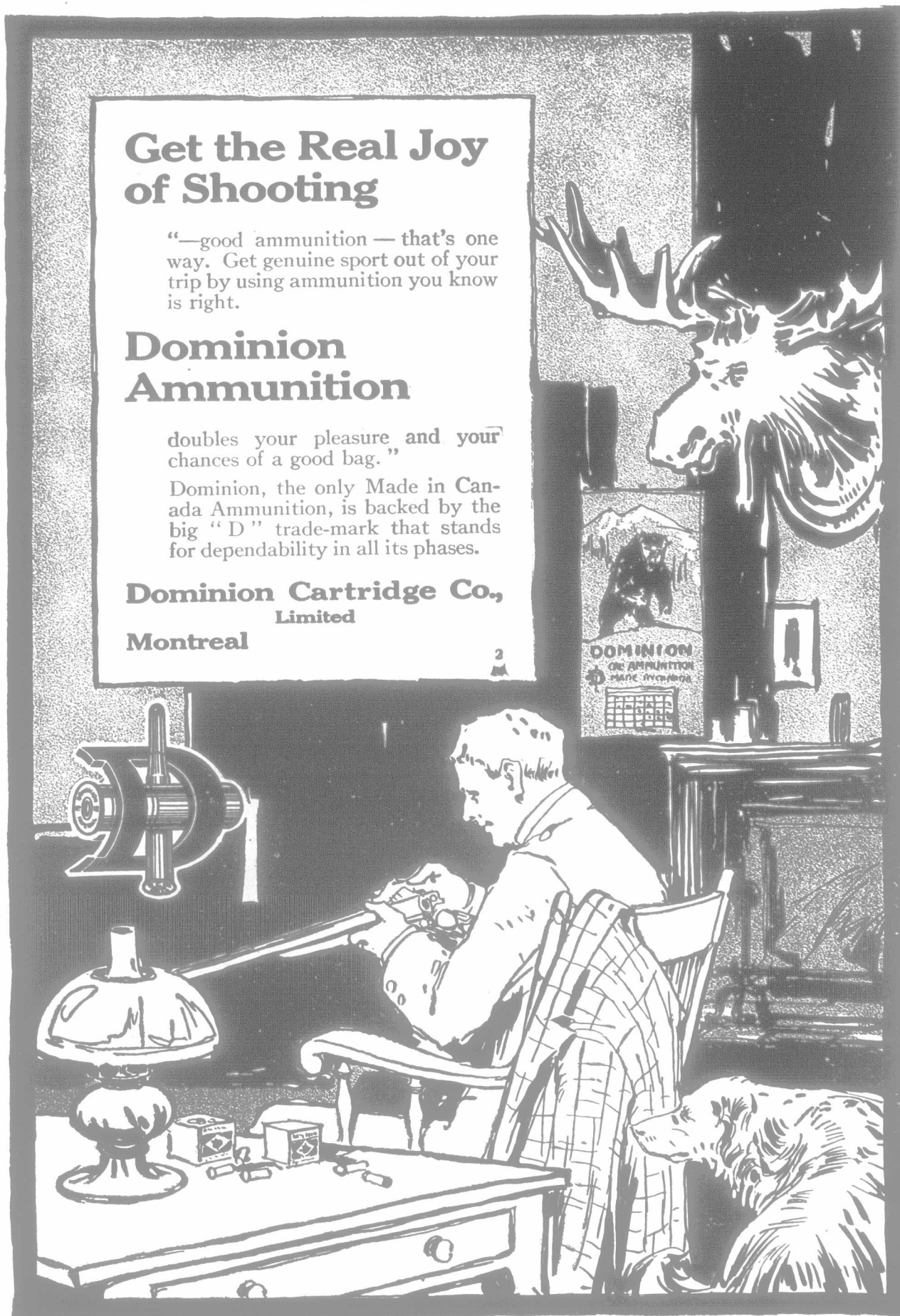
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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Weeds.

How far below the surface is it necessary to cut yellow dock to kill them?
2. Are the following biennial plants: yellow dock, golden rod and buckhorn?
3. What is the standard weight of a bushel of sugar beets for feeding?
H. V.

Ans.—1. Cutting below the crown in dry weather and placing a handful of salt on the crown will destroy the roots.
2. Yellow dock and golden rod are perennials, and buckhorn may be either perennial or biennial.
3. There are 50 pounds in a bushel of sugar beets.

Trapping and Hunting.

Have I a right to trap on any person's place when the owner says that I can? When does the trapping season open for skunk, muskrat, woodcock, weasel, and lynx?
C. C.

Ans.—Section 9, sub-section 2, of the Game and Fishery laws states that no person shall hunt or trap fur-bearing animals except under the authority of a license, but this shall not apply to farmers or farmers' sons trapping on their own lands." The muskrat season for territory lying South of the French and Mattawa Rivers is between the first of March and 21st of April. The season for woodcock is from the 15th day of October to the 15th day of November, both days inclusive. We cannot find in the Game and Fishery laws where it gives any closed season for skunks, weasels or lynx.

Dividing Profits.

A and B amalgamate their farms and divide the profits after paying for hired help. One farm is worth about three times as much as the other. What would be the fairest way to divide the profits?
B. P.

Ans.—Not knowing the system of cropping or any details about the work, it is difficult for us to give any basis of division. If one farm actually produces three times as much as the other, it would appear on the surface that the owner of that farm is entitled to what his farm produces, or, in other words, three-quarters of what is produced on the two places. However, the matter of labor would have to be considered as there would be a little more expense in handling the larger crop than with the smaller one. It is pretty hard to divide the proceeds satisfactorily when there is such unevenness in quality of land. On the other hand, while the one farm may be worth three times as much as the other for certain crops, the poorer farm might furnish as good pasture or hay as the better farm. Consequently, without knowing more particulars about the places we cannot give a definite answer.

Digesting Different Feeds.

In different publications I have read conflicting information relative to the time it takes a horse to digest roughage and grain. Some claim that hay and straw should be fed before grain as they pass out of the stomach more quickly than grain, while others state that oats digest more quickly than hay. How long does it take to digest such feeds as whole oats, chopped oats, bran, middlings, oil cake, hay, straw, mangels, silage, etc.
R. J. E.

Ans.—It is generally understood that concentrates are more quickly digested than roughage. We cannot give the exact time that it takes to digest the feeds mentioned, but material like oil cake is much more quickly absorbed in the system than coarser feeds. Mangels being a succulent feed, are more quickly broken down and digested than is hay. The concentrates mentioned, owing to their nature, would not be as hard to digest as the rough feeds. One reason given why it is advisable to feed hay or some roughage before grain is that if the grain were fed first the rough feed would have a tendency to force the grain through the digestive tracts before the process of digestion was completed. This is because of the comparative smallness of the horse's stomach. Grain contains more energy than roughage and it is necessary to feed so that the animal will get the most out of the grain.

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