

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

STEEL SILO—HORSE—STABLE
FLOOR.

1. I am thinking of building a silo. I would like to know about the cost of a steel silo, and how long it would last. It would be 14 feet across and 18 feet high. I would set it on a wall 8 feet in the ground. Where would a person apply for one?

2. How long would two-inch elm plank last for horse-stable flooring? Would it be more comfortable for the horses than cement? Some horses fall on cement.

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Ans.—1. So far as we are aware, steel silos are made only by the Waterloo Engine Works Co., Ltd., of Brantford, from whom any information as to cost may be obtained. It may be said that there is very little difference in cost between a silo of steel and one of cement. W. C. Good, Brantford, who has a steel silo, and also a cement one, writes us that, owing to the difficulty of getting a satisfactory coating for the inside of steel silos, he would at present recommend intending builders to put up cement, as with them there is no risk. Steel silos have been in use only a short time, so that it is not known as yet how long they will last.

2. Elm plank for horse-stable floor should last six to ten years. Much would depend on the kind of elm, and on the condition in which it was kept in the floor. It would be better for the horses to stand on than cement, though there is no reason for horses slipping on cement. It can be left rough on the surface.

GOSSIP.

Young Aberdeen-Angus bulls and females are advertised for sale by James Sharp, Rockside, Ont., Cheltenham Station, C. P. R. and G. T. R.

J. A. Cerswell, of Bond Head, Ont., the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Oxford Down sheep and Large English Yorkshires, in ordering a change of advertisement, writes: Our Oxfords and Yorkshires are wintering fine, and sales were never better. I wish to thank "The Farmer's Advocate" for the splendid service it gives its patrons. It is certainly an excellent advertising medium. Had no trouble getting rid of all our rams last season; had several orders for rams which we could not fill. We have at present for disposal, a limited number of choice, good-sized and well-covered yearling and two-shear ewes, by imported sires, and bred to lamb in March to our imported Hobbs ram, Hamptonian 222nd. In ewe lambs, we have a nice lot, including the second pen at Guelph Winter Fair, a number of which are for disposal. Maple Villa Yorkshires were never doing better. At our County Fairs, we won everything in sight, for both breeding and bacon type. At present we have a number of splendid young boars fit for service, a bunch of fine young sows to farrow this spring; also an excellent lot of young stuff coming on, all descendants of imported stock.

TRADE TOPICS.

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H. Ralph Steele, who has been for five years sales manager of the Loudon Machinery Co., of Guelph, Ont., has resigned his position to undertake the management of the Canadian Gate Co., which is practically a branch of one of the largest, if not the largest, gate manufacturing companies in America, viz., the Iowa Gate Co., of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Mr. Steele has been recently doing business at 29 Park Avenue, Guelph, Ont., but is now getting settled in temporary quarters at the old Morlock factory, which he will occupy while building a new factory.

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