

formance of it are distinctly different things in the estimation of the Ottawa magnates.

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Have you never heard the story of the office-seeker who said to the Premier, "Now, Sir John, I won't leave this room until you promise to do this for me." "Ah, my dear sir," blandly replied the old statesman, "if a *promise* is all you want, assuredly you have mine."

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So a "promise" is all the C.K.C. has got in this case, and the duty of the club is to see that it is carried out.

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Good dogs have not stopped coming to Canada yet. Mr. F. H. F. Mercer, of the Clumber Kennels, of Ottawa, has purchased the celebrated Clumber Spaniel bitch, "Snow," from Mr. H. H. Simmons, of Sevenoaks, England. Press reports describe her as a "lovely all white bitch," and her pedigree as well, is of the best, she being by that grand Clumber, "Champion John O'Gaunt," out of "Foxley Beauty." "Snow" has won a great number of prizes, among them first at the K. C. Jubilee show, and first at Birmingham.

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The Ottawaites must look to their laurels, for Mr. Mercer tells me that Mr. A. L. Weston, of Denver, Colo. has purchased from the Duke of Westminster, the Clumber bitch that won first at the last Birmingham show, in the class in which "Bromine" could get no higher than V.H.C. Not content with this he is about to import the celebrated Clumber dog "Faust," from the Kennels of Mr. J. F. Farrow. "Faust" is too well-known to need much introduction, but should Mr. Weston exhibit in the east, I fear some of the Ottawa men may get a "setting-back."

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Dr. Wesley Mills, of Montreal, is going out of non-spotting dogs, and in future will breed only Pointers, English,

Irish and Gordon Setters, and perhaps Spaniels. He has now the nucleus of a strong kennel, having the Gordon bitch "Hilda," second at Ottawa, an Irish bitch sired by "Champion Echo, Jr.," that has not as yet been shown, the English bitch that won first at Toledo, Ohio, and the Pointer, "Miss Glee," by "Champion Bracket," and half-sister to the English "Champion Glee."

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Dr. Mills is a wise man, for instead of investing his money in expensive stud dogs, he buys bitches whom he can send to whatever sires are deemed most suitable, and thus can breed more intelligently. I am convinced that it pays better to pursue the Doctor's plan, for it stands to reason that it will cost less to pay stud fees to outside sires, than to purchase and maintain several stud dogs.

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Even now the impression seems very prevalent that all one has to do is to get a well bred bitch and a do. dog, then mate them regardless of the considerations of incompatibility. They get *dogs* that way, but seldom *good ones*. Too great care cannot be taken in making judicious selections for matings. Therein lays the secret of success.

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Looking over the Ottawa prize list, the other day, I noticed that Mr. Arhill's, of Montreal, St. Bernard dog, "Lord Dalhousie," who was quite a winner in England, had been beaten by the Hon. Edgar Dewdney's Bernard. What a pity the latter was not at Toronto to try conclusions with Plinlimmon, Jr. It is not often a native bred St. Bernard lowers the colors of an imported prize winner.

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A Philadelphia gentleman is bringing out some Basset Hounds. This is a good thing, for the funny looking little creatures cannot fail to attract curiosity at our shows.

*Sports Afield* says that Mr. Wade, of Hulton, Pa., has sent to Russia for another Siberian Wolf-hound, this time a matured dog. His bitch "Elsie," is remaining in England to be bred to the Hon. Mrs. Welleyley's "Krilutt," who has just won first at the Crystal Palace show in London. These together with those already imported by a Pittsburgher, will give this beautiful breed a good start in America. Once it has gained a footing, I predict the breed will become "the rage" for the Siberian Wolf-hound is just about as handsome a dog as you could wish to see.

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*Outing* for November contains a very beautifully illustrated article on dogs, by "Borderer." The pictures are by Mr. R. N. Moore, the *Stock-Keeper's* artist, and consequently excellent, but the letter-press is merely a "pad" for the illustrations, nothing more.

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*Turf, Field and Farm* is bringing out some fairly good illustrations, but the back-grounds are all far too dark, and one can't make out the dogs at all.

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I own to a decided weakness for good illustrations, and those of the London *Stock-Keeper*, year in and year out, are far the best of any issued by the kennel papers.

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I have not yet heard the result of the Canadian Kennel Club Field Trials, but understand that the entries were fairly numerous, and that the quality of the dogs entered was very high. I trust they have met with success.

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