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OUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Miscellaneous.

EXEMPTION OF WOOD-LOTS. On page 2042 of "The Farmer's Advocate" of December 22, 1910, re Wood-lot. H. R. McMillan states that a person owning 100 acres of land, 10 acres of which is fenced as a wood-lot, is entitled to exemption of taxes for the 10 acres, providing the Council pass a bylaw taking advantage of the Statute of 1906. Is that what the Act means? Some members of our council construe the Act to mean 1 acre of the 10. Ontario. J. McL.

Ans.-We have repeatedly explained that the Woodland Exemption Act, as originally passed, contained a verbal error, which left the Act open to the interpretation your councillors state, but the error being observed, an amendment was made at the next session of the Legislature which authorizes a council to pass a by-law exempting from taxation an area of woodland not exceeding ten per cent. of the area of the farm, and not exceeding 25 acres of exempted woodland under a single ownership. The by-law should be passed in every township.

SCHOOL FINANCES.

In the locality in which I reside, the Protestant School Board are always complaining of being short of funds when anything has to be paid, i. e., teacher's salary, repairs, etc. Now, I learn, upon inquiry, that there is some five or six hundred dollars of school taxes in arrears in the district, and which could be had if they went about it in the right way. It is the same School Board, year in and year out, and they do not seem to do their duty as they ought. Now, as a common ratepayer, what would be the best method to pursue in this case, as I do not feel inclined to let this matter lie as it is at present, and feel that it is only fair and just to everyone that these arrears should be collected and used to defray current expenses. How long should taxes run before they are prescribed?

Ans.—We think you ought to institute an agitation for the desirable change in the membership of the Board; but as for a summary method for bringing about the collection of these arrears of school rates, it would be well to consult a local lawyer. It is not likely that the taxes would become legally uncollectable by lapse of time.

WORMS-LUXATION OF PATELLA

1. Six-year-old horse has worms; they are about six inches long. What should I give to rid him of them?

2. Spring colt, while out for seems to have strained his hind leg. He is swollen a little at the stifle. There seems to be no lameness. When he walks, you can hear a click at the hock. He can trot or walk, but it seems to catch him if turned short. What shall I do to strengthen this limb? His other leg is slightly swollen, as he seems to put more weight on it. Have been feeding him a quart of oats and a handful of bran three times a day. Shall I take the oats off him till I get him all right? ONTARIO.

Ans.-1. Try half-pint raw linseed oil and one ounce (or four tablespoonfuls) of spirits of turpentine, given as a drench. If this is not effective, take one and a half ounces each of sulphate of copper and sulphate of iron; pulverize, mix, and make into twelve powders. Give a powder morning and evening in food till all are taken, then follow up with a purgative ball of eight drams aloes.

2. This is, apparently, luxation of patella (or stifled), in which case the clicking sound is not in the hock, but at the stifle. Get a blister made of two drams each of biniodide of mercury and cantharides, mixed with two ounces of vaseline. Tie head so colt cannot bite the parts. (Tip the hair off the front and inside of the stifle. Rub well with the blister once daily for two days; on the third apply sweet oil. Turn in a box stall now and oil every day. Keep colt loose in box stall when stabled, and there will be less liability to disarticulation. If necessary, repeat the blistering. Is not necessary to reduce feed to any great