

should be left on the programme of every meeting, but the best prizes should go to winners of races best calculated to bring out the highest qualities of the first-class roadster. Let us have a race at two mile heats to waggon, saddle races, team races, a three mile dash, and anything else in the shape of an old-fashioned race that will vary the monotony of the everlasting "mile heats, three in five, in harness."

CANADIANS AND THE NORTH-WEST.

Though having many qualities to recommend them, no one can reasonably claim that average Canadians are particularly enterprising. Our farmers are intelligent and industrious, but they are as a rule the reverse of speculative or adventurous. No better proof of this can be

Two years ago, when the writer of these lines was talking to some of the stockmen of Chicago and Helena about Alberta as a ranching country, the Americans were disposed to ridicule his views on the subject. They were quite sure that he over-rated the capabilities of Alberta. If any one thinks that American and English cattlemen are not waking up to the value of the Canadian North-West as a ranching country let him read the following paragraph clipped from the *Chicago Breeders' Gazette*:

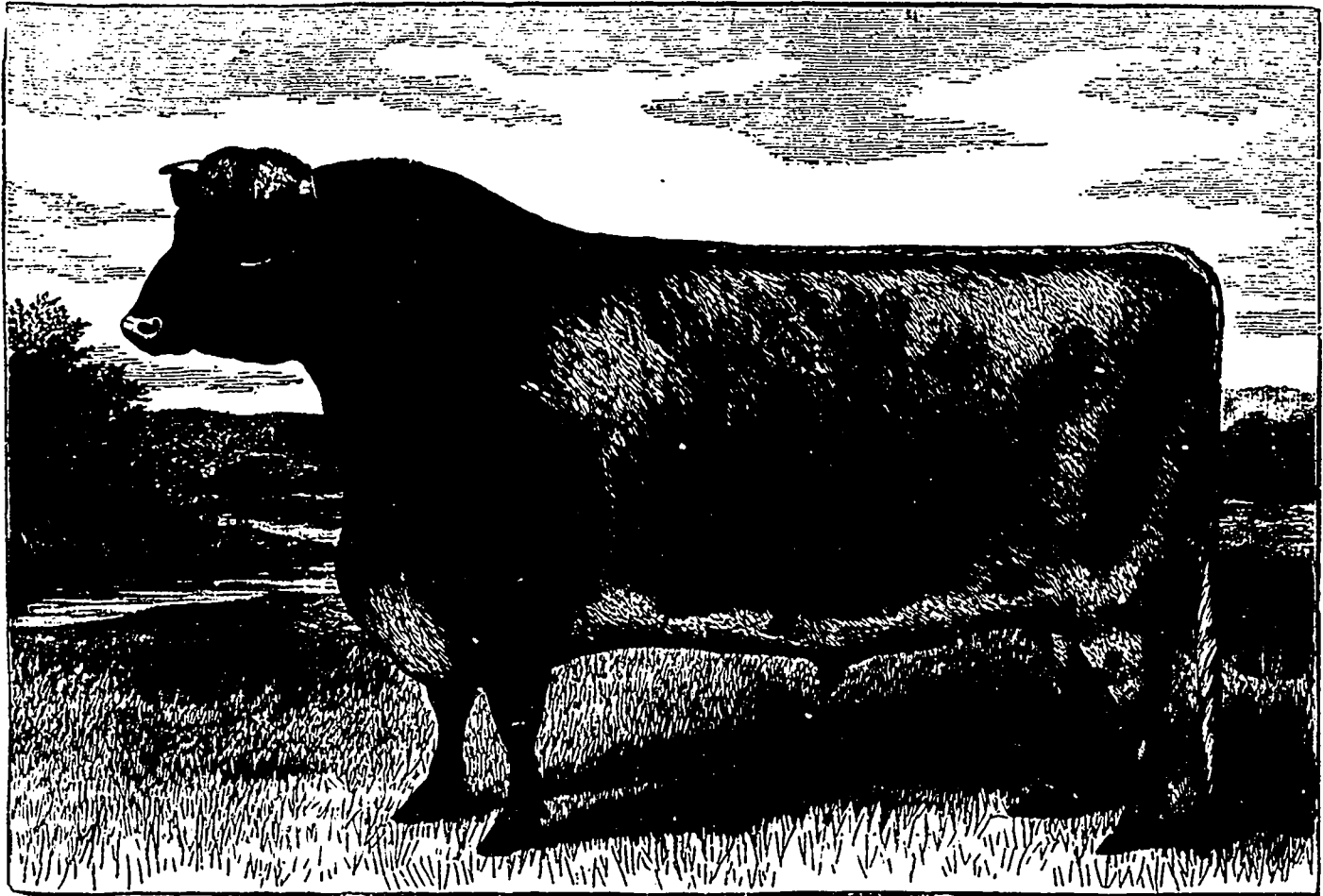
"Mr. Moreton Frewen, the well-known 'cattle king,' recently had an interview with the Canadian Premier and the Hon. Mr. McLelan, in connection with securing a lease of a cattle range in Alberta, Canadian North-West. This section he considers better adapted to cattle-raising than Wyoming, having, by reason

THE QUEEN'S PLATE.

A correspondent writing from St. John, N. B., sends the following questions:—

"What is the value of the 'Queen's Plate'? Where is it run for? On what terms is it run for? Please give me any information you can as to rules, &c."

The Queen's Plate (so far as Ontario is concerned) is run for at the regular spring meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club at Woodbine Park, Toronto. The race is a mile and a half dash, weight for age. To be eligible a horse must be a maiden, and be bred, raised, and trained in the Province of Ontario. The stakes are somewhat variable, as heretofore the entrance has not been uniform, but the added money is always fifty guineas. It has been the custom



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found than in the apathy with which they have regarded the opening up of the great Canadian North-West. Again and again has it been pointed out that nearly the whole of the Province of Alberta is one of the finest sections for the stock-raiser or the dairyman to be found under the sun, but one range after another passes into the hands of English or American capitalists while Canadians stand idly by and watch these golden opportunities slip through their fingers. It is no use to tell them that cattle and horses can thrive all winter on the winter ranges along the Bow River and its tributaries. They will not believe it till they see it tried, but the men who try it will take up the ranges themselves and leave the slow-going cautious Canadian to lament his neglected opportunities when it is too late to mend matters.

of its lesser elevation, a more favorable climate in winter. Mr. Frewen says his ranges in Wyoming are overstocked, and as soon as he has secured territory on the Canadian side of the border he will remove some of his stock thither. The ranche prospects of Alberta, in the Canadian North-West, this year are reported to be more satisfactory than they have ever been since ranching was introduced into the country. The 'round-up' south of High River is showing a calf crop of 80 per cent. The sheep interests north of High River seem to be equally prosperous. The fleeces are averaging seven pounds and the lambs have all done well."

When it is too late Canadian capitalists will learn that the Canadian North-West offers a field for stock-raising such as is not to be found anywhere else on this continent, but not till then will they be ready to move in the matter.

of the Ontario Jockey Club to make the entrance fee \$20 each, and give the plate, \$250, and the stakes to the winner, while \$100 for second horse was added out of the racing fund. The following clipping from the last Jockey Club programme fully covers the case for the present:—

"QUEEN'S PLATE—\$250.—For horses bred, raised, and trained in the Province of Ontario, added to a conditional sweepstakes. Payable, \$5 at the time of entrance (1st January, 1885), and an additional \$5, unless declared out, on or before the 12th of May. Entries made between the 1st of January and 12th of May, when stake finally closes, \$15 each, p.p.; distance, one mile and a half. The Club will give \$100 to second horse. Plate and stakes to winner."

The conditions for the Quebec Queen's Plate are much the same.