

Ans.—No, the first duty of the purchaser is to pay the note; the lien is put on as a sort of a last resort of the vendor to obtain value. Proving previous sickness is of no avail unless the animal was deliberately misrepresented and sold for much more than he was worth. When a man buys a horse he takes it at its face value and afterwards assumes all risk of his life.

**TANNING SKINS. HOMESTEADS.**

Can you give me through your paper, a recipe for tanning dog skins, also coyotes, and muskrats.

2. If a Homesteader from the States lives in Canada all the time, say from June 1st, 1905, to January 1st, 1908, can he apply for his patent, though he has not lived here long enough to become a citizen of Canada, and what time would he have to apply for his papers.

Sask. C. W. K.

Ans.—Don't try to tan them; get the Indians to do it for you.

2. Yes if he has spent six months out of each year on his land and completed other duties. Apply any time, notice of application may be required before the application for patent. See or write the local land agent about it

**AREA OF LAND.**

Will you kindly answer the following.

1. How many acres are there in a piece of land measuring 85 rods long by 26 rods wide?

2. In a piece 47½ rods long, by 19½ rods wide.

3. In a piece 62 rods long by 15½ rods long at one end, and 12½ at the other?

4. How many acres are in the three pieces?

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Ans.—The first piece contains 13.81 acres, the second 5.71, the third 5.45, the total area of the three is 24.97 acres.

**RHODE ISLAND REDS.**

Kindly give points of the rose-comb Rhode Island Reds or tell me where I can get information as to the same.

Mrs. C. P.

Ans.—Rhode Island Reds are a single combed not a rose combed breed. Their chief characteristics are; red color, oblong shape, compact form and smooth surface plumage. The head is of medium length and breadth, the beak short and slightly curved, the eyes prominent. Comb single, medium sized, set firmly on the head, straight and upright with five even well defined serrations. Neck of medium length with the hackle flowing over the shoulders and not too closely feathered. Back long and breast broad, deep, full, and well rounded. Tail of medium length and carried at an angle that increases the apparent length of the body. Legs of medium length, and yellowish or reddish brown, well covered with soft feathers. Shanks and toes free from feathers and down. Color reddish brown. General surface of the plumage rich, brilliant red, with some black feathers of a greenish sheen in the wings and tail. Under color red or salmon, free from slate or smut. Harmonious blending of the red is desirable in all sections where this color is specified.

**BAD THRESHING.**

A man brought his threshing outfit on my farm on a Saturday night to thresh my grain the coming week. He and his crew stayed over night, had supper, and breakfast on Sunday morning. He drained the water off the boiler and then went home taking with him half his crew leaving the other half for me to board, but he did not come back to thresh until Tuesday afternoon. He never gave me any notice that he was not coming back and when I asked him about it he said he had to stay to fix his house. I hired two men to help me with the grain. They came there to work but had nothing to do. I was ploughing three acres of stubble a day; I took my teams off the plow

to use them around the threshing machine, so I lost one day and a half. When we were settling up I put a board bill against his men for Monday and wages for the two men I hired to help me handle the grain on Monday. He said he would pay the board bill but he would not pay the two men I hired although they lost their time by his not being there or not giving me notice. He has left and I have not paid him nor signed a note. In the meantime my neighbors told me there was wheat in the straw pile. I went to examine the straw and found there was between twenty and twenty-five per cent of the wheat unthreshed. I brought my neighbors to see it and every one says it is bad threshing. We went to the surrounding farms where he threshed and found it the same but they all have signed notes or paid. Would you let me know the best thing to do. Am I obliged to pay him or should I sue him for the loss of my crop. What should my neighbors do who gave him their note, as he put the notes in the Bank?

Sask.

J. J.

Ans.—You appear to have a good action for damages against the man who threshed for you. You could not collect from him wages for the neighbors who came to help you unless you had actually paid them wages for the time they had lost, and even then it might not be allowed. You would be entitled, however, to the extra board and a good fair allowance for the loss of time by yourself and teams. You would also be entitled to damages for the loss of your crop as you employed the man to thresh your grain in a proper manner and this he undertook to do by accepting your job. You had better examine your stacks and gather a sheaf of the heads and a quantity of the unthreshed grain from each stack and also a quantity of grain, if you like, that was thrown over. Do this in the presence of two or three reliable witnesses and have it preserved and marked so that you will be able to identify it. You would then be in a position to sue for such damages as you have suffered, or you could wait until the man who threshed for you sued you for the threshing and then counter claim for damages.

With regard to your neighbors who have given notes in settlement, if these notes are the property of the bank they will have to be paid, but if only in the bank for collection they may refuse to pay them, and let the thrasher sue for them when they make counter claim for damages. If the notes are paid to the bank the parties suffering loss may then enter action against the thrasher for damages, including the amount paid on the notes. You should employ a solicitor to look into the whole matter and attend to the matter of obtaining the necessary witnesses.

**CHRONIC COUGH.**

Horse had distemper last June, and got very thin. He still coughs, especially after drinking, and does not gain in flesh, and has a dry coat.

J. R.

Ans.—Chronic coughs like this are very hard to check. Give him, every morning, a ball composed of two drams solid extract of belladonna, one dram powdered opium, twenty grains digitalis, and one dram camphor, with sufficient oil of tar to make plastic. Roll in tissue paper and administer, or dissolve in a pint of warm water and administer as a drench. To improve his general condition, take three ounces each of sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger and nux vomica. Mix, and make into twenty-four powders. Give a powder three times daily. Repeat the last prescription as often as necessary. Feed well, and give regular exercise.

**MARE STOCKS WHEN STANDING.**

My pregnant draft mare's legs swell at nights when she stands in the stable. The swelling disappears on exercise.

A. T. C.

Ans.—This is very hard to treat in a pregnant mare. Give her four drams

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