

OXFORD FAT STOCK CLUB.

The fourteenth annual meeting of this organization was held at Woodstock on March 25th. The club is in good standing, having a substantial balance now on hand. The directors' report referred to the liberal patronage given the club in the past, and pointed out that the dates selected last year unintentionally conflicted with the Provincial and Guelph Shows. This fact, coupled with an unprecedented fall of snow at the time, made the number of animals shown much less than former shows, though some excellent animals were shown. The total number of entries was 124, and the cash prizes paid out \$283. The coming show will probably be held immediately after the Provincial.

THRUSH

Thrush, while not an unsoundness except in severe cases where lameness is the result, is very common, and is generally caused by standing in foul stables and lack of care to the cleaning out of the horse's feet, and the frog becomes foul and diseased, and, when cleaned out, smells terribly. A veterinary gives this:

Dressings for Thrush—Crude petroleum, linseed oil and turpentine of each equal parts. Apply once or twice each day, as the case may require. In aggravated cases, after undergoing trimming, we saturate a pledget of tow or oakum with butter of antimony, and apply once in three days, or according to the judgment of the attendant.

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The American Registry Association have arranged to give the following special prizes at the leading Canadian fairs for 1899: Industrial Fair, Toronto, \$35; Western Fair, \$35; Industrial Fair, Winnipeg, \$35; Provincial Fair, Montreal, \$25; Central Canada Fair, Ottawa, \$25; Provincial Fair, \$25; the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show, \$50.

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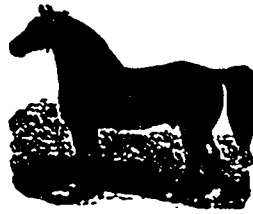
Chemical manures are, so far as they are of use to agriculture, only so much nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid. For example, a ton of nitrate of soda contains 320 pounds of nitrogen, the remaining 1,680 pounds are mere dead weight and useless to the farmer, but they are a part of the framework which holds the nitrogen together and cannot be dispensed with. Muriate of potash contains 1,000 pounds of actual potash per ton, with only 1,000 pounds of dead weight. When a farmer buys a ton of muriate for say \$50.00, he gets 1,000 pounds of actual potash for the \$50.00; that is, he pays 5 cents per pound. A ton of kainit at \$15.00 would cost per pound of actual potash just 6 cents, so that it is very evident the muriate is far the cheapest potash. This indicates how important it is to watch the quality of fertilizer materials offered for sale.

Another point of almost equal importance is, the quality of the fertilizer. Some forms of nitrogenous fertilizer materials give up their nitrogen to plants very slowly, and the same is true with regard to certain forms of potash and phosphate materials.

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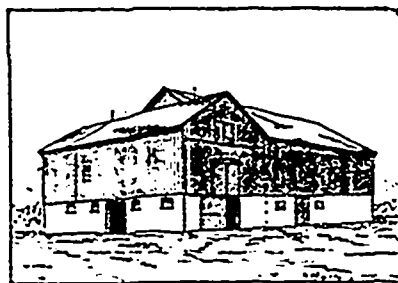
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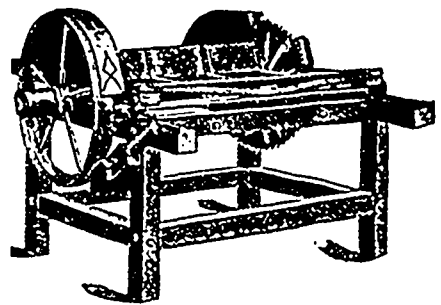
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