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### Has No Equal.

ALVIN C. WELLS, Wentworth Co., Ont.:—"I am well pleased with the ADVOCATE, and would be lost without it. I consider it has more valuable information than any other farm paper that is printed."

### Articles Held Over.

Owing to the increasing pressure of advertising and an extra amount of seasonable matter in other departments, several excellent contributed articles and letters are crowded out of this issue, notwithstanding the fact that we have added four extra pages. But they will appear later on. Our apologies are due the writers for the unavoidable delay.

### Our New Picture.

Ere this issue of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE reaches its readers our staff will begin mailing copies of "Canada's Glory" to the large number of our readers who have been fortunate enough to become entitled to a copy by sending us the name of one new paid-up subscriber. Speaking for ourselves, we must say that the more we study this engraving the more highly do we appreciate the work which our artists and engravers have accomplished. As an expert in live stock portraiture, Mr. Bridgen is unquestionably to-day without a peer in the world, and we believe he has made this great engraving of lighthorses a supreme effort. We must congratulate him and the Toronto Engraving Company upon the work. As soon as its merits become properly known we look for thousands of new subscribers, coming from all parts of the Continent. There is hardly a farming neighborhood in Canada or the adjoining States but where half an hour's time will secure some new subscribers, and, as announced on our premium page elsewhere, one new name earns the picture. Those now receiving it will confer a favor by acknowledging same. In the event of its non-arrival within a few days, or in case of its being broken in transmission through the mails, we desire to be notified.

### A Permanent Embargo.

The British House of Commons defeated by a vote of 244 to 95 an amendment to reject the bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Long, chairman of the Board of Agriculture, which then passed its second

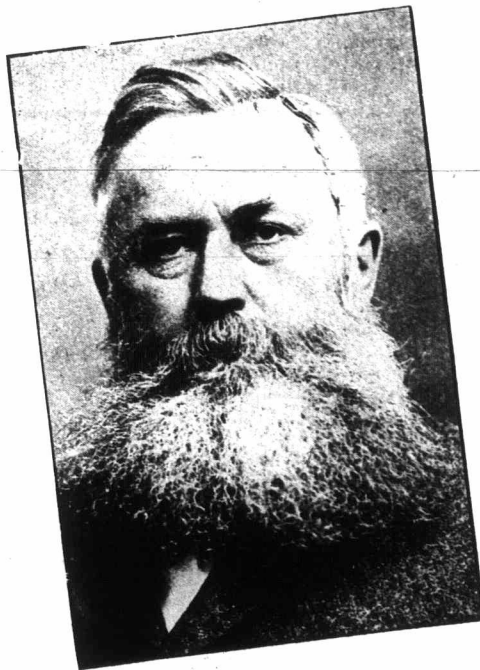
that only the choicest article should go forward, so that a reputation corresponding to that of Canadian cheese be built up.

But what we regard as a still more important consideration is that the best possible shipping facilities for live bees, sheep, etc., be preserved, and that reasonable transportation charges be secured, so that the Canadian shipper can stand upon as favorable a footing as his U.S. competitor, who ships such immense numbers of prime bees to Britain for slaughter at the ports of landing. Also, let every breeder and feeder in Canada determine that nothing but thoroughly finished cattle of the very highest beef type shall leave our shores.

So far as this season's trade in export cattle from Canada and prices are concerned the permanent embargo bill has no bearing, as the conditions are precisely what they have been since Nov., 1892, when the embargo was first imposed. It settles the point definitely that cattle must be finished in Canada.

One other point: The Canadian cattle quarantine, with its vexatious delays and expense, both to the breeder and the country generally, was imposed to preserve our right to enter the British markets freely; but once this new British bill becomes law, steps may be taken to arrange with the U.S. authorities for a discontinuance of the cattle quarantine on both sides of the line. That this would widen and improve the markets for breeders there is no reasonable doubt, but it must be entirely reciprocal—no jug-handled arrangement. This subject, together with that of the quarantine between Great Britain and Canada, we notice, is to be discussed in all its bearings at the approaching meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association in Toronto.

### Joint Secretaries of the Canadian Horse Show.



MR. HY. WADE.



MR. STEWART HOUSTON.

reading without a division. This virtually means, we presume, that the bill will become law, and that slaughter at ports of landing will hereafter, under this Act, be the fixed rule. That this has been contemplated for a couple of years past was quite apparent to any one closely reading the British cattle-breeding organs. So far as the cable dispatches indicate, Mr. Long had very little to say respecting the case of Canada or the health of Canadian herds. He is reported as pointing out that the symptoms of "pleuro" were "very obscure and difficult to find." Most assuredly so in the cattle of Canada, where the disease does not exist! The Board of Agriculture felt that they could not adequately perform their duties under present conditions and asked Parliament to relieve them of a part of their task through this bill. That the British veterinary experts will feel gratified at being relieved of the search for "marbled" or "suspicious" lungs, we have no doubt.

We have more than once expressed our belief that the next step would be a move against meat products from abroad, which have begun to crowd the English markets hard, as did our cattle. That this surmise was well warranted is proved by "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Foreign and Colonial Meats" now up for consideration in the English Parliament. It is designed to discriminate in favor of the home producer, and is based upon the assumed prejudice in favor of the home-raised article as being superior. It provides that any dealer who keeps or has for sale any meats imported, either alive or dead, from colonial or foreign markets, shall expose a sign, readable by night or day, bearing the words "Dealer in foreign and colonial meats." He is also compelled to register as such in a local registry office. Severe penalties are provided, and in case of any omission the presumption of proof is against the defendant. In the event of trying any experimental shipment of Canadian dressed meat, it is therefore obvious

### A Manitoban's Opinion of the Glasgow Spring Stallion Show.

We recently received the following extract in a letter from Mr. Henry Taylor, Bird's Hill, Man., who is now taking a veterinary course at Edinburgh, Scotland. As it will be of interest to many we reproduce it: "On Friday I went with a Scotchman friend to the Glasgow Spring Stallion Show. It was a high-class show, but I was disappointed in not finding many good light horses there; in fact, there were only eight there altogether—seven Hackneys and one Thoroughbred. In my opinion, the three-year-olds were very good, but two-year-olds were only moderate. In the aged class, Royal Gartley, owned by P. Crawford, was first, beating Moneycorn. Royal Gartley won rightly, I think. He is a grand horse, with very few faults, but he is too small. In fact, the Clyde breeders are, in my estimation, paying too much attention to quality and not enough to size, which I think is almost the thing in draft horses. They should get them with bigger barrels and more substance. Gartley, it was rumored on the show ground after he had also won the Cawdor Cup, was sold for £1,500 (\$7,500)."

The Canadian Bee Journal, of which Mr. R. F. Holterman, President of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, is editor, quotes in full our observations on the proceedings of that body, and adds the following: "The above comes from the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of Feb. 1st, 1896. We may try to hide the facts about our meetings, and try and condemn those in our own ranks who have the courage to express their views about our conventions, and in that way try and better things, but the country at large has a right to pass criticism, and we are pleased that the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, has had a representative at the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association meetings for two years, and that in its criticism it has done no more than its duty."