

strated is the fact that club stallions leave a high percentage of strong, healthy, vigorous colts. After four years it has been established that at least eighty per cent. of the club horses have left over fifty per cent. of their mares in foal. Some have left as high as ninety per cent., while the average has been around sixty-five. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that club members, generally speaking, breed a better class of mares and take better care of them. The stallion owner through having a guaranteed number is able to so divide the season that he does not have to overbreed his horse on any one day or during any one week. Thus, the stallion is at all times strong and vigorous and capable of transmitting same to his progeny.

The putting of the horse breeding business on a financial basis is encouraging owners to buy better horses than heretofore. The inspection, which all stallions have to undergo, and the regulating as far as possible of the service fee is also having a beneficial effect.

The experience gathered during the last four years is emphatically to the effect that clubs should organize early. In fact, organization should not be put off later than the middle of January and better if it is done before that date. Those that are in a position to hire early get the pick of the best horse. The experience of the Branch is that horses hired early invariably pass inspection and are with few exceptions up to the required standard.

In Scotland, where the Scottish premium system has made the Clyde horse what he is to-day, it is not an uncommon thing to find the best horses hired two and even three years in advance. In fact, some are to-day hired as far ahead as 1923.

Federal assistance to horse breeding was inaugurated for the purpose of stabilizing the business and of helping equally both the breeder and the stallion owner. That it has met with the approval of the parties interested is evidenced by the recognition it has received from various sources. The following resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Western Canada Live Stock Union speaks for itself:

"Whereas: It is desirable in the interests of the horse breeding industry of Western Canada that in order to improve the standard of horses, the services of better, pure bred sires should be made available;

"And Whereas: In comparison with all other schemes which have been tried, the plan now followed by the Dominion Government in giving aid in the hiring of stallions has proved, wherever adopted, to be the only satisfactory and permanent method of bringing about the results desired;

"Therefore: The Western Canada Live Stock Union desires to place itself on record as recommending to all governments wishing to assist the horse breeding industry in this way, the endorsement and encouragement of that plan."

All wishing information regarding this scheme may obtain same by writing the Horse Division, Live Stock Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada.