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self-respect, a sacrifice of the spirit of localism, the inculcation of a spirit of nationalism. The electors must cease their efforts to graft the members if they hope for a higher standard among the members themselves. The reform must be started among the people, and from them will grow up a purer national life, built upon the enduring foundations of honesty and self-respect.

Let Every Subscriber Do His Duty.

We want to double the circulation of the "Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine" before next spring. From present indications money will flow freely this fall, and many will take the paper as a luxury who have not learned to regard it as a necessity. That it is a neighborhood as well as an individual necessity, is vividly illustrated by the letter under heading, "The Secret of Success," elsewhere in our editorial columns. Every time you persuade a man to take the "Farmer's Advocate" you are performing a public service, and doing the man a good turn. As in previous years, some friends will roll up large lists of names. These we are always glad to receive, but that canvassing counts the most in which everybody exerts himself a little. We don't want any old subscribers to send us their own subscriptions alone this year. Instead, let everybody send two new names accompanied by \$3.00, thereby getting his own paper free for the ensuing year. Those who send more than two names will be amply rewarded by valuable premiums.

While at the Toronto Exhibition this fall don't fail to call at the "Farmer's Advocate" tent.

Better Late than Never.

It is but a short time since I subscribed for the "Farmer's Advocate," and I think there is no other farm paper equal to it. I am only sorry I did not subscribe sooner. Yours for success,
STARR L. P. CHASE.
Renfrew Co., Ont.

Live-stock Markets Not Encouraging.

The present season is, all things considered, rather an unfavorable one, when the outturns to the breeder of pure-bred stock and of market cattle are considered.

Beef cattle prices, in spite of the high prices extorted by the retailer for his meats, are at a low ebb and not at all a profitable figure for the grower. The reasons for such a condition of affairs are not easy of explanation, but one may be advanced, namely, the marketing of such inferior stuff as Mexicans has, undoubtedly, a deteriorating effect on the market. As it is, there is little encouragement to men to improve their stock, yet for all that it would not be wise to let it retrogress. Amongst other things needed before the Western markets for commercial live stock are satisfactory to farmers, is more competition.

In spite of a beef trust or combination among packers in the U. S., reports from the markets there show good prices and plenty of demand, rangers bringing per cwt. \$3.90 to \$4.40 at Chicago, at Liverpool 9c., Winnipeg 3c. to 3½c. It is not cattle prices alone that are unsatisfactory, but prices for hogs also, which, while, quoted at Montreal \$7.25 to 7.50, and at Toronto \$7.10 to \$7.35, fed and watered, the top price, same date, at Winnipeg, for select weights off cars was \$6.25, and the rate for live hogs from Winnipeg to Montreal being 60¢ per cwt. Only a few days ago (August 16th) \$5.75 was the top price, off cars, Winnipeg, which means that at a few country points the price would be perhaps 5c., at the majority less; and then the packers wonder why the supply of hogs is not greater. A constant supply of hogs of the right weight and



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type cannot be expected from farmers in Manitoba if the price gets much below 5c.

At the present time prospects look favorable for a maintenance of present prices for hogs, as in the U. S. prices are firm and supply not heavy.

When prices for commercial live stock are low or unremunerative the grower of such stock starts to economize in pure-bred males, as he thinks, an economy which hits the breeder of pure-breds pretty hard, the grower of market stuff holding that it's little use trying to improve—prices are too low, and the buyers do not discriminate between his good stuff and his neighbor's inferior stuff.

The above is a common argument, and might seem reasonable were it not for this fact, that it costs as much to feed, breed and market inferior live stock as it does the improved stuff, and that it is less expensive, cost of feed and labor considered, to handle good cattle and hogs than those of a lower grade.

So that, while appearances at present are not the brightest, now is not the time to throw up the sponge or cry quits in the campaign of live-stock improvement.

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HORSES.

Types Seen at Fairs.

[From our Manitoba and Western edition.]

The large fairs are over, and those who had an opportunity of witnessing the judging in the heavy-draft horse rings, or who have seen the horse which stood within the money, or whose only acquaintance with the prizewinners is gathered from illustrations, have had placed before them a type of horse which experience teaches is best adapted for draft purposes. When most of us were boys it was no uncommon circumstance to hear the remark that the model horse should be "low down and wide as a wagon." To-day that type is not favored. The guiding principle in heavy horse breeding is utility, and the type of horse that does most work, and does it most easily, is the type of horse which the leading breeders try to produce, and which competent judges favor in the show-ring. Horses of this type must first have sufficient size and scale, but instead of being set near the ground, they must have sufficient range so that their strides may be long and their movements smart and easy.

It is strange with what tenacity the idea that hairy legs are desirable in the modern Clydesdale and Shire clings to the minds of some. Breeders of these British breeds long ago recognized that masses of long, coarse hair do not make a draft horse, but are rather a detriment to him, and instead of rushing blindly after representatives of some other breed with clean legs to correct the evil, they persistently and intelligently set to work to eliminate it by selection, and by this process of weeding out the objectionable legs there has been developed in the Clydesdale bone of a quality unexcelled in any draft breed. The Shire breeders are moving in the same direction, but on account of there being more to accomplish than with the Clydes, they are scarcely so far advanced in this particular.

We would be glad if we could point to like improvement in the Percheron breed. Simultaneously with the improvement in Clydesdales and Shires referred to above, the Percheron breeders endeavored to improve their horses for draft purposes by developing more size, and this they have done, the average Percheron in America to-day being much bigger than his progenitor of twenty years ago, but the improvement has been in size only. During the whole time in which the effort to improve was going on, the breeders apparently never took their eyes off the bodies of their horses, with the result that to-day the legs, pasterns and feet of many Percherons are the most imperfect of those of any of the draft breeds with which we have to do.

Our Scottish Letter.

By far the most valuable shipment of Clydesdales made to Canada for many years was that of Mr. William Bryce, Arcola, Assa., N.-W. T., who sailed on July 29th from Glasgow. The shipment was selected by Mr. Bryce personally, and included the Cawdor Cup mare of this season, Rosadora; the first-prize three-year-old stallion at the Highland, Perpetual Motion; and the first-prize two-year-old filly at the Royal, Lady Rotha, whose sire was the successful breeding horse, Royal Favorite, and her dam the champion mare, Lady Garnet, also at the Royal this year and many other shows in the past. Besides these outstanding show-yard animals Mr. Bryce had several fillies by good breeding horses from studs of approved reputation, and bred by gentlemen some of whom have acted as judges at the Highland and other shows. Sires like Hiawatha, Lord Fauntleroy, Marmion, Sylvander—all great winning horses—are represented. One almost fears that Mr. Bryce has taken away horses and mares for which part of the world to which they have gone is scarcely ripe. In any case, that is his own affair; but his pluck and determination merit a full reward.

Mr. John Boag, Ravenshoe, Ont., was also a shipper in the same week. He was with us last year, and his shipment this year numbers six head, purchased from noted studs.

The first week in August is always a busy one with shippers, and this season has been no exception to the rule. The Donaldson & Allan line steamers sailing in the forenoon of the first Saturday of August this year had very heavy shipments of Clydesdales for Nova Scotia and Ontario. Professor Cummings, of the Agricultural College, Halifax, sailed by the former line steamer with 17 head of Clydesdales, 2 Thoroughbred stallions, and 1 Hackney stallion. The Professor was acting for the Government of the great Maritime Province, and his Clydesdale lot included three stallions, one colt foal and thirteen mares and fillies. He chose animals of the best breeding, having produce by Pride of Blacon 10837, Prince Shapely 10111, his full brother Prince Sturdy 10112, the Great Baron's Pride 9122, the strong, big premium horse Prince of Balmanno 9976, and a really fine brood mare by Baron's Pride with her horse foal at foot. The Thoroughbreds were selected in England, and one of them is a specially handsome and attractive