

Questions and Answers.
Miscellaneous.

Shorthorn Herd Book.

Where could I secure a copy of Volume 34 of the Dominion Shorthorn Herd Book? What publication would you recommend for one interested in Shorthorns?

E. W. U.

Ans.—Write the National Live Stock Record Office in regard to the Herd Book. "History of Shorthorn Cattle," by Sinclair, gives a very good account of the Shorthorn.

Floor for Granary.

Is it possible to make a concrete floor dry enough for a granary floor? Would the following precautions provide dryness: Underdraining beneath the floor, raising the floor 6 inches above the outside level with sand, and placing 6 inches of coal cinders on top, and then running tile under each bin?

F. N.

Ans.—These precautions would tend to give a dry floor, but there would always be a danger of the cement absorbing moisture at certain seasons and becoming damp, thus causing some of the grain to spoil. We believe that using tar or pitch just below a thin top layer of cement would improve the floor so far as dryness is concerned.

Still-born Calves.

Six out of ten breeding cows and heifers produced still-born calves. With one exception the calves were large and well developed as if they died during birth. It was necessary to get a veterinarian to deliver one cow. He said that he did not think there was any disease.

A. F.

Ans.—It is hard to account for this. It might be due to some local cause, possibly to something they get in the bush or pasture, as there is no disease that causes such condition. It would be well to have your veterinarian make an investigation and endeavor to discover the cause. If the occurrence ceases after the cows have been kept in the stable for a few months before calving, it will lend to the idea that the trouble was due to something in the pasture.

V.

Whitewash for Stable.

What is a recipe for whitewash for a stone wall? How much would it take for a stable 30 by 70 feet?

R. P.

Ans.—A recipe which is very satisfactory is as follows: Take half a bushel of unslaked lime, slake with warm water and cover it to keep in the steam. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer, add a peck of salt previously dissolved in warm water, 3 lbs. of ground rice boiled to a thin paste and stirred in boiling hot, then add one-half pound of Spanish whiting, and one pound of glue which has been previously dissolved by soaking in boiling water. Add 5 gallons of hot water to the mixture, stir well, and allow it to stand a few days protected from dirt. This gives the best results when applied hot. One pint will cover about a square yard, consequently it will take about 60 gallons to cover the inside walls of the stable above mentioned.

Holidays.

1. What holidays can the hired man claim?
2. Is he at liberty to go out at night when his day's work is done?
3. Having hired for a year, can he quit and collect his wages, by giving two weeks' notice?

J. A. M.

Ans.—1. The legal holidays for the hired man in Ontario are: Sundays, except for necessary chores, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and any other day or days proclaimed by the Governor-General or Lieutenant Governor as a public holiday.

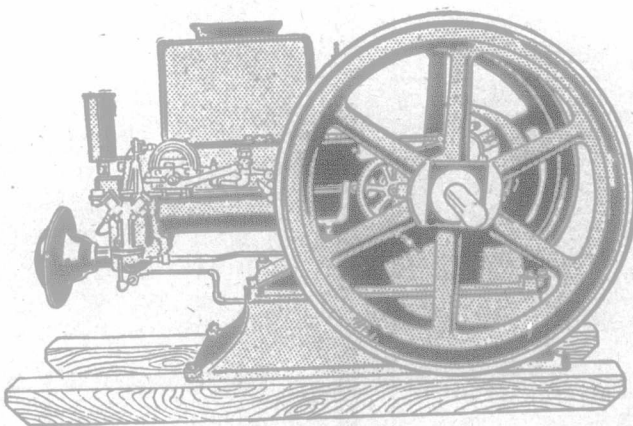
2. Yes.

3. It depends on the wording of the agreement. As a rule, a hired man cannot collect full pay until his year is out, but where he gives sufficient notice to permit of his employer securing other help it is advisable to pay in full. When hiring by the year the season at which he quits makes little difference; for instance, a man working during the winter and quitting when the rush season commences is scarcely entitled to the same rate of wage as if he had worked during the summer and quit in the fall.

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