

ence to any others, and for choice of breeds, that will always find a ready market in the cities, we unhesitatingly recommend the Clydesdale.

MELDRUM BROS., LIMITED,
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ALWAYS A GOOD MARKET

Montreal, Que.

The horse, in Montreal and at many other points in Canada, cannot be replaced by the automobile truck for practical business purposes, on account of the climatic conditions and also for the reason that the most economical method of handling the greater part of commercial commodities at all times of the year is with horses.

For that reason, every encouragement should be given to breeders of Clydesdale horses, for which there is always a good market in Canada.

The **SHEDDEN FORWARDING COY., Limited,**
Per E. E. Belcourt,
General Manager.

CLIMATE UNSUITABLE FOR AUTO TRUCKS

Montreal, Que.

In answer to your enquiry as to the demand for horses in the city of Montreal, I desire to say that the civic statistics show that there are 15,000 horses in this city, and about 10,000 of these are heavy draft horses, that is, 1,400 pounds and upwards. The average life of a heavy draft horse is about four or five years, which makes a yearly demand of from 2,000 to 2,500 heavy draft horses.

The Clydesdale horse with clean, flat, hard legs is in good demand; the horse with the big hairy legs is not so well liked.

This climate is unsuitable for auto trucks on account of the heavy snowfalls and bad conditions of the streets in the winter. The truck can be used only eight months of the year, whilst the horse can be used the whole year, therefore there is and always will be a good demand for heavy horses in this city.

Team horses should not be less than 1,600 pounds each for the way we are loading here now. Five tons is the usual load on the level, and from three to three and a half tons up grade.

It has been proven time and again that within a radius of a mile in any thickly settled district, two teams would carry and deliver as much tonnage per day as one truck of four or five tons capacity; teams hire out at \$9.00 per day and trucks at \$30.00 per day. The only advantage that trucks appear to have is on a long haul outside of the city, providing the roads are in good condition so that they can speed up.

The scarcity and high price of horses for the past few years has induced some merchants to buy trucks, but they will not renew them so long as they can get horses at a reasonable price.

T. E. MOORE,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Montreal Team Owners' Association.