

Ontario Veterinary College Graduates.

On March 30th, 92 were added to the 2,767 graduates who had previously passed from the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto. The gold medal given by the Ontario Veterinary Association, for having passed the best general examination, was awarded to Wm. Lenton, of Wawanosa, Man. The Principal, Andrew Smith, F. R. C. V. S., presided, and on the platform with him were Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black; Professor Harrison, Guelph; Col. Lloyd, Newmarket; Dr. Cowan, Galt; Dr. King Smith, and Dr. J. T. Duncan.

Prof. Harrison, of Guelph, advised a closer study than was usually given by veterinary students to pathology. Veterinarians took a too narrow view of their profession, and he suggested that they should study sanitation, physiology, the hygiene of milk, and should give more attention to the inspection of meat, a line in which Europe was far ahead of Canada. By doing these things they would help themselves and elevate their profession.

The list of graduates was as follows: F. J. Anderson, Thompson, North Dakota, U.S.; Francis W. Anderson, Highland, New Jersey, U.S.; H. Howard Bair, Belvidere, New Jersey, U.S.; W. E. Baker, Demorestville, Ont.; Clyde F. Beamer, West Union, Iowa, U.S.; Geo. W. Benjamin, Rushford, New York, U.S.; James W. Broadfoot, Russell, Man.; A. H. Brother, Toronto Junction, Ont.; E. A. B. Bruce, Cheltenham, England; Frank A. Bunnell, Waverly, N.Y., U.S.; Reuben A. Byer, Markham, Ont.; Edward Bailey, Uxbridge, Ont.; Geo. A. Campbell, Mohawk, Ont.; Ralph W. Carmack, Dana, Ind., U.S.; W. F. Carr, Buffalo, N.Y., U.S.; Frederick Chapple, Barline, Ont.; Ernest E. Chase, La Farge, Wis., U.S.; Geo. L. Clark, Columbia City, Ind., U.S.; A. R. Crooks, Scotland, Ont.; Henry A. Coxe, Milton, Ont.; Benj. Matt. Deavenport, Starkville, Miss., U.S.; John A. De Cow, Middlemiss, Ont.; George H. Dedolph, Tigerton, Wis., U.S.; J. D. Delaney, Independence, Iowa, U.S.; Fred H. Dettman, Pigua, Ohio, U.S.; Thomas Drown, Mitchell, Ont.; Cyren B. Estey, St. Cloud, Minn., U.S.; John F. Fulcher, Forest, Ont.; W. H. Galbraith, Brampton, Ont.; H. J. Gordon, Teeswater, Ont.; Nathan G. Gray, Ledyard, Conn., U.S.; Edward S. Greenwood, Douglas, Man.; Archie L. Haggerty, West Winfield, N.Y., U.S.; Henry J. Henrickson, Syracuse, N.Y., U.S.; William Hilton, Winnipeg, Man.; Robt. Lee Humphrey, Blumont, Va., U.S.; Mell Frazer Jackson, Auburn, Ala., U.S.; Conrad J. Johannes, New Dundee, Ont.; Micajah J. Jones, jun., Blanchester, Ohio, U.S.; A. Star. Keeler, Ottawa, Ill., U.S.; Harmon R. Kidder, North Warren, Pa., U.S.; William Kime, Chatham, Ont.; Anson Knight, Sardis, B.C.; J. Franklin Lavery, Sunderland, Ont.; Andrew N. Lawton, St. Thomas, Ont.; Wilfrid Lenton, Wawanosa, Man.; Albert M. Lloyd, Keswick, Ont.; F. H. S. Lowrey, Picton, Ont.; James D. McCarten, South Bend, Ind., U.S.; Harry C. McCartney, Ellenville, N.Y., U.S.; Robert A. McCartney, Ellenville, N.Y., U.S.; James A. McCreight, Brandon, Man.; James T. McFadden, Woonsocket, R.I., U.S.; Donald W. McLeish, Parkhill, Ont.; F. A. McNally, Toronto, Ont.; J. C. McNeill, Walkerton, Ont.; George Ulius Marchand, Mt. Eaton, Ohio, U.S.; C. A. Matthew, Coalport, Pa., U.S.; Wm. A. Meiser, Meiserville, Pa., U.S.; James T. Molison, Natick, Mass., U.S.; Fred J. Montague, Caro, Mich., U.S.; C. F. Moore, Lumsden, N.W.T.; David B. Morgan, Fayetteville, Ark., U.S.; Harry E. Myers, Sycamore, Ohio, U.S.; G. Wyndham Newton, Cheltenham, England; N. Peter Olsen, London Junction, Ont.; David R. Philip, Rochester, Montana, U.S.; Walter W. Pugh, Toronto, Ont.; David H. Pyke, Elmwood, Ont.; H. H. Ross, Burford, Ont.; Robert K. Russell, Toronto, Ont.; Frank A. Scott, Traverse City, Mich., U.S.; W. A. Scott, Rockford, Nicola Valley, B.C.; Harry B. Sears, Pittsfield, Mass., U.S.; Charles H. Solt, Arlington, Ohio, U.S.; O. L. Spidell, Wilmot, Ohio, U.S.; Chas. B. Stirling, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., U.S.; Oliver C. Stoner, Fernhill, Ont.; Cecil L. Thompson, Newton, Kansas, U.S.; Henry N. Thompson, Boissevain, Man.; John Thompson, Strathroy, Ont.; Milton R. Thyng, Morton, N.Y., U.S.; A. La Verne Tiffany, Dimock, Pa., U.S.; Oscar H. Titterud, Constance, Minn., U.S.; Juan C. Tornquist, Buenos Ayres, Argentina; Geo. W. Valentine, Waterville, N.Y., U.S.; John C. Wainwright, Strathcona, N.W.T.; Percy K. Walter, Pincher Creek, Alta., N.W.T.; Carr W. Watson, Hapswell, Maine, U.S.

Put Neck Back into Joint.

A remarkable case of veterinary practice was reported from Toronto recently, in which Dr. W. Mole, V. S., whom our readers will remember as a former veterinary adviser of the "Farmer's Advocate," replaced a dislocated neck in a horse that had, in throwing himself, put it out of joint by a wrench of the halter. Treatment consisted in dealing the distension a heavy blow; then as the horse collapsed men holding the halter jerked it sharply, the vertebrae slipping back with a sharp click. After lying stunned for three hours the horse got up and began to eat oats. Dr. Mole feels assured the recovery, which seems complete, was unique in the annals of veterinary practice. Death usually resulted before operation, due to the rupture of the nuni-gastric nerve, causing suffocation. Should an animal survive replacement of the vertebrae, death had followed within a week or so.

I received my premiums, the reading glass and harmonica, and am much pleased with them. I think they are all right, and will try to get some more new subscribers. LLOYD SMITH.
Elgin Co., Ont.

The National Record-keeper.

The breeders of pure-bred live stock in Canada, as well as our readers generally, will be pleased to view in this issue of the "Farmer's Advocate" the portrait of Mr. William Austin Clemons, who a couple of months ago, under authority of the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Mr. Fisher, took charge of the preliminary work in connection with the supervision of the proposed national records. As announced in a recent issue, the appointment is one that will command the confidence of the breeding fraternity. The Executive Committee of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association a few days ago placed themselves on record, endorsing Mr. Clemons' appointment as Registrar-General. Left unhampered by political or other improper influences, his record for staunch integrity and independence of character will stand him in good stead, and be a guarantee to the public of the character of the pure-bred live-stock records under his charge, and bearing the national imprimatur of Canada.

Mr. Clemons was born October 7th, 1870, in the township of South Dumfries, County of Brant, Ont., and is a son of Mr. G. W. Clemons, the well-known breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association for that breed. He was educated at the local rural school, the St. George public school, and the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, taking his second-class teacher's certificate at the age of fifteen. After leaving school he returned to his father's



Mr. W. A. Clemons.

farm, and assisted in establishing and building up the Maple Hill herd of Holsteins. For six years, from 1894 to 1900, he had charge of the office of the Holstein-Friesian Association, thus acquiring familiarity with pedigrees and experience in keeping live-stock records. In 1900 he went to Ottawa, as Secretary to the Live-stock Commissioner, and three years later he was made publication clerk for the Department of Agriculture, under Prof. Robertson, a position he has occupied up to the present time, demonstrating himself to be a most careful and competent officer. He married in 1903, Helen Jean, daughter of Mr. David Nairn, Principal of Dickson School, Galt.

Best Investment.

As my subscription to your valuable paper has expired, I enclose \$1.50 for renewal. I consider it the best spent dollar and a half that I can invest in any paper, as I would not be without the "Farmer's Advocate" for twice the money. I have to acknowledge, on behalf of my daughter, the receipt of premium bracelet, which is very fine indeed. She is very proud of it. Wishing you every success.

Lanark Co., Ont.

JAMES C. CURRIE.

Even in England.

Enclosed please find remittance for two renewals for 1905, N. Tolchard, England, and my own as usual. Everybody looks for the "Farmer's Advocate," even in England.
Bruce Co. GEO. TOLCHARD.

Re the Taxation of Farm Woodlands.

To the Editor "Farmer's Advocate":

Sir,—I was glad to note your editorial in your issue of March 23rd, advocating a law empowering municipalities to exempt from taxation such woodlands as are properly cared for. In view of the great value of a wood-lot as a part of any farm, and of the rapidity with which our farm woodlands are disappearing, I feel that there should be no two opinions as to the wisdom of this policy.

I note in the report of the Director of Forestry for 1901, that the farm woodland area of the County of Middlesex and the six adjoining counties, decreased from about 940,000 acres in 1896 to about 640,000 acres in 1901, a decrease of 32 per cent. in five years. After making ample allowance for errors by township assessors, the falling off is to be regarded as little less than astounding. The average per cent. of woodlands has fallen in these seven counties from 22% of the total area to 15%, or somewhat over 1% per year. That the area has been much further reduced since 1901 is certain.

The hope of arresting this deforestation lies, it seems to me, in three directions: (1) In an appreciation on the part of the farmer that it is worth while to care for his woodlands—I mean worth while as a matter of dollars and cents. (2) In the diffusion of knowledge as to the HOW of the matter; how to improve the wood-lot by the use of the axe; how to bring about favorable conditions for rapid growth and good natural reproduction; how to plant, and how to get good planting stock, and a dozen other hows; and (3) by judicious and equitable taxation.

It is undoubtedly true of several of the neighboring States—particularly the great forest States of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota—that unwise taxation has been at least a close second to fire as a destroyer of the forest. They have abundantly proven that by means of an unjust tax law, legislatures may devastate forest lands in a wholesale manner. It is equally true that by judicious tax exemption they may do much to stimulate the cause of forest preservation and extension.

Such exemption should, in my opinion, be limited to wood-lots reaching a definite standard of promise. This standard should be within the reach of all intent on improving their woodlands. The exemption should be continued only so long as proper care is taken of the exempted property; and only a reasonable proportion of any property should be exempted.

JUDSON F. CLARK,
Ontario Provincial Forester.

National Live-stock Convention.

On Thursday, April 20th, delegates from the various live-stock associations will meet in convention at the Imperial Building, 138 Queen St., Ottawa, to decide upon the constitution and rules to govern the National Association of Canadian Stock-breeders, and to elect officers for that body. The committees appointed by the Clydesdale, Hackney, Shire, Sheep, Swine, Shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus, Hereford, Ayrshire and Jersey Associations, to complete final arrangements in connection with the nationalization of the live-stock records, will meet at the same place on Wednesday, April 19th. Both meetings will open at 10 a. m., and continue throughout the day and evening.

F. W. HODSON,
Live-stock Commissioner.

[Note.—We trust that, in response to the call of the Live-stock Commissioner for the second national convention, there will be a large gathering of stockmen at Ottawa on April 19th and 20th, in order that every step in the nationalization scheme may be fully and fairly considered by those most directly interested, and in order that every necessary precaution be taken to conserve the rights of the breed societies to retain control of their respective records, registrars and funds. The importance of this movement to breeders, and also from a national and international point of view, can hardly be overestimated.—Editor.]

A Song of Seed Time.

By Frank H. Sweet.

"Whoa! haw!" cheerily
Over the field they cry,
Glad with yielding of the soil
And brightness of the sky;
Farmer and boy and hired man,
Harrow and horse and plow.
"Whoa! haw!" hear the cry;
"Steady, I tell ye now!"
Over the field in straggling line,
Ever and on they go,
And watchful on his lofty pine
Sitteth the thoughtful crow.
"Whoa! haw!" merrily,
Downward the western sun,
And to and from and back and forth
Till their work is done;
Farmer and boy and hired man,
Harrow and horse and plow,
Then through the bars to the barnyard,
To chores and waiting now;
Into the barn in straggling line,
Feeding out stalks and hay,
And from his perch on the lofty pine
Flieeth the crow away.

—[The Independent.