

use a common expression. It was thought that the offspring would be small, though it seemed reasonable to expect that the descendants would be chokeful of quality, of endurance, of courage.

May 31, 1913, was certainly a red letter day for the breed of French-Canadian horses, as on that date was born a black colt, Albert de Cap Rouge, —1489—, from the union of the two just mentioned. On June 2, he weighed 110 pounds, which was certainly not too much, but at one month, he tipped the scales at 190, at two months 290, and, as the mare was milking heavily, at three months 465 pounds. He was exhibited, out of competition, at Quebec and at Sherbrooke, that autumn, and an offer was refused for him which would have nearly paid what his dam cost. But he was developing so well that it was decided to keep him, the intention then being to see what the old and time-honoured cross of feed and breed would make of him.

Weaned at five months, he was wintered in a single-boarded, open-front shed, and he was never seen to shiver once, although he spent practically all his time outside.



FRENCH-CANADIAN MARES.

They are fast walkers, and this counts at the end of a day ploughing.

At twelve months, he weighed 750 pounds; at fourteen months, 850; at eighteen months, exactly 1,000; and at twenty-six months, 1,105, though he had been used for service when just about two years old and had fretted very much all through that season. When he was thirty-eight months old, he tipped the scales at 1,210 pounds, which was a little more than his sire and much more than his dam ever weighed. And finally, he matured into a horse of about 1,300, during the service season, and 1,350 outside of it.

A PREPOTENT STALLION.

After it was seen that Albert was over the weight of either his sire or his dam at the early age of twenty-six months, the fears that he might be too small, though very good, were allayed. But—and herein lies the trouble for some, and the charm for others, in live stock breeding—there was much uncertainty for the future, that is, fears were now entertained as to the size of his progeny.