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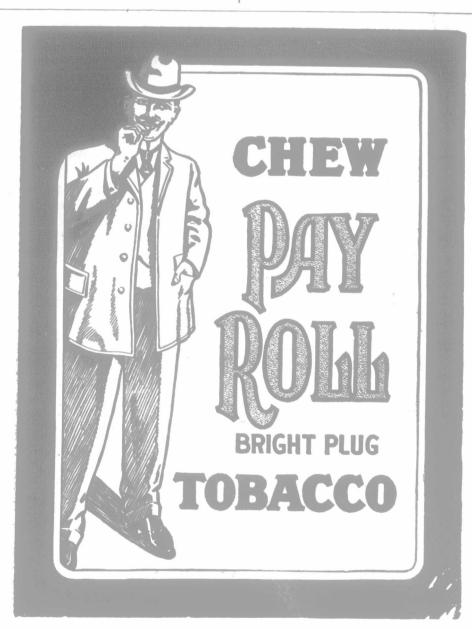
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### Gossip

SCARCITY OF HORSES IN AMERICAN MARKETS.

Horses are scarce and prices higher just now in every horse market in

United States than they have ever been in years before. The demand has been active especially for drafters and wagon horses. During the past twelve months trainloads of horses have been shipped west to the Pacific coast country from which in former years horses were sold to the east.



plentiful. There is no district from which it seems possible an increased supply can be drawn. Mature horses are scarce and this scarcity has already resulted in a large bulk of the three-and four-year-olds being turned into the market. There will be fewer horses of full age available next year than this. Prices it would seem must go up higher. The situation precludes any other possibility.

#### CARBERRY CLYDESDALES.

Shrewd buyers of horses know that they can generally see stock as it really is in the fall just on going into winter quarters and know that what they buy at this time is invariably bought right. Things are like that at Hawthorn Bank where Mr. John Graham, of Carberry, keeps Clydesdales and Shorthorns. There is on hand several young stallions and fillies that were brought out there last year and have got on a covering of flesh made upon Manitoba fodders, and have also got accustomed to the western climate. In the lot are five stallions, three-yearolds, and two two-year-olds. They are a well-bred lot and have size and character. A two-year-old, Gold Flake by Up To Time has just been sold. He is a tight, clean colt, a good snappy goer and a steady looking chap. The other two-year-old is Baron Venture by Baronson and shows his sire's strength of bone, fine feather and clean shanks. He will make a big horse both in body and bone.

The three-year-olds are Baron Graham, a black by Banonson out of a dam by Royal Gartly; Baron Elliot, a big massive bay by Royal Baron, a noted prize-winner at the big Ontario shows and in Chicago, out of a dam by Prince Erskine, and Proud Star, a great drafty colt by Pride of Blacon. wo of the fillies are by the renowned sire and showhorse Mercutio, and another that promises well is by King Tom a Prince Thomas horse. In a few weeks it is expected another lot will arrive from Scotland to supplement this bunch and Hawthorn Bank will very likely be the result of discriminating horse buyers between now and next

### GOOD DISPLAYROF MANITOBA-GROWN FRUIT.

The Buchanan Nursery Co., Charles, Man., have recently had an exhibition in this city of a fine display of native-grown fruits, finer and better than a good many people ever imagine it possible to produce in this country. Nine varieties of apples and crabs, mostly hybrid apples, four gooseberries, sixteen raspberries, seven strawberries, four cherries, ten plums, blackberries buffalo berries, etc. Each of these different fruits is of this season's growth. They were grown at the company's nursery on the banks of the Assiniboine at St. Charles.

## Questions and Answers

RAM AND DRAKE QUERY. 1. Would thirty-five ewes be too many for one yearling ram?

2. At what age is a drake past using in a flock of ducks?

Man. SUBSCRIBER'S SON. Ans.—1. No, but thirty-five are enough for one yearling ram in a season, mature rams may be used on as many

2. No particular age can be given. We have seen drakes used in a flock of ducks for five years, but the general practice is to change oftener, say every two years or so.

### RAISING AND MARKETING BROILERS.

Is there a steady market the year round in Winnipeg for broilers. Should chicks intended for broilers, be crated and fed before killing, and at what age should they be crated and how long fed?

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