

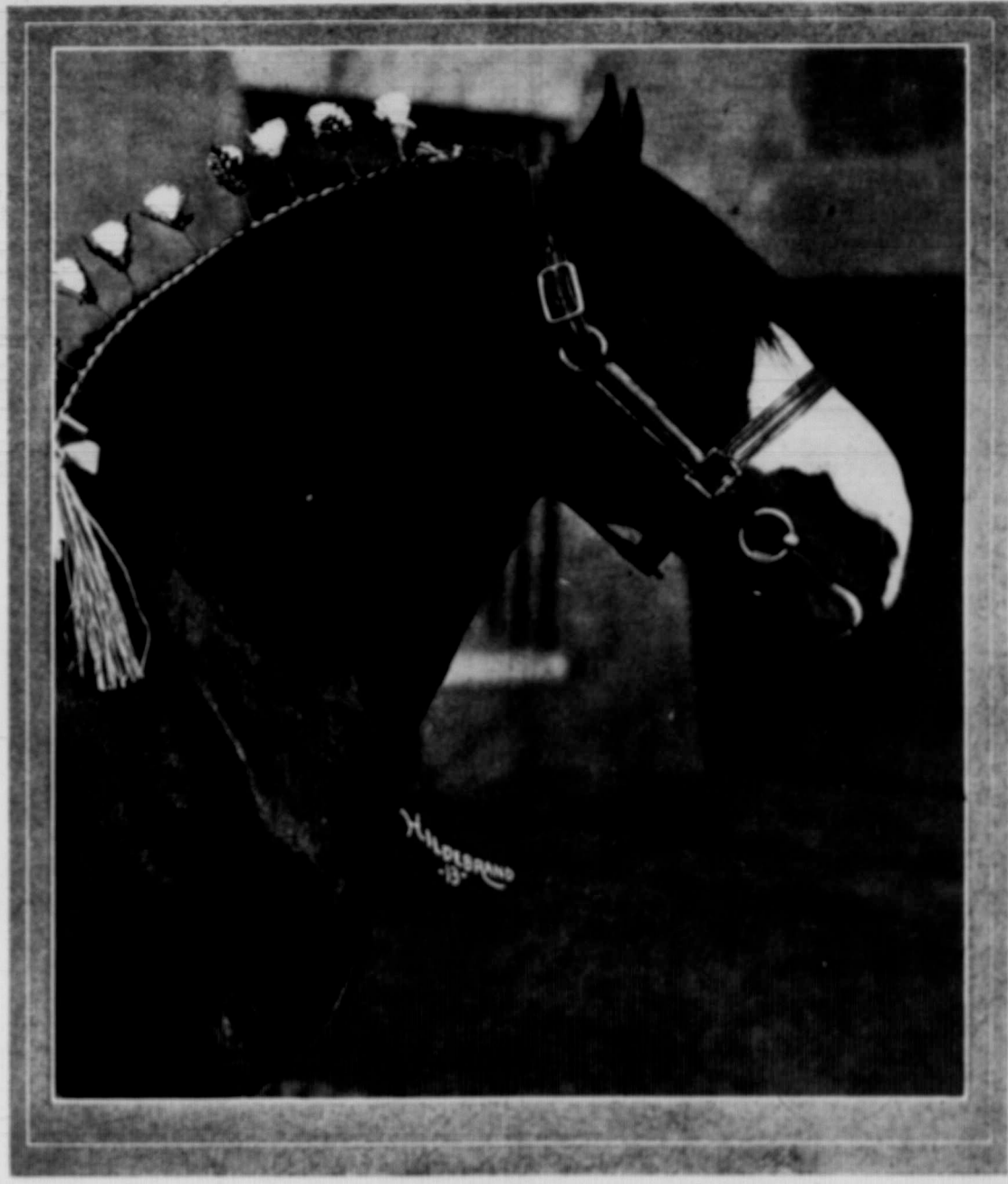
# THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE

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For the Year ending November 30th, 1915

Bank of Hamilton

As submitted to the Shareholders at the Annual Meeting held at the Head Office of the Bank at Hamilton, on Monday, January 17th, 1916

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1914	\$ 157,987.62
Transferred from Reserve Fund	300,000.00
Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1915, after deducting charges of management, interest accrued on deposits, rebate on current discounts, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts	424,274.05
Appropriated as follows:	\$ 881,361.67
Four quarterly dividends, in all 12%	\$360,000.00
Pension Fund, Annual Assess't.	\$ 9,013.68
Special Contribution	10,000.00
	19,013.68
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	26,526.46
Provision for Depreciation in Securities held for Debts and for Contingencies	300,000.00
	\$ 705,540.14
Balance of Profits carried forward	\$ 175,821.53

GENERAL STATEMENT

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>To the Public:</b>	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 3,489,830.00
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 8,302,395.73
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of Statement	29,767,568.88
	38,069,964.61
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	6,158.23
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	65,551.30
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	57,175.43
<b>To the Shareholders:</b>	\$41,688,679.57
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 3,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 3,300,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	175,821.53
	\$ 3,475,821.53
Dividend No. 106, payable 1st Dec., 1915	90,000.00
Former Dividends unclaimed	318.50
	3,566,140.03
	\$48,254,819.60

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Coin	\$ 799,790.92
Dominion Government Notes	5,839,896.00
	\$ 6,639,686.92
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	400,000.00
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	155,000.00
Notes of other Banks	281,220.00
Cheques on other Banks	2,053,582.31
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	340,813.54
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	954,031.29
	\$10,824,334.06
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	342,172.54
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities, other than Canadian	3,170,740.28
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks not exceeding market value	580,101.88
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding thirty days) in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	2,216,850.69
	17,134,199.45
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	28,119,125.74
Real Estate, other than Bank Premises	346,697.30
Overdue Debts, estimated loss provided for	149,392.94
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	2,101,220.53
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	347,008.21
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit as per contra	57,175.43
	\$48,254,819.60

JOHN S. HENDRIE, President J. P. BELL, General Manager  
**AUDITORS' REPORT**

In accordance with the provisions of Sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, we report to the shareholders as follows:—  
 We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches, and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the transactions which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.  
 We have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office and at several of its principal branches during the current year, as well as on November 30th, 1915, and have found that they agreed with the entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.  
 In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.  
 C. S. SCOTT, E. S. READ, Auditors, Chartered Accountants.  
 Hamilton, 17th December, 1915.



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EDMONTON	Feb. 21, 22, 23

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Under the auspices of the Fairs and Institutes and Women's Institutes Branches of the Department of Agriculture, Alberta.

Courses of instruction will be given in Livestock, Dairying, Agronomy, and Poultry Raising.

The Champion Shorthorn bred steer from the recent Ontario Fat Stock show has just been secured and will be used for demonstration purposes. Lectures and demonstrations for women will be given in Cooking, Sewing, Laundry Work and Home Nursing.

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# Pure Bred Poultry—FREE

## Boys and Girls—Don't Miss This!

Here is a chance for you to start a flock of pure-bred poultry without one cent of cost. You will be interested to know that the Extension Department of the Agricultural College is anxious to make the Rural School Fairs, a few of which were held last year, a greater success than ever. The other Western Provincial Departments of Agriculture are also very much interested in this matter, and it is quite likely that they will also soon be holding School Fairs. The Guide is anxious to help in this great work, and to make it easy for any boy or girl to secure some pure-bred poultry we are making these big free offers.



David Buddy, of Morden, Man., and his prize winning Wyandotte at the Portage la Prairie Rural School Fair, held October 8, 1915.

and Alberta may follow Manitoba's example.

### Your Choice of Seven Breeds

The breeds of poultry which may be selected are as follows:

BARRED ROCKS, WHITE ROCKS, BUFF ROCKS, WHITE WYANDOTTES, WHITE LEGHORNS, BUFF ORPINGTONS, ROSECOMB RHODE ISLAND REDS.

These breeds offer a wide range for selection.

### For "Grown-Ups" Too

While these offers are made specially to the young folks, we do not bar the grown-ups. In fact, this is a splendid opportunity for any person who is planning on a flock of pure-bred poultry. Poultry raising is a branch of farm industry, which if given proper attention will yield high returns for the amount of money and time expended. There are many farmers' wives in Western Canada who are making a good round sum of money each year by specializing in this particular branch of farm work, and it is not only a profitable enterprise, but a very interesting one.

### A Pure Bred Poultry Pen

Our first poultry prize is a pen consisting of a cockerel and two pullets, picked from pure-bred stock in any of the breeds mentioned here. The Guide's guarantee goes with these birds. They will be of first-class stock and of the very best breed, in short, they will be a credit to the breed which they represent.

### A Flock of Day-old Chicks



Our second offer, and one which we believe will be quite as much appreciated as the one which we have mentioned, is a flock of 12 chicks one day old. These also may be selected from any of the breeds mentioned. This

ought to be a great opportunity for the boys and girls, as these chicks will be eligible to be shown at any Rural School Fair this fall. This is a fine chance for any boy or girl in Manitoba to enter this class. Saskatchewan



### Let Us Hear From You

We hope that a large number of boys and girls and also others interested in poultry will take advantage of these free offers. The only condition attached to it is that



you devote a small portion of your spare time for some work for The Guide in your locality. You will be surprised at the small service which we require. Cut out the coupon below and we will give you full particulars and instructions.

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Province \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of poultry preferred \_\_\_\_\_

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THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE

WINNIPEG, MAN.



# The Grain Growers' Guide

Winnipeg, Wednesday, February 2nd, 1916

## TAXING MAIL ORDER HOUSES

The proposal of the Manitoba Government to levy a discriminatory tax upon mail order houses is not in keeping with the spirit of their legislative program. The mail order houses enjoy no special privileges and in no sense do they constitute a monopoly. Their business is largely done with the people in the farm homes and any tax levied on mail order houses will simply be passed on to the farmers. It will in reality be a special and unjust tax upon the farmers who already pay more than their fair share of taxation. We hold no special brief for mail order houses, but in the interest of the farmers of this country we feel it our duty to protest against this special discrimination. The mail order houses have brought much needed relief to the Western farmers by reducing prices on thousands of the necessities of life. The only crime they have committed is to develop a more economical method of supplying the necessities of life to the people living in the country. The retail merchants claim that the mail order houses should be taxed because they take the "cream of the business" and deal only for cash while the retail merchants give credit and carry stocks in the community. While there is considerable truth in this contention, it must be remembered that the retail merchant balances this by selling at higher prices in many cases and he charges a carrying charge of interest on his outstanding accounts. It would be a great loss to the country if the retail merchants were driven out of business, but there is no justice in taxing their competitors.

It must of course be remembered that there is an immense volume of business that in the nature of things cannot be handled by mail order houses. And for that reason the local dealer will always remain a part of the commercial system of the country, and everything possible should be done to build up the local centres and retain the community life which means so much to our civilization. But it would be a great error to attempt to regulate by law the channels of trade. Where the farmer gets credit and receives the special service of the local dealer he must naturally pay for that special service. But every person should be at liberty to buy where he can buy cheapest and sell wherever he can get the highest price.

What we need in this country is greater efficiency. The retail merchants must get together so that they can purchase at the lowest possible cost and as far as possible eliminate the credit business. It should not be forgotten that the retail merchants themselves recognize the efficiency of the mail order houses by ordering for their families many of those articles not carried in their own stores. In one of the larger Western towns the express company stated that a large portion of the mail order parcels were delivered to the houses of the retail merchants. Surely the Manitoba Government is not going to place a tax upon efficiency. Surely the government is not going to interfere with efforts being made to cut down the cost of living by reducing the expenses of distribution. There is at least one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in Winnipeg that employs no travellers yet has been able to compete with great success against other houses that cover the country with travellers. Why not tax this wholesale merchant for his efficiency, if efficiency is a crime? The tax on mail order houses is in the same order with the protective tariff and is an iniquity which we cannot believe the Manitoba Government will force upon the people of this province. If it is extra revenue the government needs there are many more just ways of raising it. We would suggest that those holding land out of

use in the province be compelled to pay for their privilege. It would be very easy to raise a revenue of half a million dollars if necessary by taxing the vacant land, urban and rural, and in addition to giving the revenue required it would also assist greatly in placing the land within reach of bona fide farmers which the government is seeking to attract to the province.

## ENFRANCHISEMENT OF WOMEN

The Bill which is to give the women of Manitoba the parliamentary franchise on equal terms with men passed the Manitoba Legislature last Thursday and only requires the signature of the Lieutenant-Governor to make it a part of the provincial constitution. Henceforth the women of Manitoba may vote with the men at all provincial elections. This is a great step forward in the march of civilization and Manitoba is to be congratulated as being the first province of Canada to recognize the rights of women to have a voice in making the laws which govern them.

In Alberta, Premier Sifton has announced that in that province the bill to enfranchise the women will include not only the parliamentary franchise, but also the right to vote in municipal and school elections as well. Whether this will be done by abolishing the property qualifications for school and municipal franchise has not been announced, but if so it is a move that has long been overdue and will be welcomed by all democrats. At any rate the prospect is that in Alberta, tho the women will not receive the franchise as soon as in Manitoba, it will be even a wider franchise.

In Saskatchewan the signs of the times indicate that the Government is not to be outdone by the other two sister provinces. It was intimated in the speech from the throne two weeks ago that the women had shown that they wanted the vote as they have shown in Manitoba and Alberta. Social reforms are of slow growth, but the suffrage movement in the West has made exceptional progress in a very short time. Those who love liberty will hail the day when women are placed before the law on terms of absolute equality with their husbands, brothers and sons.

## FARMERS GET POSTED

At the U.F.A. Convention in Calgary two weeks ago Dr. Magill, Chairman of the Grain Commission was present and answered many questions put forth by the delegates. The answers to quite a number of the questions asked were contained in the Canada Grain Act. When the Chairman of the Convention, E. J. Fream, asked for a show of hands of the delegates who possessed a copy of the Canada Grain Act, it was found that not more than 25 per cent of them had a copy. Enquiry at the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, shows that not more than one farmer in twenty-five possesses a copy of this Act. It should be remembered that the Canada Grain Act is one of the best pieces of protective legislation that has ever been enacted for the benefit of grain growers of this country. Year by year for the past fifteen years the Act has been amended and improved at the request of the organized farmers until it has brought the Grain Growers immense relief. True, there are many improvements yet to be made to the Act, and in due course they will come. But in the meantime every farmer that grows a carload of grain for shipment should have a copy of the Canada Grain Act and should read it from cover to cover. He will then be able to protect himself against the abuse of the car-order book. He will understand exactly the law in regard to car distribution and in regard to the rights of the elevator operator and the rights of the shipper. So far as the

grain trade is concerned the Canada Grain Act is in reality, the farmer's "Bill of Rights". Other publications that Grain Growers should read are "Grain Inspection in Canada", being a pamphlet written by Dr. Magill, Chairman of the Grain Commission, describing the whole system of inspection and grading. The Annual Reports of the Board of Grain Commissioners also contain a very large amount of valuable material on the grain trade. The list of licensed elevators and warehouses in Western Canada, together with the list of public elevators in each and the licensed commission merchants and track buyers, is put up in booklet form. At The Guide office we are receiving question almost daily that could be answered immediately by any person who possessed these documents. Every one of these publications is free for the asking. We would suggest that the secretary of each local branch in the three prairie provinces prepare a list of names and post office addresses of every farmer in his district, whether members of the association or not, and forward the list to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, with the request that the Department mail to each name on the list a copy of each of the following documents:—

- 1—Canada Grain Act with Amendments.
- 2—Grain Inspection in Canada, by Dr. Magill.
- 3—Annual report of the Board of Grain Commissioners for the past three years.
- 4—List of Licensed Elevators, Commission Merchants, and Track Buyers.

We have no doubt that the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, will mail out these documents as soon as possible after the names of the farmers are received, and we are absolutely certain that it would prove of immense educational value to every grain grower in Western Canada. Another suggestion that we would make, is that the Board of Grain Commissioners should collect in pamphlet form all the rules and regulations which have been put out by the Board and which are not contained in the Canada Grain Act. These rules and regulations could then be issued free and in convenient form to any person who would like to have them.

## BORROWING ON GRAIN

Several times in these columns we have asked for information from our readers to show whether or not the banks were loaning money to farmers on the security of the threshed grain on their own farm. Up till two weeks ago we were unable to get a report from any farmer who had succeeded in making such loans. Since that time, however, we have received a considerable number of reports showing that the banks are loaning money to farmers on the security of their grain in accordance with the amendment to the Bank Act, Section 88, made three years ago. We find that many of the banks doing business with the farmers in the West are loaning to the farmers on this security, and that some of the banks in particular are loaning quite extensively. Undoubtedly quite a number of the loans made on the security of the grain would have been made on the general standing of the farmer without such security, but our information is to the effect that a large number of farmers who would not have been able to borrow money from the banks under ordinary circumstances, have been able to do so by giving their threshed grain as security. This fact indicates that the amendment to the Bank Act was a benefit to the farmers of the West. It would seem therefore that any farmer who has a quantity of grain safely stored on his farm and insured, should be able to borrow a reasonable amount from his nearest bank. No doubt there is more money being borrowed on this security during the present year than ever before, because of

the immense crop and the impossibility of putting it on the market as rapidly as has been done in years past. On account of the shortage of ships to take the wheat away from the eastern sea-board the wheat has been backed up clear to the Rocky Mountains. Practically all storage capacity has been filled or will be filled by the amount of wheat now moving eastward. We receive letters regularly from farmers who tell us that they have several thousand bushels of wheat but have up to date not been able to market any of it because the elevators are full, the car-order book has several hundred names on it, and there are very few cars being received at their shipping points. In view of these facts the banks have a great opportunity this year for helping out the farmers by making advances on their grain on the farm until such time as it can be placed on the market.

#### DR. MAGILL'S SUGGESTION

A great deal of complaint is heard at the present time in regard to plugging the car-order book. Judging from reports there are hundreds of places thruout the West where there are from 100 to 400 names on the car-order book, while sometimes there is not even an average of one car a day being provided. It is also claimed that the elevator operators are violating the car-order regulations and getting more than their share of cars thru the assistance of farmers and others in the district who order cars when they do not intend to use them and then turn them over to the elevator operator. This is strictly against the provisions of the Grain Act and renders the farmer and the operator liable to punishment. At the Calgary Convention, Dr. Magill, Chairman of the Grain Commission, asked the delegates to consider whether it would be advis-

able to amend the Grain Act so as to compel farmers who want cars to make personal application on the car-order book. At the present time a farmer may appoint anyone his agent to place his name on the car-order book and it is charged that the elevator operators take advantage of this provision and thus secure a great many more cars than they are entitled to. Wherever the car-order book is congested it would be well for the farmers' organization to discuss this matter.

In Alberta the farmers at Gleichen are prosecuting those who violate the Grain Act by plugging the car-order book. It would be well to watch the results as shown elsewhere in this issue.

#### TESTING SEED GRAIN

In spite of all the educational work that has been done there are still a great many farmers who do not realize the necessity of having their seed grain tested for germination before putting it into the ground. Very frequently the expression is heard: "I know that my seed grain is alright and there is no need to have it tested." This idea may work out well in some cases, but quite frequently grain which the owner has thought to be quite satisfactory has been found after testing to be very poor in germination. There is very little excuse for using poor seed during the present year with an unlimited quantity available and an opportunity to have the seed tested by the Government free of charge. Any person who wishes to have seed grain of any kind tested should send a small sample taken from his seed grain to any one of the three following places:

Dominion Seed Laboratory, Calgary, Alta.  
Seed Branch, Department of Agriculture,  
Regina, Sask.

Seed Branch, Manitoba Agricultural College,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Seed grain will be tested free of charge at any one of these three places. When sending in the seed a small card should always be placed in the sample giving the name and address of the sender so that no possibility of confusion can arise.

On most of the railway trains on the Continent the old glass drinking cup has given way to the sanitary paper cup. On the Dominion Government railways, however, the dangerous old glass cup is still doing duty. It would naturally be expected that the Government would be a leader in sanitation.

Now that the women are to vote we shall expect them to study every public question and become posted.

While the snow is deep and there is little work on the farm it is a good time to do some thinking and planning for the future. If carefully done it will prove just as profitable as actual manual labor.

A co-operative bill which is satisfactory to the Grain Growers is now before the Manitoba Legislature and it is expected that it will become law at this session.

This is a time for getting out of debt, not for incurring further obligations, and wise farmers are paying cash.

Did you get a tin pot title out of the last batch?

The car order book is one of the farmers' best friends and it should not be abused.



OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA FOR 1916

The officers and directors elected at the Calgary Convention, January 18-21, are shown in the above photograph as follows: Seated on the floor in front, left to right—E. J. Evans, Hon. Sec. and Chairman of the convention; P. P. Woodbridge, Secretary; Treasurer, first row (seated), left to right: E. L. Sparks, Jenner; Russ Sheppard, Edmonton; W. D. Teague, Gleichen; H. W. Wood, Carleton Place; President, S. S. Ingham, Lethbridge; James Weir, Parkland; D. Buckingham, Stettin. First row, standing, left to right: A. Hahn, Bon Accord; J. D. Shuman, Cayley; J. L. Sparrow, Redbank; D. W. Warner, Edmonton; Hon. President, P. Baker, Ponoka; Paul Madge, Milk River; J. E. Rhoads, Cranberry. Standing at rear: J. W. Wood, Wainwright; A. A. Hall, Crossfield.



# Help Yourselves

How co-operation saved stock shippers at Hanley, Sask., several thousand dollars



JOHN AMES

"Say, Mr. White, you have some wool for sale this year, how would you like to send it in with the bunch I am collecting from several of the other farmers to be marketed by the co-operative branch of the department of agriculture?"

"Oh! I don't know, I've sold for several years to that man that comes round each spring. He's a good enough chap and he paid me 17 cents a pound for all of my last year's clip, tags and all."

"Well, I can't guarantee you any price, but I know for a fact that the department has been offered 23 cents per pound for all the wool they handle."

"That so? Well, I'll think it over." This conversation took place between an agricultural secretary and one of the farmers in his municipality in the northern part of Saskatchewan. Finally the farmer shipped his wool with the rest from that district, and a few days later he came up to the secretary and said: "Say, I got a check from the department for 16 cents a pound on that wool I sent down, and they say that there will be some more coming to me as soon as final adjustments are made. I guess I won't lose anything much, altho I'd have got cash from the dealer I generally sell to."

The secretary passed it off, and a few days later White came into his office with a smile on his face that wouldn't come off.

"Say," he said, "that co-operative wool marketing stunt of yours is all right. I got another check today for the balance due me on my lot and, taking it altogether, it comes to a little better than 23½ cents per pound. I guess you can handle all my wool next year and, say, what's this I hear about you collecting a carload of stock to take down and sell on the Winnipeg market? Can I get a couple of steers and some hogs in with the shipment?"

The agricultural secretary thought he could, and so another convert to the advantages of co-operative effort was made.

### Co-operation Increasing in the West

There can be no question about the strides which co-operative buying and selling is making among the farmers in the West at the present time. Thousands of dollars have been saved during the past year by farmers organizing and standing together to either sell their produce or buy supplies for the farm. In Saskatchewan great development has taken place. Under the Co-operative Act up to October last year there were 187 duly registered co-operative associations. With a view to getting some idea of the actual money value which co-operative trading was to farmers, the co-operative department circularized the secretaries of these associations asking for information on this point. The returns were by no means complete enough for a definite estimate to be made, but six taken at random show a collective saving of around \$5,000 on cars of stock handled and supplies purchased. On this basis, supposing only half of the associations are actively engaged in purchasing and selling, well over \$450,000 has been saved to farmers by these activities during the past year. So far co-operative effort in Saskatchewan has produced practical results along two main lines, namely, the purchasing of supplies and the marketing of farm produce and livestock. The growth and work of some of these associations has been remarkable. Take for example the subject of this article, the Hanley Farmers' Stock Shipping Association Limited which, in a district that is essentially a grain raising one, handled livestock to the value of \$18,879.95 during 1914, and made a saving of \$1,682.38 on the 1,162 hogs handled.

### Hanley Farmers' Stock Shipping Association

The organization of this association was due mainly to two causes. One was the very unsatisfactory price which occasional drovers would offer for hogs and cattle in the district, and the other was the presence in the locality of a man endowed with more than usual of the unselfish community spirit and bubbling over with energy, determination and the business ability necessary to initiate and carry on a co-operative movement in an entirely successful manner. Away back in the old days—as time is recorded in this new country—actually as recently as 1912, there was a co-operative general store in Hanley operated presumably on the Rochdale plan. It was scarcely a success, due largely to the fact that the support of members was not very loyal and credit was given by the management to hold the trade. This store was completely gutted by fire in 1912, and the co-operative trading movement with it died for some time. The idea of getting together for mutual advantage was by no means forgotten, however, and at a Grain Growers' meeting in December, 1913, the two forces mentioned above as responsible for the organization of the new movement made themselves felt. John Ames was appointed to go into the details of a scheme for the formation of an association, and a day was set apart for the organization meeting. On this particular day there was a drover in town and he offered the farmers six cents per pound for hogs, with a five-pound shrink on each hog. This didn't seem good enough to the meeting, and when John Ames outlined a plan he had in mind whereby a livestock shipping association could be formed, the members bringing the stock they had for sale together and shipping it in carload lots to the Winnipeg market, the idea was enthusiastically endorsed and John Ames appointed as the manager. Organization was effected with ten paid up members. The authorized capital was \$500, divided into shares of \$2 each, the purchase of one share entitling the holder to full membership. In the by-laws provision was made for building up an insurance fund to protect shippers against loss in transit. For this purpose shippers are charged three cents per 100 pounds for hogs and two cents

per 100 pounds for cattle. Non-members may ship thru the association and have the same privileges and protection as members, but are charged a commission of 1 per cent. of the net proceeds of the shipment. Curiously enough several shippers who are not members of the association have paid more than the price of one share in the association in this commission charge, and yet are content to hang back and not lend their support to this organized selling effort in their community which, by their patronage, they admit is of considerable monetary value to them. One man has already paid between \$6 and \$7 in this way.

### The Working of the Plan

The plan works out as follows: Members or prospective shippers when in town make a note, in a register provided for the purpose, of the number of stock they have to ship and about what date these will be ready. When sufficient are in sight the manager appoints a shipping day, makes arrangements about a car from the railway company and notifies all intending shippers of the date set. Hogs when received are classified according to the regular market grades by the manager, and

finally payment is made according to this classification. This receipt form is as follows:

**THE HANLEY FARMERS' STOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

To ship..... Per..... Manager  
Car Number..... (Date.....)  
Shipment Number.....

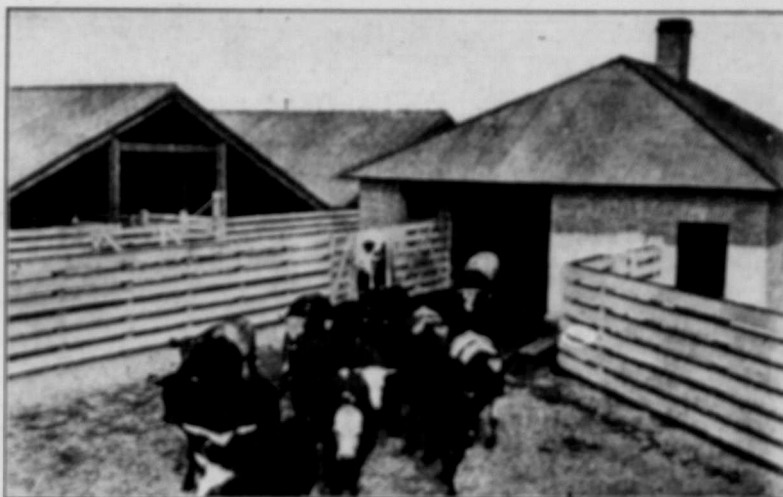
Name	Booked	Selects	Sows	Liphs	Stags	Wt.	Remarks
Total							

The cattle are simply marked plainly, recorded and weighed, then when the returns come back from the sale, each is recorded and paid for separately. Very few cattle have been handled by the association, thirty-six head being shipped in all. Most of the business has been in hogs. After classification the stock is weighed over the co-operative elevator scales, carbon copies of these weights are made out for each shipper, one cent per 100 pounds is charged each shipper for weighing, and the elevator charges the association \$1.50 per car. Shipments are consigned to the associations' order in care of a commission firm in Winnipeg. This commission firm takes full charge of the shipment, and does all the business at that end. When the sale is completed, an itemized statement of expenses, insurance, commission, weight, etc., is mailed to the association together with a draft for the net proceeds. On receipt of the statement and returns, the manager computes the expenses and shrinkage on each classification, deducts these items from the sale price, and mails each shipper his pro rata share of the shipment. So far it has always taken a week to get the returns into the hands of the shippers. A better idea of the business end may be gained by an account of the first shipment. The first shipment was 102 hogs. Expenses on this car were as follows: Freight, yardage, feed, storage, insurance (3 cents per 100 pounds for hogs), commission for sale, lumber, labor, nails, bedding, man in charge, paid \$4 per day for the round trip, which usually averages five days; insurance against disease, one-half cent per 100 pounds charged at the stockyards, manager's fees 8 cents per 100 pounds. The total expenses for this car were \$173.30. Shipping weight was 22,254 pounds, and shrinkage 639 pounds. The average price on this shipment was 8 cents per pound, and the net price to shippers was \$7.57.

### A New Line of Work

Starting with ten members, the association now has twenty-two members. So far no complaints have been registered, and increase in membership is entirely due to the results obtained. The capital subscribed has been used to purchase office supplies, tools, etc., and so far only \$29 has been spent on capital account. The manager is paid a commission of 8 cents per 100 pounds on all stock handled. He is also required to furnish a sufficient bond, and each car is charged one dollar to cover the cost of this bond. In 1915, up to October, only eight cars of stock had been handled, but the saving in increased price on these at sixty cents per hundred is over \$882. The small number of cars is because farmers almost entirely went out of livestock after the shortage of feed and low prices in the fall of 1914. With so little stock to handle it does not pay the manager to do all the work required, but with any of these co-operative enterprises there always must be some broad-minded, public spirited man who has as his first consideration the good of the community. John Ames is just such a man, and intends to see this association thru. His resourcefulness was shown this year when several farmers had stock to ship but not enough at one time to together make up a carload.

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A shipment of cattle coming off the weigh scales at the Union Stockyards, Winnipeg



# Profitable Percherons

A description of the type of horse the market is looking for

By Wayne Dinsmore, Secretary, Percheron Society of America

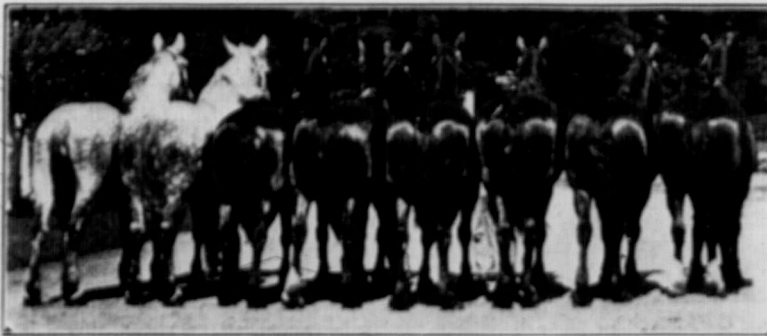
Canada's farmers need more draft horses. The wide areas of tilled land, freedom from obstructions, and the necessity for rapid work in seeding and harvesting place a premium on machinery that will do much work in a short time. Gang plows, large discs and seeders that will cover from one-third to one-half more ground than the ordinary ones, all increase the efficiency of the farmer and his men and reduce the cost of growing crops. Experience has shown that heavy draft horses are the most effective power units that can be used on farms. They utilize fuel, which is cheaper than oil and gasoline, are capable, in most instances, of self repair, and their ability to reproduce their kind gives them a practical advantage over tractors that has not, to date, been counterbalanced. Business men, farmers and bankers in Canada are so thoroughly in accord on this, as the result of the experience of the last ten years, that detailed argument is not necessary.

The advantages draft horses have over light horses in farm work are numerous. The tractive power horses can exert is governed by weight, strength and temperament. Under extraordinary pressure horses can exert from four to six horse power, but under conditions of daily work they exert a pull which is about one-tenth of their working weight. The horse power traction required to move farm implements depends on the soil, climatic conditions, and the condition of implements used. Under favorable conditions five draft horses weighing 1,600 pounds or over, will pull a two-plow gang of 14 inch plows a little more than twenty miles, averaging from five to five and a half acres per day. It will take seven horses that weight from 1,100 to 1,200 pounds to do the same work, and it is not practicable to work seven horses on one gang with the ordinary class of farm labor. It will therefore require two men on single plows, one with four and the other with three light horses, to do the same amount of work that one man will do with five draft horses. The same general ruling applies in seeding, discing and harvesting, for while one man can readily handle five horses on the implements needed, he cannot advantageously nor safely use enough more light horses to give him equivalent power. The use of draft horses, therefore, increases directly the amount of work one man can do in the field, and in actual practice the work is better done when drafters are used. When to this we add the fact that less barn room is needed, and less labor required in handling the heavy horses than is necessary where more light horses are used to make up equivalent power, the advantage becomes marked.

## The Market Demands Heavy Horses

Besides this, the heavy horses sell more readily and at higher prices when surplus is to be sold. Light weight horses have been bought at prices ranging from \$110 to \$150, while draft horses have brought from \$200 to \$300 each. This is an important factor, for every well managed farm has a few surplus horses to sell annually, and the readier sale and higher prices realized for draft stock are factors which must appeal strongly to all thinking farmers. Maximum cash returns are what we are all interested in, and this we obtain from drafters used in farm work.

Members of the Grain Growers' Guide are aware of the value of good seed grain, and must also realize the value of good seed stock in horse flesh. Growers of seed grain receive higher prices for their surplus than do farmers who produce ordinary market grain, and men who grow the pure-bred seed stock needed to improve the common run of horses likewise profit to a greater extent



Percheron grade mares in everyday use at Woodover Farms.

Mr. Dinsmore here makes out a strong brief for the Percheron horse. The value of this article lies in pointing out the desirable characteristics to be aimed at in breeding heavy horses on the farm. It is not intended that it should convey the idea that there is any one best breed of draft horses. The choice depends upon individual tastes, but the chief thing to bear in mind is that the market demands a high class grade or pure-bred heavy draft horse. To supply these farmers must decide on a suitable breed, get an ideal, and only use purebred draft sires of this particular breed on their mares, always keeping this ideal in mind.—Ed.

than do those who are contented with average horses. Incompetent farmers cannot successfully grow and market seed grain, and by the same token men must



Pure-bred Percheron mares in corral at Star U Ranch, Pekisko, Alberta.

be good farmers and good horsemen to succeed in the rearing and marketing of pure-bred draft horses. Even a bungler can make more money with grade drafters than with light horses; but a man must needs be a competent horseman to succeed with pure-bred stock.

## The Desirable Qualities in the Percheron

Of the four great draft breeds—Percheron, Clyde, Shire and Belgian—the Percheron is by far the most popular in the United States, and is rapidly growing in favor in Canada. Approximately two-



Pure-bred Percheron mares and heals.

thirds of all the pure-bred draft horses in the United States are Percherons, and Percheron blood predominates in the grade horses as well. Hardiness, easy keeping qualities, docility, great weight, power and endurance, clean legs and good feet are the main points which have carried Percherons into popular favor. Equally important is the propensity of the Percheron when crossed on common mares of nondescript character. The hardiness of the Percheron is shown by the fact that he does well in hot or cold climates, with or without shelter. His easy keeping, good feeding qualities make his maintenance much cheaper than in the case of horses that are fretful—"bad doers"—as horsemen say. It also makes it cheaper to put him in shape for market, and contributes materially to his value in everyday work. Great cartage and teaming companies want a horse that flanks down well and that is a good doer, for they have learned by bitter experience that a horse lacking these qualities soon goes off feed when put into heavy work, and must be laid off for a rest.

Down in Illinois, some thirty years ago, there was a noted stallion known as "King's Europe." He was good in all respects save the one just discussed. He was a hard feeder. This trait was transmitted to many sons and grandsons, which were used on grade mares to produce market geldings; yet even in these the fault was so noticeable that old, observing horsemen would not pay nearly as much for a horse of this strain as they would otherwise have paid. This is merely one concrete case. The easy keeping, good feeding qualities of the Percheron are therefore of substantial commercial value, keenly appreciated by good horsemen. The horse that walks off in the collar like a veteran when first hitched, that does not fret at unusual sights or sounds, and that is quick to learn to obey is a pleasure to handle. Such characteristics we term docility—good horse sense—and this the Percheron possesses in superlative degree. Boys like to work good Percheron teams, fathers feel safe when the boys are handling them, and the feed bills are less. This is another practical point in favor of the breed.

## Weight and Quality are Desirable

Mature Percheron stallions usually range from 16.2 to 17.3 hands in height and weigh from 1,700 to 2,100 pounds when in breeding condition—not fat. Mares range from 16 to 17 hands as a rule and weigh from 1,600 to 2,000 pounds when in working flesh. This height and weight, due to heavy bone, powerful sinew and massive musculature, give the Percheron power in the collar which is beyond the average, and with this goes great endurance, due to the great weight, good feeding qualities and level headedness characteristic of the breed. The soldier who keeps his head and conserves his strength outmarches and out-fights the one who does not; and this quality of steadiness and great endurance is one of the strongest points about good Percherons, and one of the most potent reasons for the popularity of the breed. Clean legs, with an absence of feather, appeal strongly to the man who is mending work early and late, and who has little time for grooming. The legs dry quickly, are easily brushed off, and keep free from sores or grease. Only the man who has to contend with horses having coarse, heavy feather can appreciate this to the full, but absence of feather is recognized as a practical point by busy farmers, and this has been of no slight importance in the growth the Percheron has made in America. Labor is scarce and high in price.

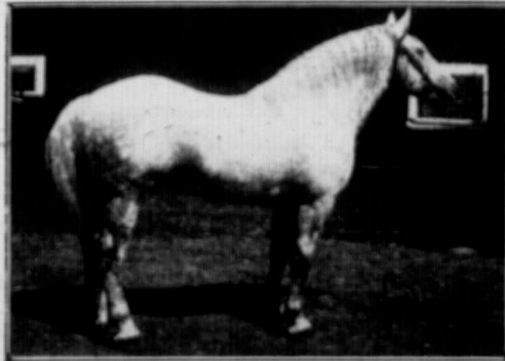
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# The Western Farm Horse

### What kind should the farmer raise?

By Alex. Galbraith, Superintendent, Fairs and Institutes, Alberta Department of Agriculture

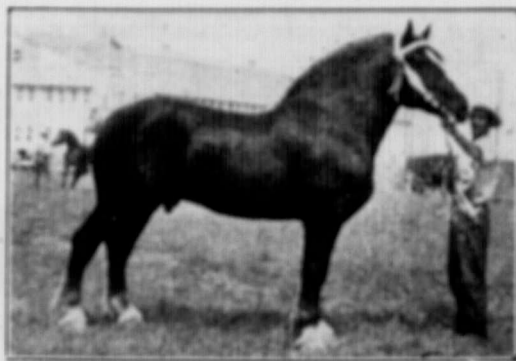


Percheron stallion "Icare," in use at Geo. Lane's Namaka ranch.

Many people have asked me as to the probable outcome of the present situation with regard to the horse supply of this country, and especially having in mind the present and prospective demand for army horses for the British and French governments. The subject is equally interesting and important, and, while I do not claim to have superior knowledge to other people, I certainly feel that the future of horse breeding in Western Canada is particularly bright, and also that by far the safest and most profitable type of horse to raise is the draft horse.

Talking with Lord Orkney, who was superintendent of the purchase of army horses last October, he deplored the scarcity of good saddle or riding horses in Western Canada, and gave his opinion that breeders should use thoroughbred sires more freely. Now, Lord Orkney's opinion is to me quite easily understood. He is a riding man, a hunting man, doubtless, who loves a horse with fine sloping shoulders and beautiful long neck—in fact, a thoroughbred or Irish hunting type.

But is this a profitable type for the average farmer to raise? I am afraid not. Just recently I heard of a breeder south of Calgary who offered to the French government buyers over twenty geldings of proper age and all sired by a government approved thoroughbred stallion, but failed to sell a single horse. They were all turned down as being unsuitable, but no explanation given. Now if a man can't sell such horses "in times like these," what chance has he to sell them in normal or peace times? Even in England, where ample opportunity is given to use the very best thoroughbred sires at reasonable cost, it has long been a standing grievance that no farmer could raise such horses and sell them to the government for remounts at a decent profit. For at least half a century to my knowledge a maximum price of £40 or £50 was held out to breeders as the purchasing price for suitable remounts. Farmers could perhaps afford to take this price, provided they had no misfits or unsound colts, but



English stallion, "Orange de Mabilade," champion of England, owned by Dewing and Edwards, Arlington Beach, Sask.

unfortunately the very reverse was usually the case. In order to be accepted the horses had to be practically sound and free from blemishes or injuries of every kind. On the contrary, a draft horse, if undersized, makes a good, useful farm horse, and worth as much as the accepted remount, while if up to size and weight will outsell the riding horse almost two to one. Not only so, but he needs far less care and training with very little breaking, and slight blemishes detract but little from his selling value.

#### Great Demand for Draft Horses

In confirmation of this general statement I would ask your readers to look at the prices paid in Canada and the United States for army horses of the various types during the past year. The British government had a fixed price of \$185 to \$200 for artillery horses and transport horses—the latter being usually grade drafters. For cavalry or riding horses \$150 was the regular price. The French government have all along been buying a cheaper class for all purposes at correspondingly lower rates, but the almost invariable rule has been that the heavier the horse the higher the price. The Dominion government last winter paid up to \$225 for grade drafters, but got their "riders" from \$125 to \$150.

It is interesting and instructive to compare the various types of horses and the average prices obtained for them during the last ten years in the world's greatest horse market, viz., Chicago. Fortunately an accurate record has been kept and the results are as follows:

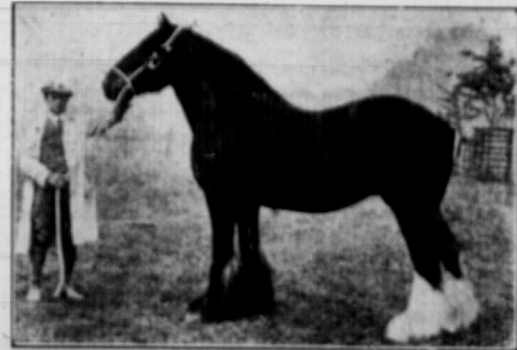


Six Clydesdale stallions, first prize winners at the leading state fairs, 1908. Owned by Alex. Galbraith and Son.

	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
100 lbs.	\$220	213	210	205	200	194	180	194	188	186
Chucks	\$194	97	97	92	87	77	69	77	72	70
Southern	\$182	176	175	170	161	152	138	152	147	145
Business and Trainers	\$170	165	160	155	144	137	129	137	134	132
General Use	\$180	174	177	182	172	165	156	165	158	156
100 lbs.	\$190	190	195	190	177	172	164	172	174	172
CARTERS	\$190	190	195	190	177	172	164	172	174	172
SADDLERS	\$190	190	195	190	177	172	164	172	174	172

#### Cost of Raising Differs

Now it will be noticed that carriage horses in pairs have brought the highest prices and draft horses second, with saddlers third and drivers fourth. This is what might be expected. But while this has undoubtedly been the case in the past, may I ask what of the future? Everybody knows the inroads made and being made on the carriage horse business by automobiles, and how very seriously it has affected the demand for and value of all classes of light horses generally. I am just afraid that the competition from motor cars is likely to continue and even increase if cars get cheaper, as they are likely to do. Another thing which must be considered is the fact that it is far more difficult to produce a well matched and absolutely sound pair of carriage horses than a pair of



Shire stallion, "Raycroft Forest Queen," champion at the Royal show, Nottingham, England.

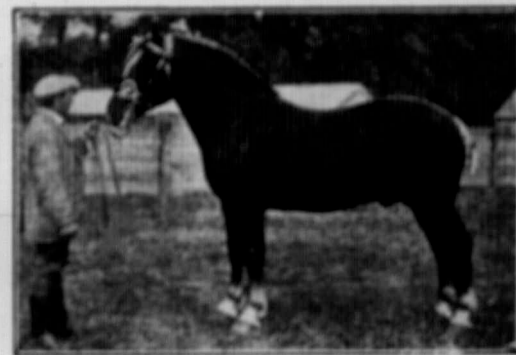
average drafters. The carriage horses must have quality and action, matched in size, color and shape, thoroughly broken to city sights and sounds, perfect in manners and disposition. The drafter has only to be reasonably sound and halter broken to be cashed at a good paying price on any day of the year. But I do not wish to be understood as advising everybody to avoid the breeding of light horses of the carriage or cavalry type. There are many very intelligent men in Alberta, for instance, whose tastes and experience have always been along light horse lines, and who positively dislike draft horses and have no desire to breed them nor sympathy for their production.

To such men I would say by all means stick to the light horse, but consult the market and try to raise the kind that will find the readiest sale and produce the fewest rejects or misfits.

As to the probable cost of raising horses no definite or reliable information seems obtainable. I talked to two Alberta horse raisers recently on this subject and both admitted their inability to answer the question. They agreed, however, that while one man might be able to produce horses at maturity for about \$40 a head, it might cost another man similarly situated twice this amount. Everything depends on the conditions, abundance of feed, freedom from disease and accidents and other causes too numerous to mention. Summing up, I would say to every horse breeder, consult your markets for type and requirements, and breed accordingly, keeping always in mind soundness in your parent stock and liberality with intelligence in the feeding of the youngsters, and:

"On reason build resolve, that column of true majesty in man."

The importance of grooming is not sufficiently recognized on most farms. To a horse, grooming is what a change of underwear is to a man. Imagine how healthful and pleasant it would be to keep on the same underwear all winter and then depend on the spring rains to do the laundering.



Shire stallion, "Munton Friday," champion at Nottingham.

# The Country Homemakers

CONDUCTED BY FRANCIS MARION BEYNON

## IT WORKED

"It did work, Miss Beynon, after all," said a pleasant faced woman, as she came up to shake hands with me at the Alberta Convention. "You remember you didn't think my plan for dyeing my rag carpet would work, but I tried it and it did, splendidly."

Which only goes to show that we should not be too much afraid to tackle a thing because it has not been tried before. The lady's plan, as she outlined it to me in her letter was to lay her carpet flat on the floor and apply the dye to it with a brush, as the carpet was too big and unwieldy to put into any vessel she possessed. I told her I was afraid the color would run thru the carpet and stain the floor, but she put a good layer of newspapers over the floor and so preserved it from harm, and she said her carpet took a beautiful color this way.

She put the dye on the stove in a tomato can and boiled it for hours, as a lengthy boiling, she claims, gives it a richer and softer color. Well, as a result of her courage and enterprise, she has a pretty rug in rich soft shades of brown to put into the room which she has just done over in a dull buff shade, instead of a very much faded hit-and-miss carpet. Another proof, this, that it isn't money that makes homes beautiful, but hard work and brains.

It is my firm conviction that every ugly, inharmonious house in this country could be at least reduced to harmony, if not made positively beautiful if the owners were prepared to make a lavish expenditure of energy and a small expenditure of money.

Being one's own house decorator is not easy, and I always take pains to warn those who write to me for suggestions that it involves downright hard work, but I find that the average country person is not very much alarmed at the thought of a stiff bit of physical exertion, and the end so splendidly justifies the trouble involved.

FRANCIS MARION BEYNON.

## THE HOUSEHOLD NUMBER

And don't forget, please, about the Household Number. Prizes of three and two dollars each will be given for the best and second best articles on the following topics:—

### Household Efficiency

No. 1. Re-arranging the present equipment in order to make the doing of the work easier. Simple alterations are included, such as building in shelves and simple cupboards. Drawings should be made of the kitchen and pantry in their original state and after the equipment has been altered.

No. 2. Equipping the house with modern labor-saving machinery, a list of which, with the approximate price is given at the conclusion of this article. Drawings should be made showing where each article of furniture would be placed in the model kitchen and laundry. Since it costs never a cent to fit out houses on paper we especially ask that the women who write on this topic give their fancy free rein and make their homes as efficient as possible.

### Mothers' Problems

No. 1. Care of the Very Young Child.

No. 2. Training the Child's Character.

There will be eight prizes in all, two for each of these topics, and I hope that out of loyalty to the Homemakers' department many women to whom such small prizes are no special inducement will be willing to give us the benefit of their experience.

All articles must reach The Guide not later than February 22. And they must be written on only one side of the paper and in pen and ink, and addressed to Francis Marion Beynon, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg.

### Household Appliances

Building of a small engine room and laundry and equipping for heating in winter, \$250.

A 7 1/2 h.p. gasoline engine, \$50.

Power washing machine, \$75 to \$115.

A 32 inch power run ironing machine for gas or gasoline heat, \$62.50.

Stationary tubs, \$32 each.

Installing an electric lighting plant, \$250.

Installing hot air furnace, \$250. Hot water furnace, \$350.

Installing vacuum cleaning plant, \$250.

Installing water system in house, \$125.

Carpet sweepers, \$2.00 to \$4.00.

Cabinets for kitchens, \$30 to \$60.

Long handled brushes, \$1.75.

## MEN HIDING BEHIND SKIRTS

Dear Miss Beynon:—You are deserving of credit for saying a word on behalf of our boys who have not yet enlisted. Most of our valiant shouters would like to convey the impression that the young

man who doesn't rush off to war to save the shouter's neck from the German noose is a demon of iniquity, not at all fit to live, but the young boy of eighteen or twenty has a better right to be allowed to live a little longer than the older shirker has to dodge behind the protection of his wife's skirts. I wonder if the boy is not as dear to his mother as the hubby is to his dear wife.

If we had a surplus of men in Canada conscription would be the proper thing, but as it is there will be thousands of acres of land not cropped next year, because of lack of help. I am a farmer, and right now need help badly; so do my neighbors.

J. BURNS.

## NOT OUR BUSINESS

Dear Miss Beynon:—Re your article "Penalizing Bachelors" in The Guide of Jan. 12, I would like to offer you my humble opinion. First of all I don't think it's our concern what policy Great Britain adopts concerning married or unmarried recruits, but at the same time ninety per cent. of



A Gull Rabbing a Plover's Nest

people would surely place the duty on unmarried men first. You say, "Why, it seems fair to ask, should the single man go to fight for the married man's wife and children?" But hasn't the single man anything to fight for? What of his little brothers and sisters and his dear mother, what of his home and country; are these not precious to the single man? If you have a father and a single brother, besides younger sisters and a mother, would you send your father to fight in preference to your brother? One is young, strong and hardy with no financial obligations, the other is the support of your home, and is fast passing the time of life where he could stand the hardships that the younger man could. Then, again, you say, it's the state that should stand all the financial responsibility. Quite so; but why would you have the state bear the financial responsibility of supporting the wife and family of the married man when they could send two younger men for the same money, and if the single man meets death the government's responsibility would not be anything like supporting the family and wife of the married man?

You say that owing to the single men being taken there will be an army of single women who would have married and had comfortable homes that will now have to live on a wage just above the bread line. Would it not be best to let these single women continue to live as they have been used to living, rather than have an army of widows and children supported by the state just above the bread line, being relegated there from their comfortable homes, furs, servants, limousines and luxury, as you describe the married woman, though it seems bad grace to admit that such is the different circumstances between having a husband and not?

Then, again, you say it's because married men are in government positions and are protecting themselves, but the British war lord is a bachelor, and even so, do you think that the sons of the British ministers want to go home and govern the country and send their fathers to fight?

Hoping you will see fit to publish this answer to your article in the Homemakers page, believe me to be

BERT SANTER

## RECIPES FOR TANNING

Dear Miss Beynon:—I have a couple of recipes for tanning skins with wool or hair on. I had a sheep's pelt but did not have the ingredients for

tanning it at hand when it was fresh, so I salted it down until I could get the materials that were required. I then followed the first recipe and had very good success. They can be worked more conveniently in warm weather.

No. 1. First soak the skin in soft water thoroughly. Then with an old knife or sword-shaped stick remove all flesh and fat and trim off skirts or rough edges. Then make a mixture of pulverized alum, 1 lb. with salt 1/2 lb. and wheat bran two double handfuls formed into a paste with a little water and spread over each skin. This makes enough for one skin only. Then roll it up, let it lie in the shade for three or four days; then shake off, rub and pull the skin as it begins to get a little dry, until it is soft and pliable. A little neatsfoot oil on the flesh side, well rubbed in, and rubbed occasionally as it is finishing drying, and the great job of tanning is done. This is from a practical tanner.

No. 2. Stretch and nail a fresh skin tightly to a board, flesh side out. Then, with a blunt knife, remove all fat and flesh from the skin. Rub in fine chalk until the chalk begins to powder and rub off. Then loosen the skin from the board and fill it with finely ground alum; wrap it closely; lay it by in a dry place for three or four days, after which shake out the alum and work well with the hands, and the thing is complete.

I colored the one I tanned with a package of black Diamond dye. I dissolved it as directed for coloring and rubbed it in the wool with a rice root scrubbing brush when it was sealding hot. One package made one pelt a grey color.

FROM AUNT BETTY.

## LAUNDRY HINTS

(From Good Housekeeping)

### Washing Colored Fabrics

"How can colored fabrics be washed without the loss of their color?" is asked by Mrs. O. E. V. Colored clothes should not be soaked or boiled. The washing should be done quickly with warm water and a mild white soap in solution. If the color is delicate—like lavender in dimities—the soap should be replaced by soap-bark, bran water, rice water, or cooked

starch water:

Soap-bark—One cupful of soap-bark in two quarts of water. Cook for twenty minutes.

Bran water—One cupful of bran water in one quart of water. Cook for twenty minutes.

Used strained solutions in clear, warm wash water. Wash rapidly one piece at a time. Do not use blueing with pinks, lavenders, greens, or yellows. Turn the wrong side out for starching and hang to dry with the wrong side out in a shady place.

### To Set Colors

Mrs. G. H. R. asks: "How can I set colors?" Use salt, vinegar, sugar of lead, alum, in the following proportions: To one gallon of water, one-half of a cupful of vinegar, or two cupfuls of salt, or one tablespoonful of alum, or one tablespoonful of sugar of lead (poison). Salt is usually best for blues, browns and reds; vinegar for pinks; sugar of lead for lavenders. To test for the best setting solution: Let a sample soak overnight in a setting solution,—then wash when it is dry. Drying after setting a color prevents it from fading. The effect of brine and vinegar is not lasting.

## TOLD THE TRUTH

"Did you notice any suspicious characters about the neighborhood?" the judge inquired.

"Sure, yer honor," replied the new policeman, "I saw but one man, and I asked him what he was doing there at that time o' night. Sez he:

"I have no business here just now, but I expect to open a jewelry store in the vicinity later on." At that I sez:

"I wish you success, sor."

"Yes," said the magistrate, in a disgusted tone, "and he did open a jewelry store in the vicinity later on and stole seventeen watches."

"Begorra, yer honor," answered the policeman after a pause, "the man may have been a thafe, but he was no liar."

## NOT THE STOCK YARDS

"Any letters for Mike Howe?" inquired the farmer of the postmaster.

"No, not for your cow or anybody else's cow," responded the postmaster in a rage.

## HE KNEW

Teacher—"What is velocity, Johnny?"

Johnny—"Velocity is what a fellow lets go of a wasp with."



# Britain's Fight for Democracy

## III.—The Task of British Reformers

By J. A. Stevenson

The ideal of British reformers was to secure for their country a primacy in the act of living, a superiority in moral principles and an abundance of possibilities of happiness for the inhabitants of the Empire. They desired not so much to extend the British flag over a wider area of the earth's surface, as to create a Britain which every other nation would envy and desire to imitate. There were long legacies of error and neglect to be liquidated and paid off. The advent of the industrial revolution which transformed Britain from a rural nation to a complex industrial community coincided with the Napoleonic wars and the period of exhaustion and slow recuperation which followed. Vast political reforms were achieved after 1820, but the new industrial system crept into existence without any adequate provision against its manifest evils and dangers. The coming of Free Trade in 1847 brought a certain relief, but it also strengthened the dominance of the "laissez faire" doctrine and the idea that the community had any duties towards its less fortunate members, received scant acceptance. In the main the teaching of the Manchester school founded by Cobden and Bright, tended both in internal and external affairs to take a restricted view of the functions of government. Government existed to maintain order, to restrain men from violence and fraud, to protect the community against foreign and domestic enemies, to permit men to enjoy the fruits of their labors, and enter unimpeded into arrangements and contracts with one another for their mutual benefit. Free contract was the watchword for industrial life as an inevitable corollary to the personal, colonial and international freedom, which was aimed.

### Trades Unions

But free contract did not prevent the shameless exploitation of the labor of women and children under disgraceful conditions in factories, and the workmen soon found that even their position was precarious, and to redress the balance resorted to combination in Trades Unions. Their organizations supported by J. S. Mill, but disapproved of by the leaders of the Manchester school, was a most far-reaching and important step. They were essential to the maintenance of the standards of life by the industrial classes, because they alone in the dearth of legislative protection could redress the inequality between employer and employee. Trades unionism took away some freedom from the workman, but in other ways it conferred greater liberty, for there could be no liberty for the worker with the employing classes in a position to dictate terms. Without the trades unions Great Britain would soon have been peopled only by two classes, millionaire capitalists and a pauperised proletariat, like China—a nation of Mandarins and serfs. Beneficent as were the results of the movement, the working classes failed to secure proper attention to their interests, and after the collapse of the Chartist agitation hope of amelioration faded dim. Disraeli was aware of the urgency of "The Condition of England," problem more fully than Gladstone and the Liberals who were immersed in constitutional changes and attempts to further the cause of European liberty, but his personal ambition tied him to the reactionary Tories, and what ground was gained in industrial reform accrued from the efforts of noble philanthropists like Lord Shaftesbury and trade union leaders like Edgar Jones and Applegarth. There was no attempt at town planning or housing schemes, the new industrial centres grew up disordered congeries of unlovely jerry-built dwellings, sanitation was unorganized and spasmodic industrial life was held cheaply without the protection of Compensation Acts, medical assistance

for the poor was expensive and inefficient, the idea of insurance had gained little ground, old age pensions were a Utopian dream and the concept that the community had any claim upon surplus land values or vast inheritances was scorned as rank heresy.

### Attitude Towards the Colonies

Parliament was a first class club, where two factions of honorable gentlemen almost exclusively drawn from one class, alternately governed the realm. The Colonies were regarded as outlying tenant farms, used to send scapegraces and surplus population to, but distant and uninteresting, "a millstone round our necks," Disraeli called them. About 1880, the advanced wing of the Liberal party, under the inspiration of Chamberlain and Dilke, was moving to braver deeds, and their unauthorized program caused great consternation among both Whigs and Tories.

Then came the Home Rule Bill and the great Liberal secession, doomed to cripple the forces of progress for twenty years, during which, with one

boyant slush and commercial greed. The climax was reached in the South African War, which, if it gave a severe blow to the Little England School's lack of faith in the maintenance of the fabric of the British Commonwealth, also provided a sad disillusionment to those Imperialists who believed in the quantity of a state rather than its quality. It proved the comparative ineffectiveness of brute military force against the determined national spirit of a few thousand farmers and revealed the utter unsoundness of the Tory conception of Empire. One result was the upgrowth of a new liberal Imperialism which was able to make the generous and successful experiment of granting speedy self-government to the conquered Boers. Another consequence was that the war's revelation of the hopeless muddle and inefficiency prevailing in many departments of the national life engendered a general determination to end the calculated and fatal neglect of social problems now pressing on every side, which had been the prevalent habit of the ruling powers for forty years.

By 1906 there had accumulated a variety of social grievances, the inevitable result of chronic evils long neglected. The great Liberal victory of that year aroused high hopes, the incompetent reactionaries were swept away, new men with new ideals took the reins of office and new measures of reform were promised in profusion.

### Socialist Movement

Mr. Chamberlain's tariff reform campaign had its Reform campaign had failed, but in company with the rapidly growing Socialist movement it had brought forward as the dominant issues, such questions as standards of living, regularity of employment, wages, and access to the land, and in general turned a searchlight upon the condition of the industrial workers at the expense of questions like Home Rule and religious education. The political power of the old middle class, supreme since 1832, had passed to the workers, who, in 1906, realized their strength for the first time; they were discontented and tired of protests, they wanted not merely to vote but to have some share in directing their own destinies. Much as the capitalist classes disliked it, the economic issue cropped up at every turn, both in Parliament and out of it. Debates on poor laws, old age pensions, child feeding, small holdings and conditions of employment became as common as they had hitherto been rare. The Conservatives clung plaintively to their panaceas of Protection and land purchase, but the Liberals were able to translate some of their beliefs into legislation. The aged were provided with pensions, poor children were given the right to some food and medical care, the Insurance Act was devised to help the sick and disabled and mitigate some of the evils of unemployment, and the establishment of Wages Boards in certain trades abolished the worst forms of sweating. Efforts were made to avert strikes by Conciliation Boards and a Poor Law Commission made an extensive inquiry into social conditions. Land reforms met with fierce opposition, but Ireland was successfully endowed with thousands of rural cottages and the Scotch Land Act strengthened the tenants' position and set up machinery for fixing fair rents. In England, the Small Holdings was a failure thru the studied negligence of interested County Councils, but David Lloyd George obtained a far-reaching scheme of land reform, which moved his opponents to drastic counter proposals. On the eve of the war, the British land system was obviously in the melting pot. Only in dealing with liquor and education had the Liberals totally failed to make progress, and the attack was to be renewed as soon as the desperate Home



French soldiers wearing the new steel helmet holding an armored trench during a violent German artillery bombardment. Drawn by F. Matania from Photographic Material, Nov., 1915.

The recent intensification of trench fighting along the Western front has led to many striking innovations, chief of which are the steel helmet and the armored trench. As regards the former, its efficacy in reducing casualties has quite amply justified its introduction. The armored trench is, however, a more complex and difficult problem; the use of heavy artillery pieces against field fortification has rendered some sort of additional protection imperative. There is a great tendency to depart from the old type of trench consisting merely of heaped-up earth and sandbags—and to develop in the direction of steel-plated structures, heavy curtain covered works, and metal shields of various types for strengthening the defenses. The Germans have brought into the Belgians small steel supports of a revolving type, such as the one shown in the scene above. This particular model had been captured by the French and was being used by them against the enemy. When shrapnel and high-explosive shells burst almost directly above a line of trenches, apertures and bulwarks formerly caused many head-wounds. This is now effectively counteracted by the steel helmet, which saves the trench fighter from a great number of small wounds to the head which might prove very serious, if not fatal. In the picture given above, a French armored trench is seen under a heavy enemy fire. All the men are wearing the new steel helmets and are seeking shelter from the severe overhead bombardment.

small break, the Tories ruled the destinies of Britain. While the trading and shopkeeping middle classes were doing their part in creating the means of economic power and prosperity their theories and policies were the object of constant attack and criticism by the Church and the landowners, who constituted the main buttresses of Toryism. As a result of the French Revolution the majority in these two elements had become obscurantist and reactionary, and their leaders, with a few exceptions, were incapable of meeting the Liberals in the intellectual field as long as Gladstone and Bright lived. They denounced the Liberal manufacturers as exploiters of the workers and their free trade cosmopolitanism as anti-national, but they offered no definite reform policy of their own, and resisted such progressive steps as the Education Act of 1870.

### The Rise of Imperialism

They had fallen back on the traditional policy of external expansion, now called Imperialism, which had been in disfavor since 1815. There was undoubtedly some need to establish a definite scheme of organization for the Empire adapted to its changing political needs, and both Chamberlain and Disraeli had definite, if unsound, ideas on the subject. But the Imperialist movement, welcomed as it was by classes who desired to divert popular attention from internal reform to external affairs, a trick dear to all reactionaries, fell into wrong hands and lost its inspiration in a maze of flam-

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# Manitoba

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## PATRIOTIC ACRE RECEIPTS

Previously acknowledged	\$3973.06
Per J. J. Shaw, Swan River	48.72
Miniota Grain Growers' Ass'n.	32.00
Beresford Grain Growers Ass'n	198.00
Thornhill Grain Growers, per	
Saml. White	30.00
John Sweet	25.00
Brock Morley	25.00
Thos. South	25.00
Thos. Morley	25.00
A. Carrie	25.00
Harry Allen	20.00
John Durnin	20.00
Thos. Ward	15.00
J. Langney	10.00
Dan. Maloney	10.00
H. Thompson	10.00
Jas. Broadbent	10.00
Wm. Bradley	10.00
Thos. Shortridge	10.00
Geo. Doney	5.00
J. R. Pearson	5.00
Jas. Duff	5.00
J. Stambuski	5.00
Fritz Stevens	5.00
Jas. Stokes	5.00
R. Skinner	5.00
T. Thompson	5.00
P. Robson	5.00
Fred Cardno	5.00
W. R. Fursman	5.00
Wm. Bentham	5.00
Jas. Cowan	5.00
Mrs. R. Sweet	5.00
Chas. Gellert	5.00
Jas. Broadbent	5.00
Geo. Simpson	5.00
And. McNab	5.00
	\$ 360.00
Myrtle G.G. Ass'n., per	
W. H. Halstead	\$25.00
P. Wright	25.00
W. Murray	20.00
R. H. Waddell	24.00
A. P. Johnson	20.00
Alex. Mitchell	20.00
Bert Reid	15.00
Fred Webster	10.00
	\$ 213.35
For Red Cross	
Total receipts	\$4825.13

## NINGA ANNUAL REPORT

As shown by secretary's report few meetings than usual were held. This does not necessarily mean less activity in our association, but that our energies were used in other ways. That interest is not waning is evidenced by our increased membership. Much work was entailed in the circulation of petitions re Equal Suffrage and Women's Right to the Dower, duties which the lady members successfully performed.

The Patriotic Acre pledges were circulated by your directors with gratify-

ing success. We might say that it was regrettable that all of the above petitions were not available for circulation during the winter months instead of July and August. Representatives from this Association attended a meeting in Killarney, and later in Boissevain, in connection with district association formation. Your directors have sought to have inter-municipal hall insurance tested at the polls this fall in the three municipalities by working in conjunction with the councils. Nothing definitely assured yet in two municipalities.

By acting promptly we were able to secure two cars of winter apples of extra quality and at a very reasonable price, considering the decidedly short crop. We have also been able to secure a large quantity of pure clover honey at a moderate price, enough to supply all the members.

We would respectfully suggest that a better system of carrying on co-operative work be arranged for, and think a few minutes in discussion might be profitable, when in order.

A suggestion was made at our last association meeting that some effort be made to provide a rest room for our wives and daughters when in town, which we would like to have taken up at this meeting. In conclusion, we thank you for your confidence and support in the year now ended. We ask you that in the election of officers for the coming year that you pass the honors of office to others and would also suggest in view of the past, that in the minds of some it is thought advisable to form more sub or rural associations, which would doubtless mean more meetings in the rural schools and ought to be decided now or can before the election of officers takes place. We, therefore, suggest that ample time be given for discussion, when in order to take it up.

We might also mention that one car of flour and feed from the Boissevain mills has lately been distributed at a considerable saving to this district. Another car has been ordered and is expected at an early date.

JAS. LYON,

Vice-Pres.

Note.—The above report presented by the officers of the Ninga Association to their annual meeting is an indication that the officers in that branch take their position seriously and discharge their duties to the Association intelligently. As a result of their intelligent activity on the part of the officers the branch is able to report a paid-up membership of 101 for last year. This is a clear indication of what can be done when the work of the Association is taken seriously. It would be interesting to know how many of the officers of our branches prepare a written statement of their activities throughout the year to be submitted at their annual meeting at the end of the year. Doing the work of our association systematically pays.

## ELM BANK CO-OPERATIVE REPORT

Our association engaged in the following co-operative activities in 1915:—  
 One car load extra manilla twine (24,000 lbs.) at 94c. \$2220.00  
 One car load stove coal, at \$9.55 175.99  
 One car load nut coal, at \$9.80 339.82  
 Two cars flour and feed (Grain Growers' special flour), at \$2.70 2041.35  
 Quantity of evaporated apples 55.00

Total \$4832.16

We bought the twine from our local agent on fall terms, the agent to take farmers' notes for same. The coal, flour and feed were all bought from The Grain Growers' Grain Company. The work of distribution has so far been left to the president and secretary. This year the president ordered the coal, becoming responsible for same and collecting for it on delivery. The secretary went good for the flour and feed and collected same on delivery, and they received nothing for their trouble. If we did not have these co-operative activities I do not believe we would have more than one-half of the members we have at present.

C. A. FOSSAY,

Secretary.

## STRATHCLAIR REPORT

In this report I would like to impress upon you, how by all working together, we may make our Association more efficient and at the same time increase our membership. Let me illustrate:—

In the first class let us put all those in the community who are always ready to promote the interest of those living in their neighborhood and of the public in general. We always find these people the first to join our Association. The second class are those who stand back—afraid to risk a dollar or an hour's time until they know the thing is on a paying basis. They look on with suspicion and seem to think we are in it for what we make out of it, or else that we will never amount to anything. The third class we might call the indifferent or selfish class. They are not interested in anything that will elevate or improve the community spirit on which so much depends. They have always made a comfortable living for themselves, and that is all they ask for. They attend church once a week, but outside of that they take no interest whatever in anything that is going on. How the less fortunate are getting along is no concern of theirs. The fourth class, and possibly the one in which we should be the most concerned, is the farmer who has to work and scheme to make both ends meet. His sympathies are very often with us, but owing to straightened circumstances, caused very often by no fault of his own, feels himself unable to join with us.

In regard to the first class I have nothing to say. The second class we are able to bring into our Association by developing the co-operative side of our work. Where we show them that we can save them money by joining with us, and that the more members we have the cheaper we can buy, they are not long in coming in, and very often some of them make efficient members. Others, however, are irregular

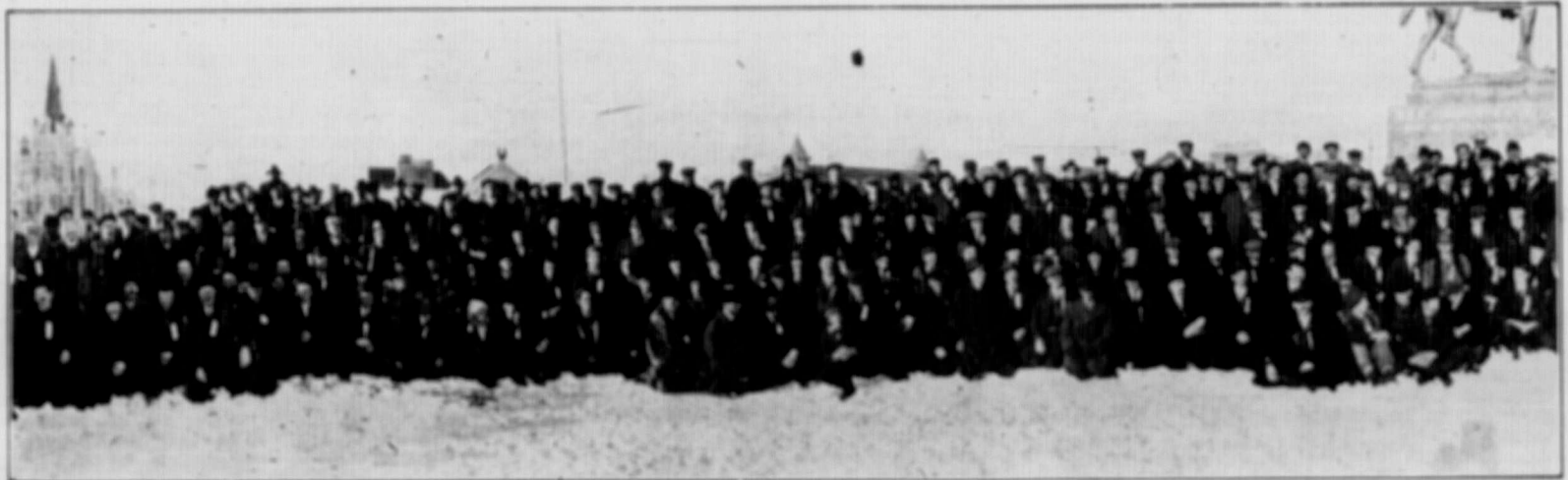
attendants at the meetings; they leave the business for other members to do and often find fault with what is done. They will even send their orders to the secretary over the phone. The third class are a very difficult lot to deal with. They are very conservative in their ideas and find it hard to believe that we are working for their benefit as well as our own. They refuse to read or believe The Guide, but if any of their party papers say the same thing they will believe it at once. We have to have patience with this class and try to win them by education. Now comes the fourth and last class to whom we should all lend a helping hand, by doing so we will all do a service to the unfortunate farmer, who by force of circumstances finds that after working long and hard for a whole year he has nothing left, after all his debts are all paid, to buy any luxuries or even the necessities of life. It is up to us to keep after the powers that be and let them see how urgent it is that these farmers get a square deal, by getting cheaper money, thereby enabling them to co-operate with their brother farmers, and to enjoy some of the profits which are brought about by co-operation.

During the past year our association handled nine car loads of merchandise composed of the following:—1 car load of cedar posts, 3 of lumber and building material, 1 of binder twine, 1 of apples and 3 of coal, besides a quantity of honey and cheese. The total approximate cost of all goods purchased by us during the past year was \$5485.00 and we made an approximate profit to our members of \$1,200.00. We always have cars consigned to the secretary of the association, and when the draft comes he phones the president and together they go to the bank and make arrangements for sufficient money to cover their purchase. When the car arrives the secretary notifies the directors, who are generally situated in different parts of the community. They in turn notify all the members on the different phone lines. When they arrive the secretary delivers the goods, and collects the money for same. We generally add 2 per cent to the cost of our goods to cover cost of handling. We have found since we have been buying co-operatively that we have made greater strides and our members turn out better to our meetings. For several years after we organized we found it very difficult to get our members to keep their dues paid up. Some would be eight months or a year in arrears. We solved the problem by passing the following resolution:—"As soon as a member makes a profit by any of our plans of co-operative buying the price of his membership for ensuing year is added to whatever commodities he buys." This ensures his membership paid in advance. We do not supply non-members with anything, but some of our members buy for their neighbors. However, we do our best to guard against this.

F. WILLIAMSON.

There is not the same standard of honor in dealing with politics as there is in ordinary life.—Sir A. Markham.

Everyone is the son of his own works.—Cervantes.



DELEGATES AT U.F.A. CONVENTION, CALGARY, JANUARY 18-21, 1916



# Percherons in Western Canada

*A visit to the largest Percheron horse ranch in the world*

By H. Higginbotham

"Show me the horse of a people, and I will tell you what are the manners and character of that people."

In this sentence the French writer Tousselet explains the liking of various nationalities for the horses of their own country. Thus the Scotchman swears by the Clyde, big, strong, active and of sterling quality; the Englishman insists upon the excellence of the massive, big-boned, somewhat slow-moving, but powerful Shire; the Frenchman enthuses over the Percheron, graceful, enduring, docile. There is no distinctive type of German horse; in Prussia one finds a horse of Belgian origin; in Schleswig they have the Danish horse; in Bavaria the horses closely resemble those of France. In America all the equine races of Europe are represented.

All domestic animals owe their present form and tendencies very largely to the selection of their masters; it is not surprising, therefore, to find that they partake of and resemble the qualities of the people by whom they are moulded. It is this close connection between a nation and its horses that led the Frenchman to believe that a Percheron horse could not be raised to perfection outside Le Perche. No doubt many Scotchmen and Englishmen possess the same belief regarding the Clyde and the Shire. With the French breeder of Percherons, however, the belief amounts almost to a creed. He will explain to you that it is the soil, or the grass or the climate of Le Perche which has given to the Percheron the qualities you admire, and he will shrug his shoulders and smile pityingly at you if you ask him why the soil and the grass and the climate of England or America would not do as well.

In his introduction to Georges Trousset's book "Le Cheval Percheron," Dr. M. Ch. Deloncle, honorary inspector of agriculture for France, declares that although the best representatives of the breed have been purchased at big figures and taken to foreign countries, the descendants of these horses have not retained in the same degree the excellence of their sires. In recent years George Lane, of the Bar U ranch, Pekisko, Alberta, owned by Geo. Lane, Gordon, Ironsides and Fares, has bought many horses and mares in France, paying long prices in order to get the best obtainable. In making these purchases, Mr. Lane had the advice and the assistance of Louis Aveline, one of the biggest Percheron breeders in France and son of Charles Aveline, president of the Percheron Horse Society of France. M. Aveline did not mind parting with the best of his own horses. "We are not a bit afraid of you. You can take our best, but you will not be able to produce their equal in your country," he told Mr. Lane.

#### Biggest Ranch in the World

At the outbreak of the war Louis Aveline went into action with the ar-

tillery. Being wounded, he was invalided home, and on his recovery he was entrusted with a horse purchasing commission from the French government. He has been in America over a year, and has bought over 15,000 horses for his government. Since he has been on this continent, M. Aveline has visited the establishments of the biggest Percheron breeders both in Canada and the United States. The writer had the pleasure of meeting M. Aveline in Calgary after his visit to the Bar U Ranch at Pekisko and Geo. Lane's ranch at Namaka, Alberta. M. Aveline said he was very much surprised to see such a splendid collection of Percherons in Canada. Nowhere in the world, he said, could they be equalled in numbers and quality. Never before had he seen anything approaching the sight of 200

produce Percherons the equal in every respect to those grown in Le Perche. The soil, climate and the wonderfully nutritive qualities of the prairie grasses of Western Canada, judged by the quality of the horses produced on the Bar U and Namaka ranches, are, in his opinion, splendidly adapted to horse raising; and if Canadian breeders secure the best sires they should undoubtedly be able to produce the very best Percheron horses. M. Aveline was particularly pleased with the quality of feet and bone of the horses seen at the Bar U and Namaka. As to size, he was inclined to be conservative, and rather deprecated the tendency he observed all over the American continent to breed a heavier type of Percheron than that favored in France. "In my country," he said, "we think a horse

kept out on the range and are not allowed to become over fat. This also applies to all the Bar U horses.

It is not always the biggest horses, however, that are the best, and Geo. Lane admits that one of the biggest mistakes he ever made was to part with the horse "Presbourg." This horse never weighed more than 1,925 pounds even when he was in good condition, and Mr. Lane thought he was rather too small. It was not until his colts came to maturity that he realized the real worth of this sire. By that time the horse had been for some years in other hands and had past his usefulness. After he left the Bar U, "Presbourg" never had a chance to prove his worth, being sold to men who kept no pure-bred Percheron mares. "Presbourg" possessed in a remarkable degree the ability of transmitting to his colts all his own best qualities. Strange to say, all his colts exceeded himself in size, for in this respect he bred back to his own ancestors, which had the size "Presbourg" lacked.

#### Trace to "Jean Le Blanc"

While Geo. Lane has made some mistakes—and what breeder has not!—future historians of the breed in Canada will recognize in him the biggest single factor in the introduction and popularizing of Percherons in Western Canada. One has only to glance at the Percheron stud book for Canada to see that a large proportion of the horses whose names have been made familiar by their successes in the show rings at western fairs were owned by Geo. Lane, Gordon, Ironsides and Fares. The first Canadian Percheron stud book was published in 1912. A second edition is now contemplated. The first edition contains the registration of 2,193 stallions and 2,111 mares. The horse "Presbourg" is No. 1 in the Canadian stud book, his number in the French stud book being 29983. He was sired by the noted French horse "Bisique," out of "Coquette." Most of Mr. Lane's stock traces back to that greatest of all sires of the Percheron breed, "Jean Le Blanc," which in turn was a direct descendant of the Arabian horse "Gallipoli," to which many of the best qualities of the Percheron of today are attributed.

Looking over the ranch record book it was noticed that the two-year olds all have names beginning with "L." On the Bar U all the colts born in any one year receive names beginning with the same letter. In this manner the name of the horse or mare at once indicates the age. Every horse raised on the Bar U has a number branded on the neck, in addition to the registration number. The brand is covered by the mane, and as it would not be noticed, except by someone who knew it was there, it is no disfiguration.



Five of the seven young stallions recently sold by the Bar U Ranch to Dunham's, Illinois. Left to right, "King George," "Lucifer," "Lorenzo," "Lefty," "Lancelot."

high class registered mares on one ranch; Dunham's, the biggest Percheron breeders in the United States, have not more than fifteen mares, and Mr. White, the president of the American Percheron Society, has only some ten head. In France there are no large horse ranches. Breeders, as a rule, keep only stallions, while the mares are in possession of the small tenant farmers. The small farmers retain all their filly colts, unless tempted by high prices offered by foreign buyers; but the horse colts are sold at birth to the breeders. As soon as a horse colt is dropped, the farmer notifies the breeder, who comes and inspects the colt. If he likes the colt, he makes the farmer a price on him. The breeders pay for these colts an average of \$200 to \$250, the farmers agreeing to keep the colts till they are six months of age.

M. Aveline told the writer quite frankly that his visit to the Bar U and Namaka ranches had completely changed his opinion regarding the possibilities of breeding the best class of Percherons in Canada. He said he was convinced that Western Canada could

is heavy enough if he weighs 1,700 pounds, but here you always want a horse to weigh a ton." M. Aveline thought the desire to raise big horses might result in some sacrifice of quality and action.

#### Good Size Desirable

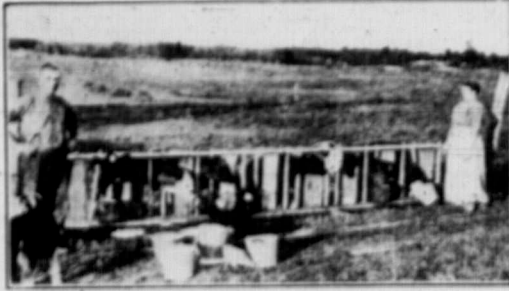
On this point, Mr. Lane thinks that it is possible to retain the most desirable qualities of the Percheron and gradually grow into a heavier type of horse. "American buyers will not look at a horse unless he weighs a ton," says Mr. Lane, "and if a man comes to buy ponches you cannot offer him pears." Weight is a commanding feature of the Percherons produced on the Bar U Ranch during the last few years. "Leare," the Bar U horse which won the championship at Edmonton last summer, is seven years old and weighed 2,450 pounds. Many of the best mares on the Bar U are in the ton class, and there is no indication that size has been obtained at the expense of quality. In fact their weight is largely accounted for by the fineness and density of bone, as the mares are



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# Farm Experiences



Home-made calf feeding device used by E. W. Roach, Douglaston, Sask.

## CUTTING OUT FARM CHORES

Let me submit a few thoughts on present day farming, and how we circumvented the labor problem. This last year we had hogs, cows, young cattle and horses, milking cows, and sent the cream to the factory at Moose Jaw. Upon the cream question, I observe that when the cows are fresh, with plenty of green grass to feed upon, then butter fat falls to the minimum, about 20 to 22 cents per pound. As soon as the pastures dry and the cows fall off in milk supply, then the price gradually rises to about 30 cents. With the high price of labor, 20 cent butter fat does not pay, unless the farmer has and can induce his boys and girls to do the milking. Neither does it pay when it is 30 cents, for if you have any to send to market, you have to stable, feed hay worth \$14 per ton, besides grain to your cows, which eats up most of the profit. To get rid of so many chores and dispense with the hired man we disposed of our hogs, which we found were eating too much high priced oats and barley to leave us any margin of profit worth while, and that margin was all absorbed in such a year as 1914. Then we disposed of our cattle and substituted brood mares, figuring that we could afford to sell a colt at three years old for the price of a fat steer and be money ahead, for the colt, outside the service fee, practically costs nothing, as it lives and thrives both winter and summer on the feed that nature provides without our assistance, save that we fence him in during the summer, seeing to it that he has water and salt. Cattle need have feed provided for them, and when you are feeding hay worth from \$10 to \$20 per ton it is an expensive proposition. Present day prices warrant twice as much for a three-year-old colt as for a three-year-old steer, unfattened. Next we have rented our land, and hereafter will use the mares to prepare our summer fallows, do some fall and spring plowing, plant and cultivate a few acres of potatoes, draw off our share of the grain, put in our coal for winter, and do a kind of farming that will mean better yields for the acreage. We still adhere to mixed farming, but we do not mix as much as perhaps we would were we cut off from all outside grazing grounds, or had our land all broken up and were head over heels into grain farming. We are converts to the theory that pedigree seed and better preparation of soil will bring us more returns from half the acreage.

—J. R. L., Sask.

## HUNTING COYOTES

The accompanying picture shows a method of hunting coyotes which has been very successfully followed by H. F. Shannon, Wilhelmina, Sask., and others. The dogs are kept inside the box on the sleigh until within a reasonable distance of the prairie wolf, and then they are let loose. The person driving can usually get very close to a coyote without exciting suspicion, and thus the excited dogs have a splendid chance to run this barnyard prowler down.

## HOMESTEADING PERILS

Here is a vital question every farmer should ask himself: "Situated as I am in this particular district and on this particular farm, with its special advantages and disadvantages, will it pay me best to raise cattle for dairying or for beef, or shall I try sheep, or can I raise a grain crop profitably, and if so, what kind of grain, or am I in a position to take up intensive farming—poultry raising, truck farming, etc., or is there a still more profitable course for me to pursue?" Is it not time that for want of a serious consideration of this question there are hundreds of farmers sowing where they do not reap? Expending, say, fifteen dollars' worth of capital to raise a ten dollar hog, or raising

grain crops under conditions that bespeak a loss? Bookkeeping of an effective type is the real medium thru which an answer can be obtained, but it must be a real live system that preaches sermons to its owner constantly.

Here are some points that a homesteader must inevitably consider if he is to realize any returns for expended capital: How far is my farm from town? The farther it is the more expensive will be the shipment of produce and hence the necessity of raising whatever is most cheaply transportable. If, in addition to high mileage, the roads are all but impassable as is occasionally the case, that will constitute an incentive to the raising of livestock rather than grain, since these will ship themselves without heavy teaming expenses. Is the soil of my farm heavy or light? A study of agricultural bulletins will enable one to judge with fair exactitude just what crop will prosper best. It is usually considered unwise, for instance, to grow oats on a light gravelly soil, or winter grains on a soil that is subject to heaving, or rye on a strong clean soil that can be better utilized, or Timothy on a low or alkali soil. Is there a plentiful supply of water at hand? While it is at least practicable to draw the household supply long distances, the absence of a sufficient permanent supply is fatal to the prospects of extensive cattle raising. These and many similar questions will readily occur to a thinking farmer.

## Marketing Requires Thought

Again, on the marketing question there should be more general forethought. Careless marketing is the cause of very heavy losses. This year, more perhaps than any, has revealed the absurdity of the annual avalanche of marketed grain in the threshing season. A careful study of the markets recorded on the last leaf but one of every issue of The Guide will put more dollars into a farmer's pocket than many days of ex-



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hausting labor in the field. This is not speculation in the usual sense of the word. A scrutiny of several years issues of The Guide will reveal the fact that the market fluctuations are largely controlled by regularly recurring features and a study of these is extremely profitable to the farmer. A vital problem in good management is the method employed in the direct handling of finances. Payments made in cash are, with few exceptions, more profitable to farmers than credit lines. In trading concerns credit often plays a conspicuous part, but the conditions therein are different. Heavy liabilities are so often carelessly assumed by farmers as a class, and adverse legislation makes the financial condition of the entire farming profession so insecure that any kind of a loan to farmers is invariably accompanied by exorbitant rates of interest. Another danger for the farmer in handling credit is that, unlike most other professions, he relies upon nature's uncertain ways for the meeting of his liabilities. Thus a farmer who contracts a mortgage repayable in a lump sum on a certain date, often relies upon anticipated crop results for its repayment, without having secured his position by creating a reserve fund during the course of the loan. Comes a bad harvest at the critical time and the farmer is at the mercy of the loan company who may compel renewal with crushing expenses.

Another aspect of the financial question is as to when capital should be expended in permanent improvements, or in transient investments. Many a young homesteader takes up land, with a fair supply of capital to commence on, only to make the often fatal error of sinking his capital into expensive static improvements such as large buildings, superfluous horses, fences, implements that are too often destined to deteriorate at a much more rapid rate than the returns of the farm will justify. The result is steadily increasing poverty, sometimes forcing the homesteader after years of bitter struggling to renew his stock of capital by quitting the farm and hiring out again. These are some points the writer had to contend with when he homesteaded eight years ago, and the lessons

he has since learnt would have stood him in good stead had he learned them earlier.

H. F. T., Sask.

## DIGGING A WELL IN QUICKSAND

I have noticed several inquiries as to how to sink a well in quicksand, and I have never yet seen a practical idea. Perhaps the plan I adopted with complete success might benefit others. With this plan a square crib works best, so start and dig your hole about 4 feet 6 inches. Keep your walls as perpendicular as possible and at the same time square. Dig nine feet deep and then crib. To crib proceed thus: Take a 9 foot board and mark off 4 feet 6 inches, and arrange so as to have a half lap of one inch on each opposite end. By cutting thru from each edge you save a cut. A sharp jerk and the board will split quite easily. Cut two boards this way and then place together, then you will find each lap will fit the lap on the other board and the whole will tend to bind together. Now place the four boards at the bottom of your hole and see that they fit good and tight against the walls, then place another round of boards, and each time see that they fit flush and square with the boards below and tight against the wall. It is best to dig your hole a little smaller, especially to make the boards fit tight, because it is better to take off a little of the wall than to try and fill in. With filling in the bracing effect is lost and the cribbing has a tendency to fall. After you get your hole cribbed to the top, take four pieces of 10 foot 2 by 4 inch scantling and place in each corner and spike with 4 inch spikes. This will nail your whole crib together. The foot of scantling above ground will serve as a platform to raise the pump, so as to get a good fall and also to make good drainage from the well. When you get the four corners spiked take 2 by 4 and brace between the scantling every three feet on the four sides. A greater convenience is to notch the scantling before putting in the well, then it makes nailing easier. Then on one side nail a board four inches wide, so as to form a ladder. You will find it handy if you have to go down the well any time. If you take your time you will find you have got a crib that will never cave in.

Now, when the top section is done, proceed with another section in the same manner, only if the walls are liable to cave in only dig five feet and crib and brace as before. At each joint splice with 2 by 4 and brace well. Proceed until you strike the sand, then when it starts to slide place each round of boards up under the other and nail temporarily to the board above. This will help to keep the sand back while you dig. The way I dig is this: I start in one corner and dig a hole as deep as possible; this acts as a reservoir to catch the drainage. Then I work back from this, and as it fills I keep it baled out below the level of the floor. When you strike water, mark the level. Now continue to dig and crib until you get depth enough to place a barrel—which must be sand tight—in the centre. The idea is that when the water rises it flows into the barrel, because you always have twelve or eighteen inches of water on top of the sand. Now place your pump inside the barrel, and you will always get water free from sand. If at any time you pump the barrel dry the sand cannot enter the barrel, and as the water rises again it flows into the barrel again and in this way the sand is not disturbed. If the season gets dry and the level goes down, your crib is already in place for you to go deeper. Just one thing more: When you

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# Breeding for Egg Production

How to mate the farm flock to increase egg production

By M. C. Herner, Professor of Poultry Husbandry, Manitoba Agricultural College

Those wishing to keep chickens only for egg production would do well to select an egg breed like the Leghorns, Hamburgs or Anconas. The Leghorns are probably the best of these. There are many varieties and sub-varieties in this breed, but the White variety stands out in a class by itself. These are just as good egg producers as any and besides they are almost the ideal broilers. The Leghorn is a bird of graceful curves, alert, active, hardy and prolific. They have no standard weights. They are probably better summer layers than winter layers as they are somewhat sensitive to weather conditions. Cold weather, long continued, will check egg production more in this breed than in the general purpose breeds, but on the other hand they also respond quicker after the milder weather comes on. Where summer eggs and a fair supply of winter eggs are the chief consideration, together with a breed adapted for broiler production, we cannot do better than recommend the Leghorns.



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The Anconas are a Leghorn-Minorca cross and are but little grown in this country. Type and general qualities are very similar to the Leghorns. The Hamburgs are a rounder and plumper bird than the Leghorn, but they are rather difficult to raise thru their first few weeks of existence. The Minoreas have nothing to commend them to the ordinary farmer. The old time Minoreas might have been a fairly good chicken, but the present day Minoreas with his long, narrow body, long legs and lack of constitution has very little to commend him to anyone - but the straight fancier. His constitution and egg producing qualities have been spoiled almost entirely by trying to breed to fancy qualities only.

The meat breeds are too slow to mature to be of much use in this country. The large amount of feather growth on the feet also goes against them, especially in the early, wet fall and spring months when they are liable to freeze their feet. Small flocks may work out all right, but for an average size farm flock they would require too much care and attention. For crossing on other breeds the Brahma is probably the best. Crossed with Barred Rocks they make pretty good roasters and excellent capons. However, there is no special need to go into detail about the qualities, type and so on of these breeds as they are hardly adapted to farm requirements.

What we have stated about various breeds are facts as we have been able to gather them during the last twenty years of experience in farm poultry work, working on large poultry plants and also college poultry plants. We have endeavored to give an impartial summary of these observations not on the basis that we know it all and this is the final word, but rather that we came to these conclusions gradually and that as the years go by and wider experience is gained we may from time to time make further observations and draw further conclusions in regard to the qualities of the various breeds of poultry.

### Breeding for Egg Production

In breeding for egg production the farmer should select his best winter layers and mate them with an active vigorous male bird that grew quickly and matured early. The hens should of course be selected not only for heavy production, but also for vigor and vitality. If the hens are rather large and oversize a medium sized male will do, but this averaging up has to be taken into consideration. It is best to discard hens that are very much undersize because there is always a tendency in the offspring to deteriorate in size year after year, if such birds be used promiscuously. Under farm conditions it would be worth while to take 15 or 20 of your best layers, or hens that are laying in December and January, and separate them from the rest of the stock and trap nest them. In this way the best layer could be found and her eggs marked and her cockerels kept for breeding purposes the next year.

I firmly believe that the average farmer has in his flock the nucleus for a heavy laying strain only he does not know where she is. The cockerel from this heavy laying hen should then be mated back again to the next winter's heaviest laying pullets and the following winter in his second year back to his own pullets, using his son, which should be from the heaviest laying pullet, to mate back to the yearling hens. This is the best method of breeding and selection I know of and if a farmer is fortunate enough to own a flock of pure bred to start with he can soon build up a heavy laying strain of his chosen breed. Where mongrels are used to start with, pure bred males should be purchased the first year or two until the flock becomes uniform as to size and color and then this method of breeding and selection should be followed.

Our own experience in this line of breeding has been this, that with the use of the trap nest for identifying heavy layers and breeding from them only the production was raised from an average of 139 eggs a year up to 167 from the 25 best layers. Inbreeding was followed and later on line breeding, and what this method of breeding and selection will lead us to we shall see as the years go by. If we give due consideration to the importance of having only strong vigorous and healthy birds to breed from we are satisfied that the question will work out all right.

Investigation work has shown that heavy laying is transmitted by the male birds and therefore farmers generally would do well to use male birds from recognized laying strains. Such birds can usually be purchased at two to three dollars each, whereas males from exhibition stock very seldom sell for less than five dollars.

It is often claimed that for best results yearling hens should be mated with cockerels and yearling males with pullets, but it is difficult to state that such will always be the case. Personally I believe that environment, method, kind of food fed and the general care play a bigger part in the results, providing that the pullets and cockerels are mature, than any special way of mating. As a rule tho the yearling hen produces a larger chick, fluffier and apparently more vigorous than the pullet for the simple reason that she lays a bigger egg. If pullets are mature, healthy and vigorous I would expect, other things being equal, to get just as strong chicks from them as from the yearling hens.

The period of usefulness of the male from a breeder's point of view usually extends over the second year. The number of females to be mated with a male for best results decreases year after year. A male hen generally passes his period of usefulness after the third season. The number of females to go with one male depends somewhat on the breed. In the egg breeds one male to every 15 to 25 hens is about the right ratio; in the general purpose breeds one to 12 to 15 females; and in the meat breeds one male to 8 to 12 females. These ratios may vary with some individuals. A specially active vigorous male in the lighter breeds will often fertilize the eggs from as high as 35 hens and in the general purpose breeds as high as 25 hens. Usually on the tenth to the fourteenth day after the male is put with the females the eggs will be quite fertile. On the third day some of the eggs may already be fertile if the hens are in full laying. After the males are separated the eggs will commence to show a decrease in fertility, covering a period of 14 to 20 days and even then an odd egg might still be fertile. But generally after the fourteenth day eggs may be guaranteed non fertile if sold for market use. The practice of using alternate males has a tendency to produce higher fertility in the eggs. Using one male a day or two and then changing off to the other one is a common practice. It is, however, hardly practical for the farmer to follow this as it requires considerable labor at a busy season of the year.

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# Saskatchewan

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## PROGRAM OF THE CONVENTION

The following is an outline of the program for the coming convention at Saskatoon. Minor changes may be made in this program, as it has not yet been validated by the executive. All delegates should endeavor to be present for the opening exercises, which this year will be made somewhat more formal and more interesting than in previous years.

The citizens of Saskatoon are responding splendidly to the appeal of the board of trade and city council to open their homes for the farmer delegates and their wives. If by any possible chance accommodation in the city should be short, arrangements have already been entered into, with the railway companies whereby at comparatively short notice a number of sleeping cars can be placed on the siding for the accommodation of delegates. This, however, will only be resorted to in case the city is in fear of shortage of accommodation by its own people.

The opera which Saskatoon city is putting on at the Empire Theatre on the last evening of the convention is something that none of the delegates or visitors can afford to miss. The city council is spending a very large amount of money on this performance, which speaks well for the splendid reception and hospitable treatment which this city purposes to give to our great farmers' parliament. J. B. M.

### Monday, February 14

- 9 a.m.—Directors' meeting, at King George Hotel.
- 2 p.m.—Directors' meeting, at King George Hotel.
- 8 p.m.—Open meeting of delegates, with short "get acquainted" addresses, Third Avenue Methodist Church.

Information and registration bureau and accommodation offices open all day and evening in basement.

### Tuesday, February 15

- 10 a.m.—Formal opening of convention. All officers on platform. Doxology. Invocation by the pastor. God Save the King. Remarks by the President.
- 10.15 a.m.—Addresses of welcome by the mayor of Saskatoon and a representative of the board of trade. Acknowledgement by President.
- 10.45 a.m.—President's opening address. Announcements and adoption of agenda. Report of Board of Directors and discussion. Report of the Executive and discussion. Appointment of resolution committee.
- 12 noon—Adjournment.
- 2 p.m.—Secretary's address. Financial and general report. Auditors' statement and discussion.
- 3 p.m.—Report on district meetings, J. F. Reid. New district map. Discussion and adoption of plan.
- 3.45 p.m.—Women's Section.—Address by the president, Mrs. Violet McNaughtan. Statement by the secretary-treasurer, Miss Erma Stocking. Discussion.
- 4.30 p.m.—Report on Association Fire Insurance, Thomas Sales. Report on Patriotic Acre Fund. Discussion.
- 8 p.m.—Addresses: "The Country Boy," by Dr. E. H. Oliver, and "Land Value Taxation," by F. J. Dixon, M.L.A., of Winnipeg.

### Wednesday, February 16

- 9.30 a.m.—Report of co-operative department. Financial statement and discussion. Incorporation of locals, capital debentures, distribution of profits.

affiliation of co-operative associations, distributing centres and storehouses and superintendence from Central.

- 11.30 a.m.—Nomination and election of President and honorary officers.
- 12 a.m.—Adjournment.
- 2 p.m.—Nominations for Vice-President and addresses by candidates. Ballotting for Vice-President.
- 2.30 p.m.—Report of banking and transportation committee.
- 2.45 p.m.—Announcement of scrutineers. Announcement of district meetings.
- 3 p.m.—Report of resolution committee. Resolutions.
- 8 p.m.—Addresses by Mrs. A. V. Thomas (Lillian Laurie), fraternal delegates and other speakers.

### Thursday, February 17

- 9 a.m.—District conferences. Election of nominees for District Director.
- 10.30 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 11.30 a.m.—Report of district meetings. Election of District Directors. Nomination of Directors at large.
- 12 a.m.—Adjournment.
- 2 p.m.—Introduction of nominated Directors. Election of Directors. Resolutions.
- 8 p.m.—Complimentary operatic performance at Empire Theatre, by the courtesy of Saskatoon City.

### PATRIOTIC ACRE FUND

Of late there has been a very perceptible falling off in the number of contributions received on account of the Patriotic Acre Fund. This is due very largely, no doubt, to the great shortage of cars, and the consequent overloading of the elevators, making it absolutely impossible in very many cases, for the time being at least, for farmers to dispose of their grain. As conditions in this respect improve, however, there should be no difficulty in the way of farmers carrying out their promises. I hope, therefore, at an early date to see a considerable increase in the number of remittances on behalf of this great scheme.

The position on January 25 is as follows: Number of acres promised, 6,238; number redeemed, approximately, 2,700; number unredeemed, approximately, 3,538; cash actually received, \$16,168; grain actually received, 69,430 bushels; number of acres represented by the grain in hand, 1,977; average contribution per acre promised, 30½ bushels. This represents, roughly, 3,200,000 pounds of flour.

It will thus be seen that more than one-half of the promises are yet to be redeemed. I am looking, however, for a great quickening in the redemption of these promises, so that the good name of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association may be worthily maintained. —S.W.V.

### SASKATOON CONVENTION

The following is a copy of a letter which has been sent out to all local secretaries: You will find enclosed credential cards for delegates which you are entitled to send to the convention, also the same number of copies of "Letter to Delegates." The number sent you is in accordance with the constitution, section 13, sub-section 3, which reads in part as follows: "Each local may elect delegates in the proportion of one for each ten members or major portion thereof. For the convention the number of members as recorded with the Central secretary on or before December 31 last preceding shall govern."

A copy of the "Letter to Delegates" should be handed to each delegate along with credential card, the latter being first filled in and signed by the local secretary.

In order that proper provision may be made for the comfort of delegates and visitors, it is important that notification should be sent to the Central

office as to the number of delegates appointed (giving names and addresses) and the approximate number of visitors who are expected to attend. This notification should reach us not later than February 7.

Regarding fares, section 9, sub-section 7 of the constitution reads as follows: "Railway fares of all delegates to a convention of the Central from points represented shall be pooled, and each local shall be responsible for any shortage incurred by the failure of its delegate or delegates to pay their allotted portion of the pool."

Every delegate therefore will be required to participate in the pool of fares. The fares of visitors will not be pooled, but they can secure free return tickets by observing the conditions as set forth on the enclosed.

You are asked to take steps to see that your delegates are appointed in good time, and the Central office duly advised in order to assist us in making this convention the most successful which has ever been held.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. MUSSELMAN,  
Central Secretary.

### Letter to Delegates

Dear Sir or Madam: As a delegate appointed by your local association you should receive from your local secretary a credential card duly signed by him, and a copy of this letter.

The convention is to be held in the auditorium of Third Avenue Methodist Church. Below you will find instructions regarding conditions to be complied with in order to secure free return ticket from Saskatoon to your station. These instructions should be carefully followed in every particular.

An opening meeting will be held on the evening of Monday, February 14, and all delegates should endeavor if possible to get to Saskatoon on Monday and attend this meeting. Early arrival of delegates will facilitate registration work and allow the regular business of the convention to be proceeded with promptly on Tuesday morning without hindrance.

On arrival at the place of convention present your credential card and standard certificate at the registration office (in the basement of the church), and you will receive in exchange a convention badge, voting card, and a check receipt for your standard certificate. This latter must be retained and presented later when applying for the return of your standard certificate. It should be pointed out that the standard certificate is not good for the return journey, but must be presented after validation to the ticket agent, who will then issue a free return ticket. Arrangements will no doubt be made for return tickets to be issued at the convention building, and announcement will be made from the platform in this connection during the convention.

Delegates and visitors needing rooming accommodation should apply to the board of trade accommodation bureau, which will be located in the convention building. Rest and writing room will be provided in the basement of the church for the use of those attending the convention.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. MUSSELMAN,  
Central Secretary.

### Conditions for Free Return

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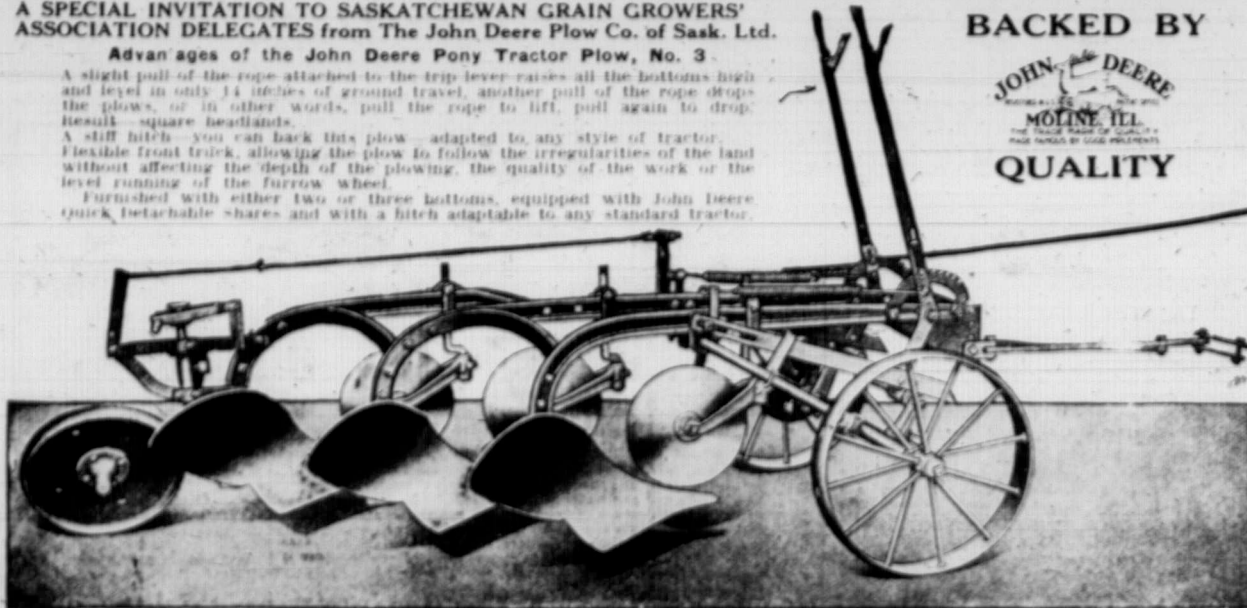
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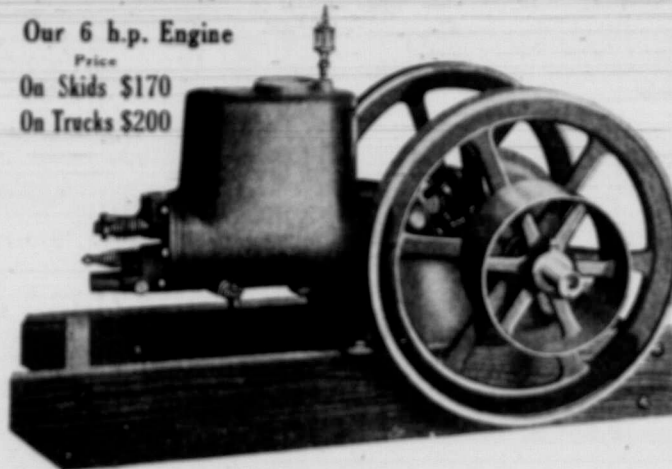
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### THE ASSOCIATION SEED GRAIN COMPETITION

In October last a circular was mailed to each local secretary of our association calling attention to the fact that arrangements had been made by the executive of the association with the provincial exhibition board for a big grain competition to be held at Regina in connection with this year's provincial fair. This competition is to be confined to locals in connection with this association, and certainly ought to appeal to every one of our members. As the circular to which I have alluded says: The interest which the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan are taking in their own chief industry will be measured very largely by the number of locals which show sufficient interest and energy to enter this competition.

We have, roughly, 1,100 local associations, with an aggregate of about 27,000 members. With such a membership we certainly ought to have a splendid show, and one that will be a great credit not only to exhibiting locals, but also, thru them, to the association as a whole. Prizes to the value of at least \$745 are offered, which, according to the number of entries, may be increased by anything up to \$1,195. In addition to this each local winning a prize will receive the provincial exhibition diploma, while the local winning the first prize will be awarded a magnificent trophy, and the cost to competing locals will be nil.

Every inducement is thus held out to local associations to enter this competition. Up to the present, however, only about thirty locals have responded. It is important that all locals which intend to compete should notify the Central office to this effect as early as possible, and I trust the number of prospective competitors will be very largely increased in the near future. "A word to the wise is sufficient."  
S. W. Y.

### SEAGER WHEELER HONORED

Seager Wheeler, of Roshern, Sask., "the wheat wizard," was the guest of honor at a banquet arranged by the Saskatoon Board of Trade and held in the King George Hotel, Saskatoon, on Monday evening, January 24. Prominent citizens of Saskatoon and of the surrounding country turned out in good numbers, nearly 200 persons being present to celebrate Seager Wheeler's success in winning for the third time the world's championship for the best bushel of wheat. All the speakers, which included Malcolm Hyster, F. Maclure Selanders, Mayor Young, J. P. Cairns, Professor Bracken, James Clinkskill, P. E. McKenzie, Professor Arthur Maxon and Professor E. H. Oliver, referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. Wheeler's work and the splendid advertising which his wheat growing successes have afforded the province of Saskatchewan and Western Canada generally.

The toast to the guest of the evening was proposed by Professor Ira McKay, who said Mr. Wheeler had followed the very essence of scientific method in applying to wheat growing the principle of the survival of the fittest. "Prophets who till the soil," was the speaker's phrase in referring to men like Mr. Wheeler.

### Seager Wheeler's Address

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early struggles and how, in the face of all difficulties and discouragements, he had struggled on. He said that the whole secret of his success was summed up in the words "seed selection and crop improvement." He told how he had arrived in the province just thirty-one years ago this spring, without any knowledge of farming, travelling by ox team; how for two years he had tilled the soil at a point on the river about 18 miles north of Saskatoon, and how all that he got out of his first venture was a two-cent postage stamp. His next move was to Moose Jaw, where he spent another two years, returning to the Rosthern district where he took out a homestead of his own.

Without modern machinery, without money, he told how he had done his first piece of plowing with an ox team and a borrowed plow. Yet the beginnings were made in that first winter when he spent many long hours in picking out the weed seeds and the poor grain.

"It was perhaps a crude idea," said Mr. Wheeler, "but it was the first step in seed selection. No one had ever heard of seed selection in this province ten years ago."

Mr. Wheeler told how he joined the Canadian Seed Growers' Association and how he took his first lessons in seed selection. He said that he took a type and from that type he reproduced to wards his ideal.

"There is no limit to what can be done with seed selection," continued the guest of the evening. "My object was not to win prizes but to improve the crop."

### Marquis Wheat

The speaker went on to tell of his first experiments with Marquis wheat, and how with his first supply of five pounds he had grown a crop that averaged 81 bushels to the acre. It was some of this wheat which he sent to New York, where it won the grand prize.

"Yet the honor was due to Marquis wheat, and not to the grower," said Mr. Wheeler modestly, and after recording some of the successes which he had met with at subsequent exhibitions, Mr. Wheeler said that all these honors could be traced back to the seed which had been produced by Dr. Charles Saunders.

"That wheat has had wonderful success in the United States, in Montana, Idaho, the Dakotas, and if I have helped the farmer to grow better wheat I am more proud of that achievement than of all the prizes I have ever won in my career," said Mr. Wheeler.

In conclusion, Mr. Wheeler spoke of his work in selecting and isolating new strains of wheat. He said that he had over one hundred varieties of wheat under observation.

Paul Gerlach, of Allan, another of Saskatchewan's most successful wheat growers, also spoke.

### THE BANKS AND LIVESTOCK

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Whereas the Bank Act does not permit the banks to lend money to small farmers for such purposes, and to take security over the livestock;

Resolved that we, the U.F.A. in convention assembled, request the Dominion government at the present session of parliament to amend the Bank Act, so that small farmers may have the privilege of borrowing at long dates from the banks on the security of livestock.

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## The Horse for Draft

By W. H. Palmer, Ohio.

A horse may be of good conformation so far as its body is concerned, and yet its usefulness will be greatly impaired if its legs and feet are not properly set on. Judges do not always bear this in mind, and consequently their decisions are unsatisfactory both to exhibitors and also from an educational point of view. The accompanying illustrations show both front and side views of correct and incorrect types of front and hind legs. In the first will be noticed the proper set of a horse's legs as seen from the front, and next to it the very common fault of front feet which toe out or toe wide. The third is wide at the knees, or a little bandy-legged and in the fourth the legs are set too close together and the toes turn in.

Illustration No. 2 shows the correct leg from a side view, then one which is set too far back under the animal.

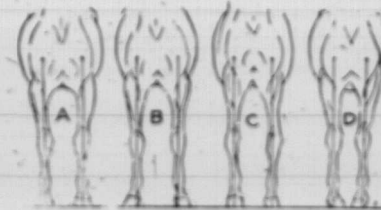


Figure 1

another which is knee-sprung, and still another which is what is commonly known as calf-knee.

Any horses having front legs which do not set as indicated from the front and side views of the proper set, are not as efficient as horses having the proper set of front legs. Something must give out under the strain, and these weaknesses grow worse or cause more strain on other parts, which finally culminates in a pronounced blemish.

Illustration No. 3 shows correct and incorrect set of hind legs. A being a proper set. Followers of draft horses at the shows know how common it is to see a horse travel wide at the hocks. The legs shown in B of this illustration are a very good example of legs set too wide, while C shows a very bad form, the hocks wide and the fetlocks and toes pointing in. The legs shown in D are equally bad, as they are set too close together, and those shown in E, close together at the hocks, are commonly known as cow-hocks, making the animal stand very wide at the toes.

Illustration No. 4 shows the hind legs from the side view, A being the proper set, while B shows a bad case of sickle hock; C shows a leg which is altogether too straight, and D, also another form of leg which is too straight. A little study of these four illustrations will give an intelligent idea of what is required in the proper set of a horse's legs.

### Classes of Drafters

In order to classify as a draft horse, an animal in fair flesh must weigh at least 1,600 pounds. The nearer the

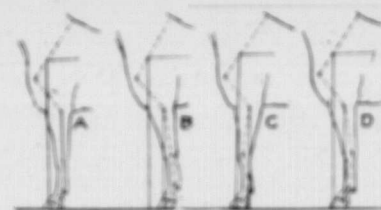


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horse approaches a ton or over the better. This weight should be due to massiveness of form and heavy frame and muscle, rather than to a great quantity of fat. There are three classes of draft horses: light drafters, 1,600 pounds to 1,700 pounds; medium drafters, 1,700 pounds to 1,850 pounds, and heavy drafters, 1,850 pounds and over. Weight in the draft horse is of great importance. It is of value because it helps to establish the value of the drafter on the market. The heavy drafters have for many years brought the most money. Also, weight is of value, for it holds the horse's feet firmly to the ground, enabling it to exert its physical force. The railroads have taken advantage of this in building the locomotive. In the early stages of the development of the locomotive, before it was introduced as a means of transportation, the inventor had a great

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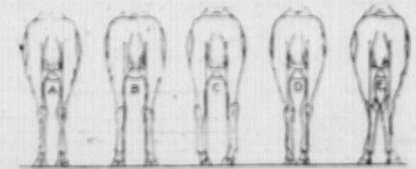


Figure 3

and the difficulty was solved. The man who rides a horse up a difficult hill applies the same principle.

The process of walking is a constant falling forward, and the heavier the weight that falls against the collar, the greater the pull.

It has been clearly demonstrated that if a horse is required to exert for a considerable length of time a pull of more than one-tenth to one-eighth of his weight, it is wearing upon its constitutional vigor and therefore affects its usefulness. At the minimum requirement, a team of 1,800 pound horses would develop 3 horse power, but a team of 1,400 pound horses would only develop about 2 horse power.

### Weight Very Important

The form of draft horses must be such as to insure weight. The weight should be obtained by breadth and depth of body, and a heavy development of muscles on the arms and forearms, over the back and thru the thighs. This heavy development of muscles helps to give the appearance of massiveness. The draft horse must give the impression of strength, of a horse of great power. In order to be efficient, drafters must carry their weight close to the ground, or, in

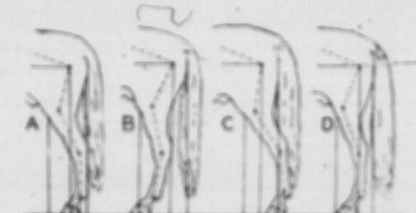


Figure 4

other words, drafters must be low set. Too short a leg is as objectionable as too long a leg, as it affects the efficiency of the horse.

Lack of depth of body, ranginess, openness, too great a length of leg and lightness of muscling thruout the body are things to be criticized severely. These deficiencies detract from the weight and strength, and, therefore, affect the efficiency of the horse.

Quality in horses is an indication of wearing ability. Not being correlated with substance it is difficult of attainment in draft horses, but the tendency is toward as much quality as possible with substance. Quality is indicated by the general refined appearance of an animal, clean-cut features of the head, thin, even lips, fine ears, neatness and refinement of neck and withers, soft, silky hair, thin skin and a clean, dense bone with a freedom from puffiness around the joints. Upon the uniform quality of all parts of the horse depend his value and the length of time he will be of service.

The draft horse must be energetic, showing sufficient nervous development to make him a willing worker. A sluggish disposition is to be avoided. There must be sufficient 'snap' about a horse for him to pick his feet up with a will, and to move off as if he meant business. Sluggishness is indicated by a lack of poise, by a slouchiness about the ears, and in the manner of standing. A good disposition is important, as it affects the ease of handling and working of a horse. It is desired that a horse perform his work willingly and that he attends to his own business.



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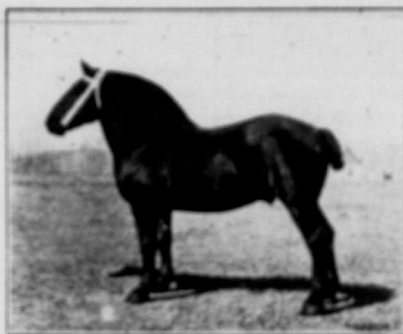
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Third Reading of Suffrage Bill Carries Without Opposition

Galleries packed with an audience tense with excitement tended to make the passing of the woman suffrage bill last Thursday afternoon a historic occasion in the province of Manitoba.

As the day and hour of this great event had been prearranged between the members of the Political Equality League and the government, all the available seats and standing room had been taken up before the house opened at 3 o'clock. The Speaker extended a very rare courtesy to the members of the executive of the Political Equality League in inviting them to occupy seats on the floor of the house.

The preliminary business was passed over with great dispatch to be followed by the resolution of the house into a committee of the whole to consider the suffrage bill. No dissenting voice being raised to any part or to the title of the bill, not ten minutes had elapsed until the house reassembled and the bill had reached its third reading.

### A Musical Outburst

When, after several short speeches earnest and facetious, the question was finally put and passed without a dissenting vote, the women in the gallery sprang to their feet and sang a verse of "O Canada" and followed it with "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." The strains had scarcely died out when, seized with a happy inspiration, the members on the floor sprang to their feet, someone shouted, "The Ladies," and they sang back to the gallery occupants, with great fervor, the same rollicking old song, "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

In moving the third reading of the bill, the Hon. Theo. Johnson said that while it was not customary to speak to a bill at its third reading he thought the occasion justified a departure from the usual routine, and in the absence of Premier Norris he wanted to express his feeling that this was one of the

most momentous occasions in the history of the province. He congratulated the new citizens upon their acquisition of new privileges and new responsibilities, and prophesied that the trail Manitoba had blazed would be followed in the near future by the other provinces of Canada.

### Hamelin Not in Favor

F. J. Dixon, E. A. McPherson, J. W. Wilton, J. H. McConnell, J. D. Baskerville and E. A. August all added tributes, grave or gay, to new measure and new citizens. The only dissenting voice was that of Joseph Hamelin, member for St. Rose, who said that having opposed the measure during the recent campaign, he felt it might seem cowardly of him not to register his opinion again. Since, however, the measure was to become law, he was not going to vote

against it, and he wished the women success in discharging their new responsibilities.

Accordingly, the suffrage bill passed its third reading unanimously, and the audience dispersed with expressions of good will on every side.

### BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

The outstanding feature of the eighty fourth annual report of the Bank of Nova Scotia is its exceptional strength, which in the circumstances prevailing today should cause considerable satisfaction not only to shareholders and depositors of this institution but to the public generally; for it is a matter of vital importance to the country that the banks should emerge from the present trying conditions in a satisfactory manner.

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Executive of the Political Equality League of Manitoba, snapped after witnessing the passage of the Suffrage Bill.

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**The Reconstruction Period**

There are numerous and diverse reasons why this should be so, and all in spite of the fact that in every instance huge war debts, many of them not yet paid by the various countries, were piled up. First, of course, comes the rebuilding of the war-swept countries. This means a boom in practically every line of industry. Next comes the back to the land and the workshop movement of the men who have during the spell of the war been unproductive. Then come the practical results from the economies of those who have stayed at home and worked and saved. To-day, in Canada, men, women and children are now possessed of bonds for the first time in their lives. People who heretofore never dreamed of putting aside a dollar for a rainy day, managed to subscribe a hundred or a thousand to the recent hundred million issue of war bonds. These people are not only just that much to the good, but in innumerable instances have, scarcely realizing it, inculcated themselves with the habit of saving which will follow them thru life.

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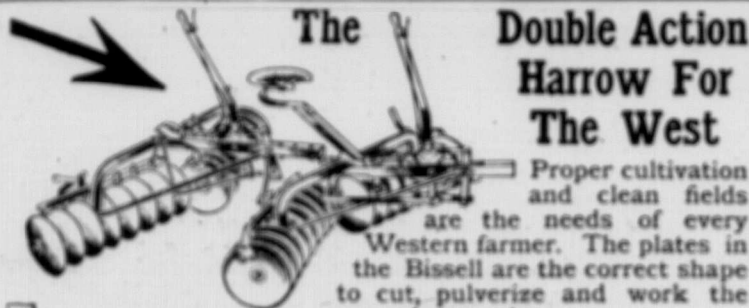
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# The Mail Bag

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#### THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Editor, Guide:—Would it not be better in every way if the money required for the purposes of the Patriotic Fund came out of the taxes of the country? I ask for enquiry, as so many are so thinking, and one also hears so many of our men in khaki complaining that it is too like a charitable fund, whereas really it is as much owing to them as is their pay, which does come out of public funds. Collected as it is now, some pay, many do not. There are also many foreigners among us who do not pay, but ought to as long as they live here and we are fighting to keep this country for them to thrive in and enjoy a better and more free life than in their own countries. These would all pay their fair share in taxation, direct or indirect. Taxes in one form or another—must be increased owing to the war, therefore let the government say at once that so much is needed for the purposes of providing for our soldiers, instead of trying to save their account by private subscriptions, concerts, raffles, entertainments and all such objectionable methods. With proper finance at Ottawa and public economy and honesty, no extra taxes would be necessary. The farmers have nobly done their share with "patriotic acres" and subscriptions for the past year. Let us now consider if this is the best way. Perhaps it is. There is ample scope for charity in Red Cross, Belgian relief, Poland, Armenia and other funds.

ENQUIRER.

#### HAIL INSURANCE

Editor, Guide:—I was badly hailed on July 7, and have just received \$1,445 compensation from the Hail Insurance Commission under the law of Saskatchewan. We pay four cents per acre hail tax, and I paid \$30 hail tax for 1915. I had a quarter insured with a hail company, and received \$530 for loss by hail. For this I paid \$51 spot cash premium. Please, reader, note the difference between company insurance and municipal insurance, which latter is a form of farmer's mutual co-operative insurance. Note the premiums of \$51 for \$530 compensation, and \$30 premium for \$1,445.

The municipal commission received for 1915 a total of \$850,000 premiums, paid out in losses \$670,000, and has a profit left of \$180,000. The stock companies for 1915 received total premiums of \$1,359,374, and paid in losses only \$427,610. In other words, the stock companies received from farmers more than \$3 for every dollar they paid back to farmers on hail loss. This is startling. In addition the profits under the hail tax law still belong to the farmers, whereas the profits of the stock companies do not. The above figures are taken from the Saskatchewan government hail report, which lies before me, for 1915. This hail law is one of the most blessed of the Saskatchewan government laws. We are indebted for its inception to Mr. Paynter, chairman of the Saskatchewan Hail Commission, and it was first promulgated at a Grain Growers' annual convention at Regina when I was a delegate. There are important improvements which can be made yet. Many farmers would like double benefit from the act, for which they are prepared to pay, so we need not use a stock company at all. We can only insure for \$5 per acre total loss under the present law. We want to be able to insure for \$10. We are aware there are some difficulties. The land companies and speculators holding land out of cultivation pay hail tax; well, perhaps we may not expect them to pay more. Then districts most liable to hail would be where the farmers would want the \$10 loss most. Why not meet these difficulties by charging a tax of six cents per acre additional? The scheme can be made quite optional on the part of the individual farmer by making it a

plan that he must notify the municipal secretary that he wants to pay the additional tax of six cents. Further, this second tax money can be separately handled by the hail commission, and proportionate losses paid as under the present law. In other words, the second part to deal with the additional \$5 and taxes can be handled separately by the same officials. It is simply an enlargement of the scheme.

Further, there are thousands of farmers who want to come under this beneficial hail law, but are now debarred because the law is not adopted by their municipalities. This is cruel and unjust. Let such men be able to notify the local secretary that they want to pay the hail tax and be insured, and let him enter the man on his tax books accordingly. It is very simple and can be easily done.

It gives a lot of work in the Central office to send out the forms for farmers who have been hailed to sign and take oath on same, as we had to do just before Christmas. It appears to me quite unnecessary, costs a lot of money and labor, and the stock companies do nothing of the kind. The coming convention should push these changes. Parliament meets the middle of January.

W. HORDERN.

Dundurn, Sask.

#### PROPOSES CO-OPERATIVE PARTY

Editor, Guide:—A general discussion has been going on in The Guide for the past two years, more or less, about the formation of a farmers' independent party. This question was also brought up at the last Saskatchewan Grain Growers' convention, but was disposed of in short order.

Now, we want to know where we stand in a matter of such importance as this. The sentiment for a F.I.P. is strong in this and other neighboring districts, and if it is equally strong throughout Saskatchewan, why not take hold of this matter at the coming convention and have a free and sympathetic discussion thereon. A farmer member of parliament should represent the farmers in every country constituency, both in the Dominion and provincial houses, but to do so to the fullest extent they should not belong to either of the existing parties, as the latter control the party funds and dictate as to policy and platform, hence the need of a farmers' independent party, which will be free to work for the benefit of the people and not for the benefit of a privileged few.

Our leaders in the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association appear very reluctant to tackle this question. We are told to take notice of what happened to the Farmers' Grange in Ontario when that body butted into the political arena. Its lesson, no doubt, should be taken to heart, but the disaster which overtook the Grange should only help us to sidestep a similar fate by being forewarned. Maybe our leaders are of the opinion that the farmers of this province are not ready for such a far-reaching step or that the sentiment behind such is not strong enough to warrant them in giving us a lead. If such be their position it is but reasonable to ask how they arrived at this conclusion. Have they received a vote of "yea" or "nay" on the subject from every local association in the province, or are they going by a snap vote taken at the last year's convention, which means nothing, except each delegate had a mandate from his local to vote as he did.

At the beginning of the discussion in The Guide it was impressed upon us that our associations should be kept strictly apart from the proposed farmers' independent party. The most of us, I think, were of the same opinion at that time, but prolonged and, I hope, matured thought has caused some of us to alter our opinion. It is by political



means the farmers of the West hope to find a solution for many of their most pronounced grievances. How, then, can we keep the associations out of the proposed F.J.P.? We are not supposed, according to the constitution of the association, to take part in party politics, but every member knows how impossible it is to assimilate this good advice. It is recognized that our associations are composed of men with progressive thought and ideas, men who have built up the associations amid all kinds of difficulties and discouragements. Are these not the kind of men we want to build up an independent party? Have we confidence in these men? We have. These men have solved many of our local economic difficulties by co-operative buying and selling; they have raised the social life of the farming community considerably and they have supported almost to a man all progressive legislation. Cannot we carry the good work a little further and build up on the foundations already laid a co-operative farmers' political party, whereby the farmers of this province can elect their own candidates to parliament? The executive for same could be elected from the pick of our present leaders, and a committee from the locals throughout the province. Each member of a local should contribute one dollar (or whatever is needed), to a central campaign fund, which fund would be used for election and organization purposes. All good speakers from the various locals would be listed, and wherever a farmers' candidate is put up for election those nearest the contested constituency would be called out to help the candidate. This is only another form of co-operation and, I should say, entirely feasible. What do your readers think?

JAMES BARRIE.

Brightholme, Sask.

SOME EVILS OF PROTECTION

Editor, Guide:—One of the most universal causes of complaint from everyone, regardless of party, is the poor quality of the matches we have to use. As far as I can ascertain, the making of matches is practically a monopoly in Canada, one only sees one maker's name on the boxes. The obvious remedy is to remove, or reduce, the duty on matches, and allow us to use better ones from England, or cause competition to compel better ones to be made in Canada, and at the same time, when money is so much needed, derive more revenue from the duty.

Another evil of protection is that attempts are made to manufacture macaroni in Canada, against nature. Not using meat, as many are not doing now, I use macaroni, and have studied its manufacture. To make good macaroni requires a special wheat, called Durum wheat, which is not grown in Canada, and it is better that farmers should not waste time growing it, as there is a better market for standard wheats, etc. Macaroni is now being made in small ways in small towns in the West, which no manner of cooking can make digestible, while the real macaroni, made in France and Italy—by our allies—in the finest factories is made very expensive for hungry Canadians to use. And this is all to enrich a few individuals who are, I believe, mostly Italians. The public revenue from importation of wholesome food is diminished, too. It is all the height of folly. Showing up a few concrete examples may help.

ONE OF THE SUFFERING PUBLIC

MERCHANTS CO-OPERATE

Editor, Guide:—Just a word to ask you if you are aware that the retail merchants of Saskatchewan have organized for mutual fire insurance, and are boasting co-operation along this line. By this fact they are encroaching on the insurance companies in the same manner as the farmers by co-operation are encroaching on the business of the merchants of Saskatchewan have organized retail merchants. The merchants evidently believe in co-operation after all.

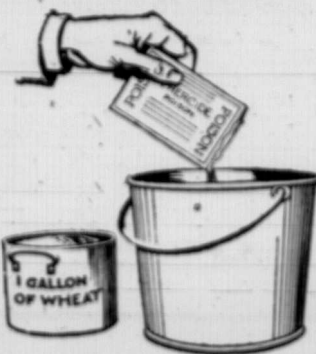
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# Motor Notes

By A. C. Emmett

A matter of far more importance to the farmer than even the purchase of an automobile is the provision of good roads. Prior to the purchase of a car the farmer is more or less lukewarm on the subject of road improvements, and it is this lamentable condition of affairs that has prevented the development of the prairie provinces in the manner they should have been developed during the past ten years.

The coming of the motor car changed the general view, owing to the fact that the highway took the place of the railroad with a very large section of the community as a means of travel from point to point, and the imperfections of our roads became so quickly apparent as to cause an agitation for improvements that is only now beginning to be recognized as a necessity in developing the provinces of Western Canada. From an early date the provincial governments charged a license fee for the use of an automobile, and it was naturally expected that such fee, after deducting the expense in connection with the operation of the act, would be expended in maintaining the highways. For many years municipal councils paid no attention to this phase of the question, but during the latter part of 1915, public opinion crystallized to such an extent as to result in the passing of a special resolution by the municipal representatives calling upon the government to set aside automobile license fees for road maintenance purposes. This has also been done by the Manitoba Motor League, which body circulated a large number of petitions throughout the province, and in no case had a refusal to stand by in an attempt to show the government that public opinion demanded some well defined road policy.

The amount of money available from automobile license fees is approximately \$110,000 in Manitoba, and the suggestion is made that a sum equal to whatever was spent by a municipality on road maintenance should be granted from this source. If this were done, only rural municipalities would benefit, as it is not the intention to make grants to towns or cities. The money would therefore go to the carrying out of work where it was most needed, and taking the basis of funds on the 1915 proceeds would give over \$200,000 for the work the first year, or sufficient to maintain 8,000 miles of road in good condition by means of dragging at proper intervals. Such legislation would be for the benefit of every man, woman and child in the community, as so far-reaching is the effect of good or bad roads that it is felt by every class of farmer, tradesmen or the general public.

### The Value of Good Roads

With poor roads the work of the farmer's team is doubled and they are more quickly worn out, school children have difficulty in getting to school, deliveries of merchandise are hampered and the district where bad roads exist suffers in development and therefore in rateable assessment.

Many farmers look at the extra three or four dollars which may be added to their taxes during the year if a good roads scheme is carried out and, without stopping to think of the effect it will have on the credit side of their ledger, vote it down. The expenditure of the three or four dollars, when applied from every taxpayer in the municipality, would provide a road system passable at nearly all times and one over which the farmer could draw heavier loads with an expenditure of only half the horse power energy necessary over a poor road, therefore making it easily apparent that in a very few trips either for business or pleasure the increased tax is returned in the saving on horseflesh and wear and tear on wagons and harness.

### No Motor Show

The motor show which it was proposed to hold in Winnipeg during bonspiel week has had to be abandoned by the Winnipeg Motor Trades Associa-

tion, owing to the fact that the new Ford factory, where it was proposed to hold the show, would not be ready in time to allow of a show, and no other suitable building was available.

### How Is It Done?

One of the questions asked candidates for the Motor Transport Section of the British army is, "How would you bring your car home if the carburetor was destroyed by enemy shell fire?" How many readers who own a motor car know the answer to this question?

A second question is, "If the magnets is put out of commission and there is a storage battery on the car, how will you connect up your ignition circuit to obtain ignition?" This is a trouble that might occur to any reader and is worthy of study. In solving the problem the car owner will learn some valuable pointers on ignition and have a much better knowledge of the electrical system.

### Little Hints

A short circuit occurs when any two wires of opposite polarity come into contact with any conductive material. This will very quickly discharge the battery, therefore the greatest care should be taken to see that the insulation is in good condition at all times.

If the drive wheels on a car become locked from a breakage in the differential gears or the universal joint, the car may be towed home by removing the axle shaft key, which will allow the wheels to revolve freely on the axle.

Never let gasoline drip from the carburetor into the engine pan. Such a drip is generally due to the float not closing the needle valve properly, and the trouble should be at once attended to as there is a serious risk of fire if it is allowed to continue.

"How can the engine be used as a brake?" This is a question often asked, and the trick is done as follows: Throw the switch to off position, leave gears in mesh and the clutch engaged. As an auxiliary brake on dangerous hills the use of the engine will be found very effective, and the trick once mastered, a feeling of security will be enjoyed that would otherwise be absent.

### HORSE POWER OF AN ENGINE

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$$H. P. = \frac{2 \pi N \times L \times W \times N}{12 \times 33000}$$

in which Pi is 3.1416, the ratio of diameter to circumference of circle.

L is the length of brake arm in inches, measuring from centre of pulley to point bearing on column.

W is the net weight on scales in pounds. Take tare with brake loose on pulley and engine standing still.

N is the number of revolutions per minute (R.P.M.) while brake is in use.

33,000 foot pounds of work per minute is one horse power, hence the figure reduces the power to horse power. 12 reduces the inches, length of arm, to feet.

Take the R.P.M. with a speed indicator. Run the engine with brake on several minutes before taking test to smooth all parts.

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HOW CAN STOOKS BE HANDLED?

The Manitoba Department of Agriculture in the following discussion touches on a very timely topic affecting a large number of western farmers. Our readers are invited to send in their suggestions concerning the harvesting of the grain which is yet left in the stook.

There are fewer fields of unthreshed grain standing in the stook in Manitoba than in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but even in this province there are a large number of fields covered with snow clad stooks. In the great majority of cases the men whose crop is in this condition are least prepared to face the other spring work, to say nothing of having to handle the crop of last year. The question now is, what is the wisest course for them to follow? There are a few points upon which almost certain conclusions may be reached.

1. As the February and March sun melts the snow at present on and about the stooks, even those that are not now frozen solid to the ground will become filled with ice and freeze firmly to the earth.

2. If the heads are damp at the natural spring growing time the grain will sprout. Wheat will germinate at temperatures down almost to the freezing point.

3. During the time for spring work on the land, all possible energy should be and will be directed to cultivation and seeding, and those farmers who expect to employ threshing gangs to haul and thresh stooks at that season will be disappointed. The pressing shortage of farm help will make it imperative that practically all threshing be done either before the close of winter or after seeding is completed.

In this situation there now remains to the farmer with stooks in the field a choice of the following:

1. If his stooks are not frozen too solid, he may be able to loosen them out of the snow and haul them now by sleigh. To loosen them perhaps the best way would be to hitch a team to either end of a logging chain, straddle the stooks and, by using a short pike pole thrust into the bottom of the stooks, thus holding down the chain, tear the stook loose. It is understood that stooks are already frozen too solid in some parts of the province to loosen even in this way. Other methods of loosening stooks may be suggested by farmers. By hauling stooks from the fields now, plowing of these areas will be possible with the opening of spring. The sheaves might be dumped in a smaller area in the corner of the field and restocked with the opening of spring. In this way the grain might possibly be saved and threshed. Or the grain might be threshed during the winter and sent to the drying elevators.

2. Stooks may be permitted to stand until May, then hauled off the ground, leaving the land to plow or otherwise prepare for a very late sown crop. The chances of seeding even barley on such fields are very small indeed.

3. The stooks could be removed in May and the ground summerfallowed during 1916.

4. If the rows of stooks are straight in the field, the spaces between could be plowed and sown to grain; then the stooks removed in May and the remaining strips summerfallowed. On a 100 acre field one might thus obtain 50 acres of crop and 50 acres of alternated strips of summerfallow.

5. The clear strips—treated as above—might be sown as early as possible, and the later strips sown afterward for green feed. By using the binder only in the same direction as the plow and drill had gone, the driver could cut both classes of crop simultaneously and stook and haul them separately. This would involve a great deal of careful work, but would meet the crop and feed needs of some farmers.

6. The stooks could be burned and the whole field brought under the plow as soon as possible.

7. In a very few cases it may be possible to dry the stooks, haul the sheaves, thresh or stack them, and still plow and crop the ground in 1916. The chances of being able to do this seem very slight.

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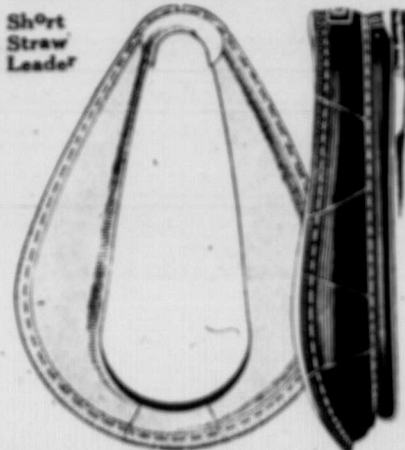
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### STRATHMORE HOLSTEINS

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### MICHENER BROS. SALE

Michener Bros., Front-street Stock Farm, Red Deer, Alberta, announce that they will hold their partnership dissolution sale of pure bred Holstein cattle at Red Deer, on Wednesday, March 15, when the entire herd of high class registered stock will be offered for sale, without restriction. This is one of the premier dairy herds in Western Canada and dairymen and farmers will have an exceptional opportunity to secure a number of young bulls and heifers from record of merit dams, as well as a number of mature cows in the record of merit and record of performance class.

### RECORD PRICE FOR MARE

"Jess of Craigwillie," champion Clydesdale mare at Calgary, 1915, was recently sold by A. Webster of Airdrie, Alta., to Amos, of Massachusetts at the record valuation of \$2,400. The mare was sired by "Everlasting," out of a "Prince Thomas" dam, and was bred in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The sale was negotiated by J. W. Burn, Calgary. "Jess of Craigwillie" is probably the highest priced Clydesdale mare ever sold in Alberta.

### RAWLINSON'S SHIRES

Tom Rawlinson, Innisfail, importer of shires, is offering a number of good horses, including prize winners at Alberta shows. These include "Ossington Boss," a massive brown, rising five years old, first prize winner at Edmonton Spring Show, 1915, and sired by the London winner "Warrington Boss"; "Hapton Royal Friar," a black-brown rising five years old, first and champion, Edmonton Summer Fair, 1914 and 1915; "Speculator King," seven years old and sired by the London champion "Present King II"; "Kenley Kohinor," a black, rising two years old, first prize winner at Calgary, Edmonton and Lacombe fairs, 1915. Mr. Rawlinson also has several other horses which have been in use in the Innisfail district and are proven breeders, as well as the imported Percheron stallion "Ignome," a dark grey rising seven years old and a well known prize-winner.

### JH RANCH DISPERSION

The proprietors of the Bow-River Horse Ranch are offering all their stock for sale preliminary to retiring from breeding. This ranch (the old Cochrane Ranch) was established before the railway in 1880 and brought the first thoroughbred, "Konrad," and the first Clyde stallion, "Young Darnley," a son of the great "Darnley," 722, into the country via Fort Benton, together with some eastern thoroughbred and Clyde mares. In 1885, as a foundation bunch, they purchased the herd of Black Hawk Morgan mares from John Harper, of B.C., who had devoted many years to their selection and breeding. These were crossed with imported thoroughbreds and for the past twelve years with French "Terni" sires, developing a horse from 1,200 to 1,400 pounds, of symmetrical conformation with quality, substance and speed, which has stood high in all the big show rings. It called forth King George's commendation and congratulations of the "Alberta Breeders" on one of these horses which he rode at Salisbury Plain last fall. The Clydesdales, which are in the majority, are equally good, ranging from 1,450 to 1,700 lbs., from the finest imported sires. The breaking up of this bunch of fine brood mares affords an opportunity to breeders to obtain some good new blood.

### CLYDESDALE SALES BRISK

"Inquiries were never better than they are this winter," reports A. L. Dollar, High River, Alta. This breeder has brought to this country only horses which are well suited to the requirements of the West, while they afford sufficient variation of type to suit most Clydesdale men. A number of local horse associations in Alberta have in the past few years secured horses from A. L. Dollar which have given great satisfaction and left a splendid lot of colts in the districts where they have been located.

Four horses have been already sold out of the last importation. The six-year-old "Scotland's Splendour," sired by "Scotland's Yel," and a great grandson on his dam's side of the famous "Darnley," has been secured by David McPherson, of Winton, Alta. W. T. Walker, Spawell, Alta., has purchased "Bay Edward," a son of "Frodo Edward," and grandson of "Prince of Carrochan." "Scotland's Home," sired by that great stock horse "Mercurio," has been added to the stud of Robinson Bros., High River, while "Scotland's Yeoman," a "Scotland's Yel" colt, has gone to A. D. Salisbury, a Canadian bred colt gone to Benton, Montana.

### UPPER'S OFFERINGS

W. L. and B. C. Upper have just received a cartload of choice young Percheron stallions with both weight and quality, selected from 20 head. These are nearly all two- and three-year-olds, and are blacks and greys. These breeders are now

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offering at the Calgary and North Portal, Sask., barns 16 head of stallions, in addition to the regular breeding stock of about 60 head, and buyers will have a choice at a reasonable price of a splendid lot of stallions and mares. The horses must be sold as soon as possible to make room for an importation in March. Amongst them is a son of the celebrated "Pink," twice champion at the Chicago International, and a number from "superior," one of the best stock horses in America. There is also a matured, proved stock horse weighing a ton and several two- and three-year-olds weighing from 1,500 to 1,900 pounds.

**SINTON'S CLYDESDALES**

The well-known Clydesdale man, Robert Sinton, Regina, has on hand at his stables in Regina a number of good stallions and mares, whose ages range from one to ten years. Sinton's Clydesdales have long been favorably known in Saskatchewan and the present lot of horses and mares are quite up to the standard.

**EDMONTON SPRING SHOW**

At the reorganization meeting of the directors of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, held on Monday, January 17, it was decided to hold the annual spring horse show, cattle sale and livestock show on April 4 to 8. Entries for the cattle sale will be open to the Dominion of Canada, subject to the approval of the association.

**ACME PERCHERONS**

E. A. Davenport, Acme, Alta., has a nice bunch of young Percheron stuff for sale just now. From a glance at his recent winnings at Calgary fair there can be no doubt that some extra good stuff is to be found on the farm, and any selection made by buyers is sure to contain animals bred along the best possible lines.

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**CHANGE OF DATES**

The itinerary of the short courses to be held under the direction of the Alberta Department of Agriculture has been changed as follows: Ryley, Feb. 11, 12; Munsare, Feb. 14, 15, 16; Onoway, Feb. 17, 18, 19, and Edmonton, Feb. 21, 22, 23.

**ALBERTA SHOWS**

The annual sale of purebred bulls, held under the auspices of the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association, will be held at Calgary, on April 10 to 12. The Horse show will be held at Victoria Park, Calgary, from April 15 to 15.

**ALBERTA DAIRYING**

**Grading of Cream and Butter is Now General Thruout the Province**

The Alberta dairy convention, held in Calgary on December 15 and 16, was unanimously conceded to be the best so far held. There was a large attendance of delegates representing creameries, cheese factories and creamery associations from Viking, Ryley and Edmonton in the north, to Cardston in the south. There were also present several representatives of the wholesale produce trade of Alberta and British Columbia, of manufacturers and dealers in dairy and creamery equipment and supplies, and of the press. In the audience were noticed a number of pioneer dairymen who, while not engaged in dairying now, still retain and show their interest in and sympathy with it.

**The Year Reviewed**

C. Marker, dairy commissioner, in his review explained that the convention had been called by the department of agriculture to review the year's work of the creameries in the province, to present certain addresses and discussions and to crystallize the experience gained and lessons learned into some definite line of action that would lead to further improvement. He said that the creameries are the channels thru which the surplus dairy products of the farm will find their way to the larger and most profitable markets in steadily increasing proportions. The department realizes that the efficient conduct of the creamery business is, therefore, of immediate and very real concern to the dairyman on the farm. The creamery business had shown marked progress during the year, not only in point of quantity but also with regard to the quality and market value of the creamery product. For the year ending October 31, the creamery butter production in Alberta was 7,400,000 pounds, as compared with 5,450,000 pounds for the previous year—an increase of 35.74

per cent. Fifty-eight creameries were operated in the province during the year, as against forty-six in 1914. While there was a marked increase in the butter output of both the northern and southern portions of the province, the latter was more marked—60.75 per cent.—to a large extent on account of the more favorable climatic conditions and splendid pasture that was available during the summer. The fact, however, that nearly all the creameries showed a considerable increase in their butter output, showed also that mixed farming and dairying is steadily gaining ground.

**Grade Nearly All Cream**

One very gratifying feature about the report of the year's work was that 96 per cent. of the total creamery butter production was made from cream that had been bought from the farmers and paid for upon a grade basis. The forty-five cream grading creameries, reporting a combined patronage of some 13,500 dairy farmers thruout the province, have rendered a notable service in bringing home to their patrons in a tangible way the "quality idea," which is bound to grow and extend to the production and marketing of such other products of the farm as are still being handled on a "catch-as-catch-can" basis. It was shown also that from a quality point of view Alberta creameries had generally made marked progress, particularly in workmanship. Evidence of this fact was freely offered by representatives of the wholesale produce trade in Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, who attended the convention.

The cheesemaking industry had also made great strides during the past year. It was shown that thirteen cheese factories made 372,693 pounds of cheese, as compared with 70,581 pounds made in five factories during the season of 1914. An interesting feature was pointed out in connection with the cheese production, viz., that 50 per cent. of the past season's output was manufactured in city dairies located at Calgary and Edmonton. The comparatively high cheese prices that ruled during the season made it possible for the city dairies to handle in this way to mutual advantage a fairly large temporary surplus of milk which was supplied by their regular milk shippers.

**Marketing Service**

The dairy commissioner also referred to the work that had been done thru the department's butter marketing and grading service. The department had been asked to market during the season about 10 per cent. of the total creamery butter made in the province, a proportion which corresponds very closely with that of the past two or three years. A new butter grading station was established at Edmonton at the beginning of the season, and H. S. Pearson was appointed grader in charge. Regarding the season's work at both grading stations—Edmonton and Calgary—he stated that 6,263 lots of butter had been scored and graded, and grade certificates issued on a large number.

**Resolutions Passed**

The second day of the convention was strictly the buttermaker's day. Geo. H. Barr, chief of the dairy division, Ottawa, gave an address on the "Pasteurization of Cream for Buttermaking," and showed how the proper pasteurization of cream tends not only to eradicate certain defects in the flavor, but also to prolong the keeping quality of butter made from it. H. S. Pearson, Dairy instructor, and N. Larsen, of P. Burns & Co.'s produce department, spoke on "Defects in Creamery Butter." A spirited discussion followed each address. The second day's work of the convention was crystallized into resolutions adopted recommending (1) standardization of butter packages, (2) the general adoption of pasteurization of cream for buttermaking, and (3) the extension of the department's butter grading service.

A creamery butter exhibit was held in connection with the convention, 25 entries being received. Geo. H. Barr, H. S. Pearson and N. Larsen placed the awards. The P. Burns & Co.'s challenge trophy for the highest average score in two classes was won for 1915 by H. W. Trimble, Red Deer, with an average score of 96.5 points.



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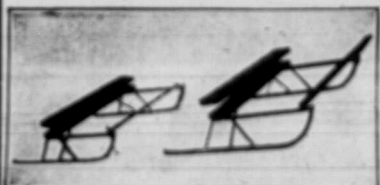
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CLAUSE**

Leaders of the U.F.A. at Gleichen  
have instituted a systematic prosecution  
of offenders against the provisions  
of the Canada Grain Act.

The operators of the line elevators  
have come to look upon the car order  
book as a huge joke, as during the re-  
cent scarcity of elevator room they have  
been able to get farmers who were  
wanting to sell a load or two of grain  
to the local elevator to sign a requisition  
for a car which would enable the  
elevator men to ship out a full carload  
of their cash grain by purchasing one  
wagon load. One local buyer made the  
boast one day that he had purchased  
six wagon loads of grain and had se-  
cured orders for six cars.

Under the provisions of the Canada  
Grain Act, which the organized farm-  
ers of Western Canada worked so long  
to get enacted, only such farmers as are  
the owners of a full carload of grain  
are entitled to place their names on the  
car order book, and each elevator has  
the right to place its name on the book  
and take its turn with the farmers in  
getting cars for shipping out its grain  
which it purchases.

A farmer has the right to store a car  
load of grain in the elevator and have  
his car spotted at that elevator for  
loading the car when it is allotted to  
him, but he has no right to sell less  
than a carload to an elevator and then  
order a car for that elevator to load  
its grain into.

**Getting Farmers' Cars**  
A good many names have been found  
on the car order book of men who are  
working for wages and never raised  
any grain, but their names are being  
used to help the line elevator men get  
cars for shipping out their grain which  
should be allotted to farmers of the  
district who want to ship grain by the  
carload so as to get the best possible  
prices. The farmers at Gleichen, who  
are trying to make a success of their  
own elevator in doing a special bin busi-  
ness, took the matter up some time ago  
and secured the conviction of one of  
the line elevator men for violating the  
provisions of the Act, but the case was  
appealed and the conviction squashed  
on purely technical grounds.

Since that time conditions have been  
steadily growing worse and the farmers  
secured the best legal talent from Cal-  
gary and filed three cases which came  
up today in Justice Vigar's Court, and  
the grain men seeing they were trapped  
pleaded guilty in two cases and were  
fined \$25.00 each and costs. In the  
third case, the farmer, who had signed  
the order for the car had left the dis-  
trict, and could not be had to testify  
as to the amount of grain which he had  
delivered to the elevator. The farmers  
who were handling the matter knew  
from the farmer the amount of grain  
which he had delivered but could not  
make the proof, as the elevator men  
could not be forced to testify against  
themselves, and the case was lost for  
the present. But the farmers hope to  
be able to get the required information  
and lay another complaint later on.

The farmers claim to have a great  
many more cases which they will bring  
unless the elevator men take the hint  
and cancel all names from the car order  
book, which are not genuine farmers  
who have a full carload of grain to ship.  
**W. D. TREGO,**  
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MACHINERY DEAL**

Q.—A makes a deal with a machine agent for  
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payment for same. About six months later  
machine agent turns his accounts over to the company  
and leaves for the war. Machine agent never  
took the cows from A's farm, always saying he  
hadn't room to keep them. A has witness to the  
trade. The company demands from A payment  
for the plow and the wagon. What should A do?  
Can company collect account and interest? Can  
A charge for the keep of the cows? What steps  
should A take if the company does not take away  
the cows as he hasn't room for them?—W. J. L.,  
Man.

A.—Since it is a well known fact that  
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implements for stock, we assume that  
you were dealing with the agent in his  
personal capacity and not as an agent.  
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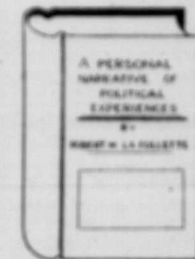
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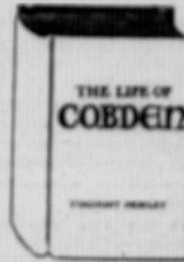


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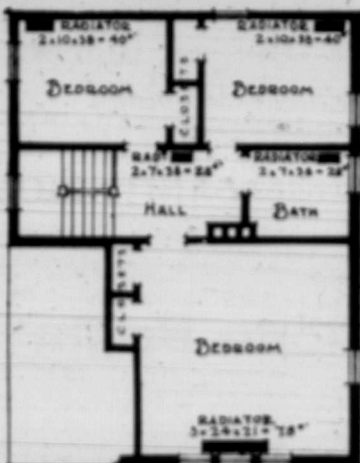


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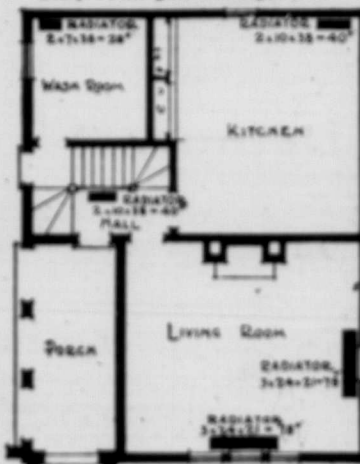
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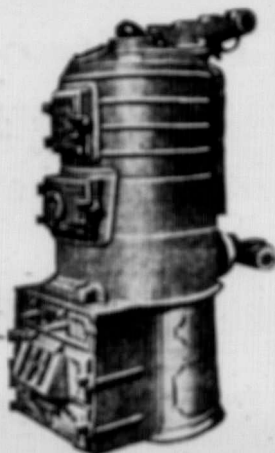
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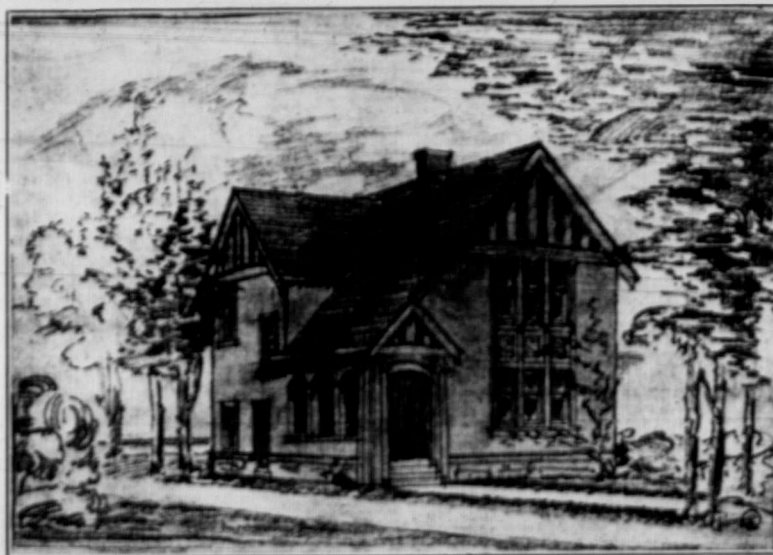
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## An Original Farm House

A very great deal of thought and planning have gone into the making of house No. 8 in order that with its attractive exterior there might be combined the maximum of solid comfort and convenience.

It will be observed at the outset that the porch which is usually tacked on, like a postscript, to the front of the house is in this building incorporated into the design and looks as if it belonged, as a porch ought to do. In the second place while it is accessible from the main living room it is not shrouding the windows of that room from the direct sunlight, as is the way of most porches. In this country, where we have at most three, and usually not more than two months of really hot weather, as against nine or ten months of moderate and cold weather it is very ill-advised to hide the main windows under porches. The spaciousness of the porch and the pleasant grouping of the windows are features which differentiate this house from the ordinary hum-drum farm house.

Indoors not a square foot of floor space has been wasted, and yet it has been so arranged that all the rooms are accessible from the hall. Opening off the side entrance there is a wash room with ample space to dispose of the men's outdoor wraps and smocks, a place to wash the clothes and to leave the robes and blankets in the winter time and for the men to mend

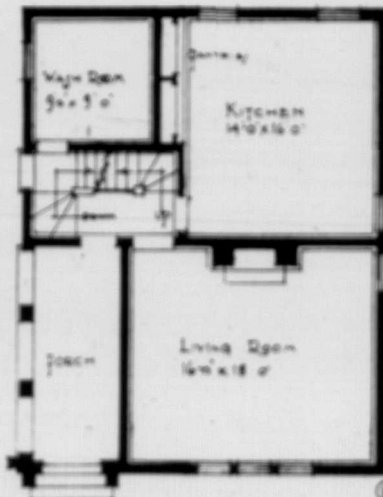
probably be so utilized by most families who build this house, while the living room has been so planned that it can hardly become one of those gloomy company parlors which are so stiff and depressing. There's the fireplace, for one thing, and a room with a fireplace must always be a more or less jolly place in spite of itself, and the pretty group of windows and the door to the porch all tending to make it livable.

Upstairs there is a large room for the owner and two smaller rooms, besides the bath, providing accommodation for quite a goodly sized family with the generous closet space which commends any house to the housewife's favor.

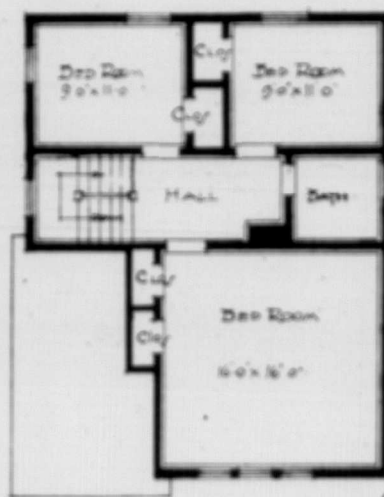
### Architect's Description

A similar design to Guide House No. 8 was published some months ago. From the front porch entrance you go into the stair hall. Down four steps is a platform giving onto a door and into a washroom large enough to use as a store-room as well and down to the basement. From the stair-hall the living-room and kitchen are also reached, the kitchen having large comfortable sized pantries built in on one side.

Upstairs are two small bedrooms 9 by 11 feet, each with closets, and one large bedroom 16 by 16 feet, and a room for future bath.



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



BED ROOM FLOOR PLAN

the harness on a rainy day, and many other such activities which ordinarily make the housewife's work difficult.

From this entrance also one goes upstairs to the main hall or down to the cellar, the latter arrangement being especially convenient for putting in the winter's roots, and taking out the seed potatoes again in the spring.

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The exterior of this house should really be built of stucco, but in the event of this material not being available, shingle is the next desirable material. At any rate stucco or some form of material similar, such as rough board stained should be used for the half timber gable. On the interior wall board may be substituted for plaster if desired.

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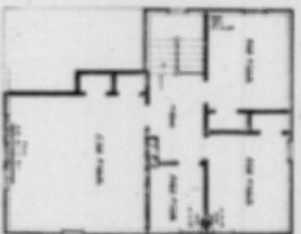
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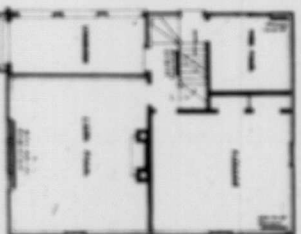
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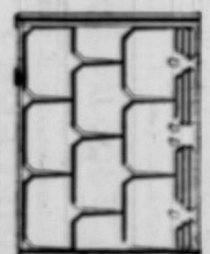
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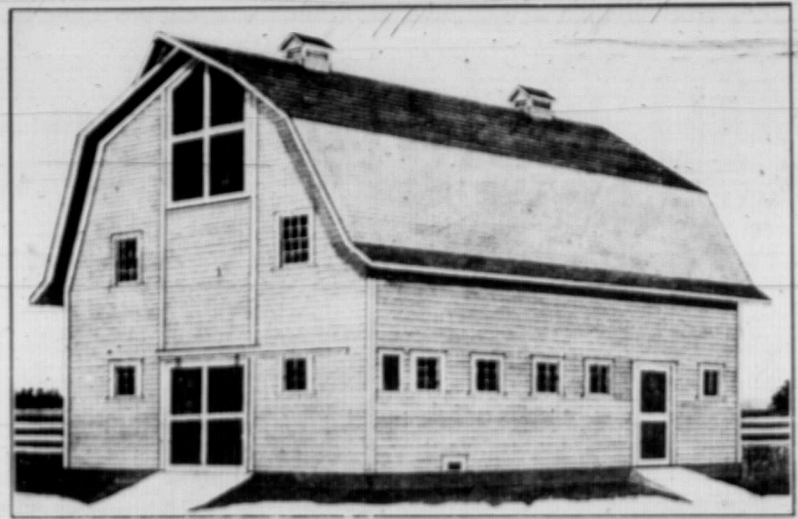
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**Half Section Man's Barn**

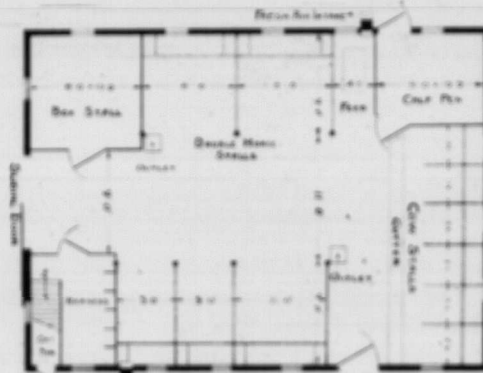
Guide Barn No. 2 Suitable for a Half-Section Farm

The second barn plan has been designed to meet the needs of the man on a half-section farm. It provides accommodation for eight horses and six cows, having in addition a box stall, harness room and calf pen. The building is 30 by 40 feet. The ventilation is the Rutherford system and calls for two intakes and two outtake flues leading straight up to the roof and then following between the rafters out at the cupolas at the peak. The foundation floor is concrete throughout, cement for which will cost L.C.L. Winnipeg about \$84. A much more satisfactory stable in every way will result if a concrete floor is made, but perhaps if good gravel is available to put in the stalls it may be worth while for the builder to do without cement for a year or two. The siding is made up of half inch resawn up to the top of joists.

the addition at the other end of the barn facing the present stalls. By putting on eighteen feet room could be provided for eight more head of stock. This would allow sufficient width to have a feed passage between the two rows of stock. A feed mixing room would have to be provided, and the calf pen could be used for this purpose, provision being made for a calf pen in the addition. The cost of such additions can easily be roughly estimated by taking the total cost of the barn and finding out just about what each foot cost.

**Partitioning the Stable**

If the addition is made to the cattle end it would be quite easy to shut off this portion from the horse stable by building a partition across the stable using sliding doors. A water trough



This is covered with paper and fir drop siding used for the outside. Inside the studs are not sheathed. Provision is made for an oat bin, under the stairs leading up to the loft, which can be filled from the outside thru a door in the wall.

**Later Additions**

This layout adapts itself quite readily to later additions. Should more room be required for horses, the addition could be made on the end next the horse stable. The addition should be carried up all the way, and would merely consist in building another eight feet or so on to that end. It would only be necessary to change the position of the box stall, the harness room and passageway remaining as planned. Should more room be required for cattle, it would be just as easy to make

can be provided just at the junction of the wall, so that it can be used for both horses and cattle. In this case the well could be in the new feed mixing room. In the layout, as planned, the well in the harness room pumping water into a trough built into the wall and projecting about a foot into the passageway would give good satisfaction. Any arrangement the builder desires can be made for feeding the horses, but feed chutes would have to be figured as extra lumber. The estimated cost of this barn is as follows:

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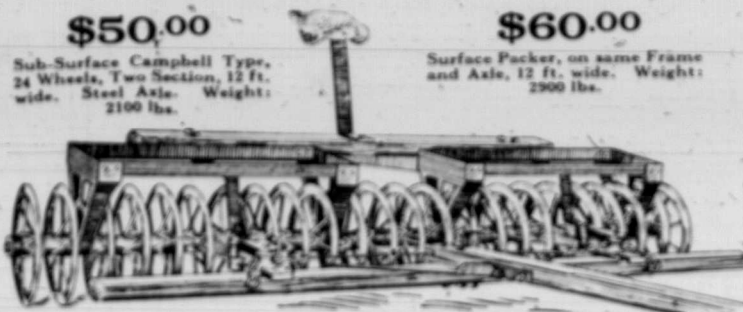
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When this occurred John Ames went down the line a few miles to Kenaston, sowed some seeds of co-operation there and obtained enough stock to make out the load. His enthusiasm for the work as well as the splendid practical results obtained have made possible the complete success of the association work. Now his next step is to get the farmers interested in the proper kind of market stock. To do this his idea is to get enough members to fit a carload of cattle for the Easter market. First, there will be a premium obtained on such stock, then, secondly, when ready to ship, arrangements will be made to have a small fat stock show in town, and get a member of the animal husbandry department of the University of Saskatchewan to come and judge these beasts, giving at the same time an instructive lecture on the ideal beef type or bacon type which the market is looking for today. The idea is an excellent one and deserves to be successful.

### Opposition from Drovers

Naturally the association is not looked on with favor by the drovers. Various attempts have been made to get away the members. One drover circulated the story that the association was charging one cent per pound commission instead of one per cent. of the net proceeds, as is actually charged. This took away one or two men for a while, but was soon explained. Now drovers are saying about the same as the association. It is difficult to get members to realize the vital importance of shipping thru the association even tho' just as much or even a little more is offered by independent buyers. It must be constantly remembered that these enhanced prices are only made possible by the presence of the co-operative association and the permanence of the association, and consequently this improved state of affairs depends entirely upon the support given it by its members. Very much the same principle applied at the time of the war of independence when Benjamin Franklin remarked, "If we don't all hang together we may all hang separately."

The question of spreading co-operative work over the whole year so as to make it worth while for the manager to devote his entire time to the business is important. In a district like that around Hanley where so little stock is kept it would almost seem as if more far-reaching results in saving money to farmers could be obtained thru a co-operative trading association. So far little definite work has been done along this line, but the presence of an organized body in the locality undoubtedly does have the effect of keeping prices within reasonable limits. Last winter, however, the merchants started a scare about a potato shortage and charged \$1.15 per bushel for tubers. This didn't seem right to the association, so a number of them got their heads together and put up enough money to cover the \$50 deposit on a car of potatoes and handle the sight draft which came with the bill of lading in care of the bank. They ordered a car thru the Central Grain Growers' Association, which shipped one in from New Brunswick, and the potatoes were sold at 85 cents per bushel. The local merchants' prices for potatoes considerably declined. The same thing occurred with sugar, and by united action the price in the local stores was forced down to a reasonable basis.

Just a word about John Ames. He probably would not wish it, but "honor where honor is due." There can be no denying that the success of this association is due to his unbounded enthusiasm and energy. When it is considered that he did not have the chance to go to school after he was 10 years old, that, eager to learn, he took evening classes during one winter in Winnipeg after he was married, and took up arithmetic, bookkeeping and writing and that now, in the prime of life, he is comfortably off on the farm and able to devote a large portion of his time to co-operative work, it must be said that his accomplishment is one of which any man might be justly proud.

What has been done at Hanley can be duplicated in any other western community and from this nucleus united effort along various lines will, if loyally supported, greatly assist in the development of the material and social life of this country.

## Profitable Percherons

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and on American farms the men are not mere teamsters, as in Britain, but have many other things to do when the field work is over. Hog and cattle feeding and milking cows all bring in more cash than does time spent in drying horses' legs with sawdust, and American and Canadian farmers alike abhor useless labor that does not net cash returns.

### The Prepotency of the Percheron

One of the most important factors of all, however, is the fact that the Percheron sire begets good colts from mares of any kind or size. As one old horse buyer in Chicago phrased it: "The Percheron grade is a good horse at any size or weight." Bred to broncho mares weighing from 800 to 1,000 pounds, the get, even from medium sized Percheron stallions, will weigh at maturity from 1,100 to 1,400 pounds, and is of the compact, sturdily built type of the sire, with most of his good qualities. The smallest of these Percheron grades make ideal cavalry horses; the larger ones have been most sought for, for artillery work or for wagon horses, and Percheron grades sired out of larger mares, ranging from 1,200 to 1,600 pounds, are of the same compact, enduring kind of a larger pattern, suited to heavy artillery, heavy wagon, or very heavy draft work. This is really the strongest point of all to a practical farmer, for he breeds mares of any kind to a good Percheron sire with a certainty that the colt, large or small, will be of Percheron type and saleable at a good fair price. These reasons, all combined, have made the Percheron the most widely distributed and popular draft breed in the world, and are potent factors in causing more Canadian farmers to buy Percherons, for, be they pure-bred or high grade, they do their part well in the labor of the farm. Good draft horses are the soundest assets Canadian grain growers and stockmen can have, and he who buys and cares for Percherons never loses on his investment if he selects good stock, breeds to good sires, and feeds with a liberal hand.

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### ROSAMOND'S PERCHERONS

Thirteen foals from fourteen mares bred was the excellent record on the farm of E. S. Rosamond, Percheron breeder and importer, Inverell, Alta., during the past season. Mr. Rosamond reports a keen demand from farmers for young stallions and fillies, the farmers buying them when they were weaned and growing them when they were. Mr. Rosamond is now offering some extra good big fillies, rising two years old, also a couple of good stallions of the same age, and an extra good young horse rising three years old, "Horaceus." The Percheron stallion which Mr. Rosamond has used with marked success during the past five seasons, is also being offered, as the owner needs to introduce a change of blood. "Horaceus" is a top horse, and those who know Mr. Rosamond's produce know that the horse leaves good stock.



# Dr. Magill on Grain Blockade

Chairman of Grain Commission reveals situation to U.F.A. Convention

Some of the reasons for the present stagnation in grain marketing in Western Canada were laid before the Calgary Convention in an address by Dr. Magill, chairman of the Board of Grain Commissioners.

Dr. Magill said it was estimated that the spring wheat crop alone of the prairie provinces was valued at \$300,000,000 out of a total farm production by farmers of these provinces this year aggregating \$800,000,000. This year they had had two or three crops in one. This enormous crop had raised great problems of transportation. At Fort William and Port Arthur they had orders for ten thousand cars wanted for the shipment of grain to eastern mills and the eastern seaboard, and they were not shipping 150 cars a day. Big elevators at the head of the great lakes were practically full, and there was more grain already loaded and standing on railway tracks than could be received into terminal elevators at the present time. The reason for this congestion was that there were no ships available to carry the grain across the ocean, and farmers would have to wait their turn therefore in regard to grain shipments. Fortunately, this year they could afford to wait a little while. In three months before navigation closed they had shipped out nearly 180 million bushels. This itself was an enormous quantity of grain, and it was sold at a good price. Although there was so much wheat in the world, and so much in Canada, the price had been stiffening day by day. The reason for that was that this year no other country had wheat of anything like the quality of Canadian hard spring wheat. (Applause).

Another reason why transportation was not better was that their hopes of a Western outlet for Alberta wheat thru British Columbia ports via the Panama Canal to Liverpool had not been realized. The Calgary and Vancouver terminal elevators were built to take care of the movement of grain westward; they were never intended for eastern shipments. There were no ships on the Pacific other than those carrying supplies to Russia or those of the British Admiralty, and when he tried to secure a ship for a trial cargo of wheat via the Panama to Europe he was told he could not secure a ship, even if he paid one dollar per bushel for the carrying of the grain. Everything had been against them in moving grain this year. The only available elevator capacity at the present time was four million bushels at Port William, less than two millions bushels at Saskatoon, and less than two millions at Moose Jaw. The Calgary elevator was still empty. The movement of grain, therefore, could not exceed the amount of available capacity in eastern elevators until ships were placed at their disposal by the British Admiralty to enable them to transport more grain across the ocean.

### The Car Order Book

Referring to the car situation, Dr. Magill said he knew the car supply in some districts was inadequate. There was much misconception as to the powers of the grain commission in that matter. It was not within their power to add a single engine or a single car to the equipment on the railroads, nor could they interfere with distribution of cars over various railway lines. He did not know whether anybody in Canada could do that. He asked them to consider in regard to the question of the abuse of the car order book whether it would be desirable to have a law enacted providing that every farmer who wanted a car should apply in person. Another question they might consider was whether it would be fair or feasible to enact that if any elevator company or its servants was found to be responsible for plugging the car order book, the license of such elevator should be cancelled. He did not recommend that any immediate action should be taken along those lines, but they might consider them.

Mr. Dougall, representing the Canadian Pacific Railway, asked the farmers to use their organization for bringing to the attention of the company

illegal acts on the part of any of their agents in manipulating car order books. Regarding the movement of grain, he said the C.P.R. during the period from September 1 to December 1, 1915, had handled 94,226 cars of wheat, and 12,000 cars of other grain, representing a total of 150,000,000 bushels. This amount of grain had been hauled from 960 grain-loading stations, which beat all records for any railroad on the continent of America.

At a later stage the chairman of the Board of Grain Commissioners again addressed the convention.

Dr. Magill said he had been asked a good many questions about the purpose of the elevators at Calgary, Moose Jaw and Vancouver. He said, in reply, that these elevators were in the first place, an insurance against the enormous damage caused to western grain in a wet season by marketing in a damp condition. The drying plants at these elevators would in a wet year save more money to western farmers than their total cost. Another reason why those elevators were built was to handle wheat destined for shipment via the Hudson Bay Railway and the Panama Canal. Owing to unforeseen circumstances neither of those routes had yet been opened for western grain, but when they were opened and in case it should be slightly cheaper to ship by those routes to the markets of Europe, then those elevators would not be large enough. It was a curious fact that wheat in the Saskatoon and Moose Jaw elevators was worth more today than wheat in the elevators at Fort William. For thirty days past there had been a premium of 2 1/2 to 3 cents per bushel on the wheat in those internal elevators. One reason was that storage charges were just about half what they were at Fort William, which meant a saving of \$10 per car per month, and secondly because in view of the fact that there were orders at Fort William for 10,000 cars ahead of the supply, the chances of getting the grain out were in favor of the elevators at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. This was an entirely unforeseen condition.

### Tough Grain

Dr. Magill gave the following figures showing the amount of tough grain harvested between the beginning of 1915 harvest and the end of the year:

Wheat, bus. received.....	14,431,279
Wheat, bus. shipped out.....	12,312,825
Oats, bus. received.....	3,000,000
Oats, bus. shipped out.....	2,915,000
Barley, bus. received.....	1,079,000
Barley, bus. shipped out.....	1,029,000

A number of questions relating to the operation of the grain trade were asked, and replied to by Dr. Magill. At the close of the discussion, Chairman Fream asked how many delegates possessed a copy of the Canada Grain Act. Not more than a quarter put up their hands, whereupon the chairman advised every delegate to write and secure a copy from the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

### Congestion on C.N.R.

In order that directors might be in a position to place the views of the convention before the Board of Grain Commissioners at their meetings in the West, which are now being held, the following resolutions referring to the grain situation were referred to the directors with power to act:

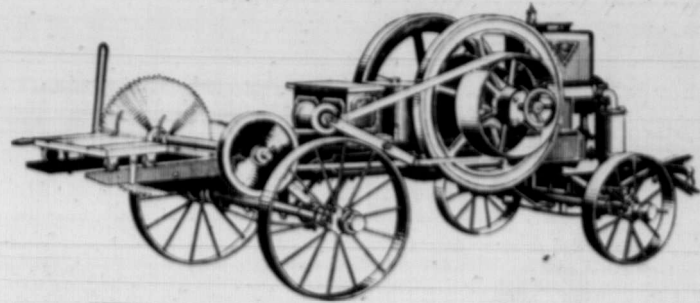
"Whereas the farmers living adjacent to the different railway lines of the C.N.R., in the province of Alberta, are suffering from the inability of that railway company to handle the grain crop, and

"Whereas practically every elevator and vacant building in the towns on that railway is filled with grain, and thousands of small warehouses have been built by farmers to meet the emergency, and

"Whereas not more than twenty five per cent. of the grain crop on that line has as yet been marketed, and

"Whereas the C.N.R., with its present equipment, cannot possible handle the situation in time to give the necessary relief to the sufferers;

"Therefore be it resolved: That the



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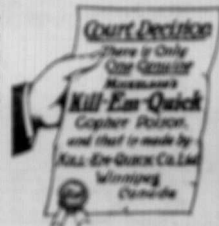
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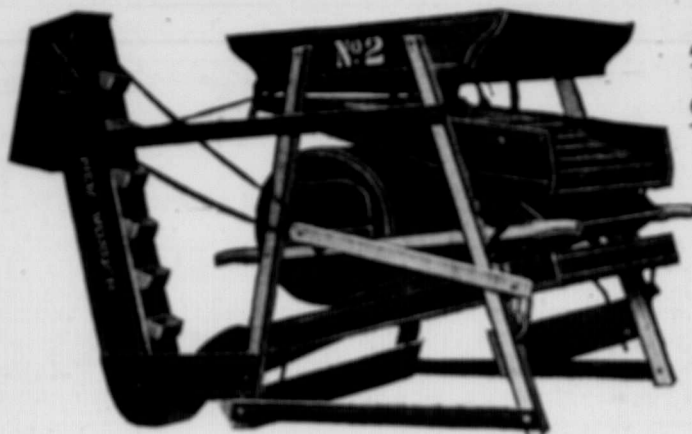
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United Farmers of Alberta in annual convention assembled do hereby instruct its officers to immediately take this matter up with the Dominion government by sending a delegation to Ottawa if deemed advisable, and devise some means whereby relief can be secured, either by working out a plan for the distribution of cars from other railway lines which may be available, or by any other sure method which may be acceptable;

Further, that the directors take this matter up with the governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and with the farmers' organizations of Saskatchewan, and secure their co-operation."

### Grain Inspection System

"Whereas, a large part of the early threshed grain in this (East Calgary) district was graded tough, and

"Whereas at least one of the leading grain growers of this district is prepared to take affidavit that wheat from same granary showed no shrinkage at the end of fifty days after threshing it, being weighed over same elevator scales, and

"Whereas the wheat from same granary is now grading No. 2 Northern;

"Be it therefore resolved: That our grain inspection system is very far from satisfactory, and this union asks that the matter be taken up with the Dominion government and have a thorough investigation into methods of grain inspection."

### Britain's Fight for Democracy

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Rule contest was closed. The House of Lords had been shorn of its arbitrary powers, and the path seemed cleared for greater advances. It was an excellent and creditable record of achievement for nine years, but the masses regarded it as inadequate and seethed with social disaffection.

### Still Much to Do

The truth was that much of this legislation merely assisted special classes, the underfed child, the aged and the consumptive—ambulance work someone called it. The glaring and exceptional evils alone had been dealt with, but the average workman found the conditions which he complained of still unchanged. Prices were rising; they aimed at better standards of life, but they were still kept at the old scale of pay and the old terms of contract. They distrusted the Arbitration Boards and suspected their chosen leaders of weakness. And all around were increasing signs of wealth and luxury—never were the possessing and investing classes so prosperous and never was their affluence and extravagance so widely advertised by a foolish garb. The working classes read of the gorgeous dresses at Ascot, the wonderful pageants in London, the grouse bags in Scotland, and turning to the contemplation of their own drab streets with the public house the most comfortable place therein, hardened their hearts. They wanted their place in the sun and yearned for an advance in comfort and opportunities. Hence the continuous deposition of one leader after another, the angry repudiation of agreements with employers and the spread of Syndicalist doctrines. The young extremists of the Socialist movement found their most violent speeches greedily listened to, and labor candidates in three-cornered contests which lost Liberal seats, found their polls increasing. Religion had little influence, and was suspected as a weapon of the exploiting classes. The impatience of the workers with their lot was manifest on every side, and the war descended upon Britain when she was not only occupied with the Home Rule question but on the verge of a great industrial conflict.

### Farm Experiences

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place your block and tackle for hoisting the dirt, have it high enough so that when your helper on top empties the bucket all he has to do is to pull it towards him to clear the well. Then arrange so that the rope hangs inside the well, then the man below can assist in pulling up and at the same time he can hold the rope until the bucket is safely over the side of the well.

ALBERTA.



# Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE.—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Erma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.  
 Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. R. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the women's provincial secretary for Alberta.

## CONVENTION CALL

February 15 will usher in an important event for Women Grain Growers. The annual convention will begin on that date and continue thru three days. Everyone is welcome, whether they are official delegates, members, or just some one interested in club work.

There is going to be a splendid convention this year if all women Grain Growers will assist their executive in making it a success. We are planning that you shall have splendid speakers to listen to who will give you helpful stirring thoughts to carry home; but we want your help by your presence and your interest in the business of the association. There will be important business to transact in connection with our work, and resolutions which will need your attention.

It is going to be very worth while going to. There will soon be a complete program published, but you will now be interested in knowing that speakers with understanding hearts and broad views of the problems of prairie women, have been asked to come. Among them are Mrs. Thomas (Lillian Laurie), of Winnipeg; J. S. Woodsworth, secretary Canadian Welfare League, Winnipeg; Mrs. Spurling, Saskatoon; Mrs. Cleveland, Saskatoon; Miss Francis Marion Beynon, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg. There will be others well versed in the subjects of which they will speak, and officers of the Women's Section will give the needed encouragement and information for club work.

We are going to have a nice little change this time by interspersing music thru the meetings.

Don't look over at the baby and think that if it wasn't for the dear little thing, you would go too. We are going to ask you to bring the baby, for a nurse is being procured and a room will be used adjoining the convention room where the little ones will be cared for while the mother sits free from care thru the sessions.

Did you ever notice that when you are with good friends the age of your dress troubles you not at all? That is the way it is going to be convention time, because the feeling of fraternity is so great that we are not going to think one little bit about the old clothes you wear, it is you and your interest in our work that we will think about.

So many of our clubs have done a very great deal for the Red Cross Society that there will be a feeling of satisfaction to know that a splendid Red Cross speaker is coming to us from the East. She will tell you all about the uses of the fund, the things that are so badly needed and will give you definite information that you can put to immediate use upon your return home. There will also be demonstrations in the Red Cross rooms after the sessions, of bandaging and first aid work.

ERMA STOCKING,  
 Prov. Secretary W.G.G.A.

## WISETON W.G.G.A.

The Wiseton W.G.G.A. reorganized on December 19, 1914, with nine members present. Since then other five members have joined, bringing the present membership up to fourteen. The officers of the association are: President, Mrs. A. Dickson; vice-president, Mrs. H. Hansen; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. George Galbraith. In the January meeting the subject of health was taken up, helpful papers being given on ventilation, accidents and poisoning. The topic for our February meeting was Direct Legislation, and Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Felker and Mrs. Hansen each contributed good papers on the different phases of that important subject. The March meeting was a union, one held with the G.G.A. and members of the Dinsmore association also were present. We were much indebted to Dinsmore for an excellent report of the annual convention; a debate and short program furnished entertainment. The

topic for the April meeting was gardening, which was dealt with by Mrs. Holmes, who gave suggestive ideas as to arrangement, and Mrs. R. J. Wilson and Mrs. Capling by useful hints on the growing of onions and other vegetables.

A paper on birds was also given by Mrs. Dickson; it was a strong plea for their protection. The meetings since have been held semi-monthly. Further topics discussed were marketing, temperance, the advisability of having a district nurse, the law in relation to women and children, twilight sleep, the care of a young baby, kitchen helps mechanical and method, Red Cross work. The better to discuss the question of the district nurse a union meeting with Dinsmore association was held on June 12, but neither association felt inclined to incur the heavy expense for a doubtful necessity. One of the papers given at that meeting was by Mrs. Seward on the laws in relation to women and children. It embodied the facts we had earlier obtained from H. Mortimer Nelson, B.A. of Outlook, and led to a unanimous resolution being passed condemning the present parental law.

On "Twilight Sleep," some important information has been gathered and forwarded to Miss Stocking. In Red Cross work we collected some material for bandages and then finding the Ladies' Aid of Wiseton were gathering supplies also we decided to ship all together. One barrel has been dispatched and another barrelful is now being collected. In practical matters we helped the men's association with the picnic given in July, but owing to the weather did not realize very much. Some of the members co-operated in buying fruit and in shipping their chickens and all had good satisfaction in the results.

A box social and concert was held November 24 to raise money to send a delegate to convention. Some \$120 being taken in, we are sending \$50 to The Guide for Red Cross work.

MRS. GEO. GALBRAITH,  
 Sec.-Treas., Wiseton W.G.G.A.

## A SCATTERED CLUB

Dear Miss Stocking—Altho you have not heard from the Netherhill Women Grain Growers all summer we are nevertheless alive. We lost our secretary last March and have not yet found one to take her place acceptably, altho we have twenty members. We kept up our rest room until the end of August, then thinking the rent charged was too high, we moved out and are trying to establish a permanent rest room, but so far we have been unsuccessful. In July we gave a picnic which was quite largely attended and netted a small sum for our bank account. It was a very hot day and several of the members not being present it made very hot work for those in charge. The present secretary was one of the absent ones. In August we wanted to do something for the Red Cross Society, so we decided to give two teas in our rest room, one half of our members to give a tea on August 14 and the others on August 21. We also sold chickens dressed, cakes, pies, buns, vegetables, etc. From the two teas we realized the sum of \$26.70, after deducting expenses. This fall we had a poor attendance at our meetings because of the rush of fall work, but we hope for better things this winter. Our members are scattered over a wide area, one living fourteen miles north of the most central place of meeting and one living eleven miles south, so you will readily see it means some effort for us all to get together.

## QUILTS FOR RED CROSS

Miss M. O'Leary, secretary of Alameda W.G.G.A., writes that they have been making quilts for the Red Cross Society. That is a new and an appealing way of helping the society. A quilting-bee still retains all of its old-time charms, and we would like to see the custom revived, especially for so good a cause.

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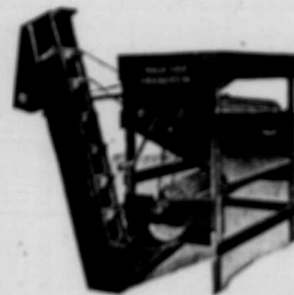
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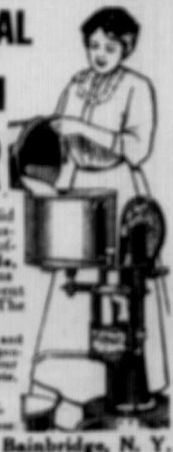
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## Young Canada Club

BY DIXIE PATTON

### EMPTY TROUBLES

(S. E. Kiser in St. Nicholas).  
When I blow away a bubble, and then  
gladly watch it float,  
I forget that I have trouble. It is like  
a fairy's boat,  
But it's gone in just a minute,  
For, you see, there's nothing in it;  
Like an empty bit of nothing, lighter  
than a drop of dew,  
Dancing sunbeams glimmer thru it;  
Very often, if we knew it,  
Light might shine thru troubles, too.

### THE TEST

There it is, the test I promised last week I was going to give you to see how many boys and girls in our club are in the habit of doing accurately, which is a grown-up way of saying, "just exactly so," whatever they are told to do.

Well, then, the test is this. I want all of you, or as many as have time, to take a sheet of white paper, make an inch margin, beginning with the top line, if there is one, if not, about an inch and a half from the top of the page, and running to the bottom. It is to be on the left hand side of the page, of course. Then copy out the stanza printed at the top of this column. Sign your name at the lower right hand side, with your age below it and your address at the lower left-hand side. Fold it up, put it in an envelope and address it plainly to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

I have a funny little box with pictures for the little person who does this bit of work most perfectly. Any boy or girl under seventeen years of age, who is already a member of our club may compete in this contest, but this particular contest is not open to the general public. One in which all our readers, new and old, may take part will be announced shortly.

DIXIE PATTON.

### THE RABBIT'S NEST

One day as I was coming home with the cows I heard something making a noise as I was coming up the lane. I thought I would see what it was so I climbed thru the fence and I saw an old rabbit over by the bush so I nearly knew what it was. I saw three little rabbits so then I called my mother to come and see what was here. When she came we picked them up, but we put them back again. As we were going away the mother came to them and fed them. One day as my father was breaking we saw a little rabbit. It nearly got under the horses' feet, so we stopped and it got out of the way.

EDNA HICKS,

Red Deer, Alta.

Age 8.

### AN EVENT OF YESTERDAY

A boy was at his neighbor's near by. He saw some large white birds on a lake not far away. He decided that they were swans and so he at once went to get the gun.

The neighbor was not at home and two shot guns were in the house. To go home would take too long so he took the gun out of the neighbor's house and hurried off.

He could easily get close to them as the tall grass grew all around the water. When he got into the tall grass he raised his gun and breathlessly he aimed. Bang! When the smoke cleared away he saw two large swans dead on the water.

He wanted to run after the other two which were swimming away at top speed, but his feet were stuck in the mud and he stumbled and fell into the water. He didn't have time to think that he got his clothes wet nor his gun. He got up and shot at the two swimming away. It did no good. He shot at one overhead, but the shot had no effect on the swan, but it certainly had some effect on the gun. When he looked at his gun he saw, to his astonishment, that four inches were shot off the end of the barrel.

He dragged the two birds out of the water and put them onto the saddle on his horse: fifteen pounds on one side, thirteen and a half pounds on the other. Then he went home.

EDDIE MEECE,

Age 15

### GETTING USED TO THE FARM

I am going to write you a true story about a little boy I know. Every time his mother went out around the yard he always wanted to go with her and if he got a little bit behind he would stop and cry until his mother came back for him. So one day he fell down and started to cry and would not come when his mother called to him. So his mother called to him and said, "Look, look what is coming over the hill." He turned and saw a little pig coming to beat the band. Up he jumped and ran to his mother and that cured him of that trick. Another day the same little boy saw a nice flock of little chickens out in the yard, so he thought he would just take one up, but the old hen flew at him and knocked him down. He started to cry and she picked his tongue. That was the little boy's first year on the farm.

CHARLIE NIXON,

Wapella, Sask.

Age 11 years.

### A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

One day when my brother was about four years old my father gave him a pipe to play with. He had seen the men striking matches on their pants, so he got some tobacco out of the store and put it in the pipe. Then he got some matches and was going to strike them on his pants and they caught fire when he was playing in the back yard. My father and another man were sitting in front of the store. My mother was upstairs. He came running thru the store and my mother heard him crying and she went downstairs. By that time his clothes were all on fire. He ran to the front of the store where my father was. Father blistered his hands putting out the fire and my brother was badly burnt.

MARJORIE METCALF, Age 11.

### A THIRSTY COLT

One day papa and mamma and brother and I were going to an auction sale, but I did not go the whole way. I stopped at a neighbor's home three miles from our home.

At the sale papa bought a pony whose name was Ruby.

Coming home we lost our way, but we wandered around until we found the right trail again and arrived home safely.

But one of our colts was not home. Papa went to a slough west of our house. We had a well dug in the centre of it. Sure enough there was Prince with one of his legs in the well. We went home and got some chains and hitched to him and his mother, Fannie, hauled him out. He is now a fine horse, he weighs 1800 pounds.

DELLA McLAREN,

Hillesden, Sask.

Age 11.

### CAUGHT IN A WHEEL

It was a lovely day in March and we had a few girl friends here because it was Ethel's birthday.

Quite early in the afternoon as one of the girls was going to leave, the girls began to climb into the buggy because they wanted to go for a short drive down the road.

My sister Ethel did not get in the buggy before it started off. She put her foot in the spokes of the wheel and just as the buggy started her foot went along with the wheel and of course the girl did not know that Ethel was caught in the wheel. She drove up a few steps until Ethel began to cry.

I called out, "Stop a bit, Ragna." Ragna stopped her horses and I went over and helped Ethel out of the wheel. Mother came over and helped her in the house. Mother told Ethel to try and stand up, but she fell right down, so mother helped her over to a chair.

Mother phoned over and got father home. Grandma came over, too. Ethel was in bed for ever so long.

MARIE KREFTING,

R.R. No. 1, Ponoka, Alta.

Age 13.

### UNLUCKY FUN

Once, long ago, when my sister was about four years old my cousin Ernest came out for a visit. They took some matches with them and went behind the stable and set it on fire. They were laughing and thought there was no harm in it. Just then it was in a flame. My father saw it and ran out with some water.

CECIL METCALF,

Spruce Grove, Alta.

Age 9 years.



# The Country Cook

Tried and tested recipes will be welcome for this column. Recipes will be published, on request, for any dish. Address all correspondence, "The Country Cook, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg."

The other day I was talking to a prominent Toronto woman, who has devoted a great deal of time to social work in the poorer districts. She said one of the most discouraging features of the work was the almost unbelievable mistakes of the mothers in feeding their children. She went on to say that many of the women whose husbands had gone to "the front" had, owing to the assured income from the Separation Allowance and the Patriotic Fund, more money than they had had for many a day, but instead of buying better food for themselves and families, much of the increased income goes for "finery" and the children are still fed on white bread and coffee, or crackers and tea. I do not know that we can altogether blame these women. They are probably as starved for something pretty to wear as they are for food; but it does seem a shame that they have not been taught to make the most of what they have, and how to make nourishing dishes from the cheaper cuts of meat and from cereals, instead of subsisting on the miserable ready cooked food they buy from the small shop around the corner.

However, the mistakes in feeding children are not by any means confined to the slums. I know people well to do and excellent homemakers who will give their children doughnuts first thing in the morning to keep them quiet while breakfast is being prepared. Then they wonder why their children are puny and catch everything that is going in the shape of disease.

The question of baby feeding is a whole volume by itself, so this week we will start with the child of one year. And right here I am going to give some schedules from Dr. Holt's book, "Care and Feeding of Children." Dr. Holt is one of the greatest recognized authorities on feeding children. The diets are very conservative and consequently very safe. I have found his advice invaluable in rearing a delicate child with a digestion much below normal.

The following is Dr. Holt's schedule for a child from one year to fifteen months:

6.30 a.m.—Six or seven ounces of milk diluted with 2 to 3 ounces of barley or oat gruel.

9 a.m.—From 3 to 5 tablespoonfuls orange juice, strained.

10 a.m.—Milk, 2 parts. One part oatmeal or barley gruel. About 10 ounces in all.

2 p.m.—Beef juice (from 3 to 6 tablespoonfuls) or the white of an egg, lightly cooked, or mutton or chicken broth, 4 to 6 ounces. Four to six ounces of milk and gruel.

6 p.m.—Same as at 10 a.m.

10 p.m.—Same as at 6.30 a.m.

### Making Gruel

In making the gruel it is just as well to use some of the prepared barley or oat flours such as Robinson's Barley or Groats. They are much more easily prepared than gruels made from the grains and one is more apt to have them of the same consistency every day. Allow about two level tablespoons of the barley or oat flour to one pint boiling water. Mix the flour with a little cold water and stir into the boiling water; add a pinch of salt and cook in double boiler for at least thirty minutes. Strain, cool and add to the milk. To make gruel from the grains, add two

heaping tablespoonfuls of pearl barley to one pint water, a pinch of salt and boil for four hours, adding water from time to time to keep the quantity up to one pint. Strain, cool and use as directed. It is well in making this to make a sufficient quantity to last 24 hours. After it is cool and mixed with the milk it can be put in the bottles and set in a cool place, preferably in ice water.

**Beef Juice.**—Take half pound round steak or stewing meat. Broil slightly over the coals or in a hot dry pan. Score well and press the juice out in a meat press. I have found a potato ricer answers the purpose quite as well. Add a tiny bit of salt and give as soon as prepared.

**Mutton or Chicken Broth.**—One pound finely chopped lean mutton including some of the bone. One pint cold water. Cook over a slow fire for three hours until the liquid is reduced to half pint. It may be necessary to add more water. Strain and when cold remove the fat; add salt, and feed warm or in the form of jelly. This may be thickened with a bit of arrowroot or cornstarch and, if liked, a bit of milk or thin cream added.

**Coddled Eggs.**—If egg is given it should be coddled, that is put in boiling water, removed from the fire and left for six or seven minutes until the white is like a jelly. For a child this age only the white should be given.

Chicken and beef broth may be prepared in the same way as mutton broth.

### The Eighteen Months Diet

For a child up to eighteen months, Holt gives the following:—

6.30 a.m.—Warm milk, 8 to 10 ounces.

9 a.m.—Fruit juice, 2 to 3 tablespoonfuls.

10 a.m.—Cereal. One (and later 2 or 3) tablespoonfuls of oatmeal or whetted grits cooked for three hours and strained. Put on this one to two ounces of thin cream or milk and cream but no sugar. A small piece of crisp dry toast or one Huntley and Palmer breakfast biscuit. Milk 6 to 8 ounces given from a cup.

2 p.m.—Beef juice, as in the last schedule, and one egg lightly poached or coddled. Boiled rice one tablespoonful, or mutton or chicken broth 4 to 6 ounces, a piece of dry crisp bread or two Huntley and Palmer breakfast biscuits.

6 p.m.—Two tablespoonfuls of farina, cream of wheat or arrowroot, cooked for at least half an hour, with milk and salt, but without sugar. Eight or ten ounces of milk given from a cup.

10 p.m.—Eight or ten ounces of milk given from a bottle.

I found that the groats made excellent porridge, and it was often a welcome change from the cream of wheat or arrowroot. In making it I sometimes used half milk and half water. The beef juice I gave about 3.30 in the afternoon. This was not according to Holt, but seemed to agree with my baby better at that time. The schedule to the end of the second year is practically the same, except that the quantities are increased and the cereals need not be strained. At the two o'clock lunch a very little rare scraped beef or lamb chop may be given, and one or two tablespoonfuls of prune pulp or baked apple added by way of dessert. Water, not milk, is given at the noon meal. Cereal with plenty of milk may be given at night, or milk toast or stale bread and milk.

*The Country Cook.*

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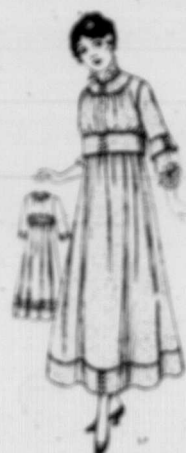
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# Our Ottawa Letter

### Graft in Shell Contracts Discussed in the Commons—Investigation Refused by the Government.

(By The Guide Special Correspondent)

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The parliamentary week-end finds the House of Commons still laboring with the debate on the address. The Senate, which never has a great deal to do—and nothing at all until the House passes some legislation—has temporarily given up the ghost and adjourned until March 8. It must be stated, however, that parliament's preliminary center has been more interesting than usual. During the week the so-called political truce has been forgotten, and guns, both big and little, have limbered up with resultant explosions from both sides of the House. One government supporter has complained that the opposition, despite the supposed armistice, had used the "poisoned gas of misrepresentation." Undoubtedly the week has seen a good deal of "shell" fire. The opposition, more particularly F. B. Carvell, poured in a great many facts and figures of more or less reliability, no doubt to establish the necessity of an inquiry into that famous body over which General Bertram—now a knight—presided. On the other hand the government has just as persistently refused to act. The ministers stand firmly behind the assumption that the shell committee was an imperial body and therefore beyond the purview of the Dominion parliament.

#### Hughes and Shell Committee

Nevertheless General Sir Sam Hughes proudly announced that it was his "baby," and that he was going to "stick to it." He defended the committee along the usual lines adopted by him, declaring that it had done its work well, and that as a matter of fact Canada had even Great Britain beaten in the game of producing shells. In view of the criticisms levelled at the committee, the minister undoubtedly made a wise and judicious speech. He handed out a "jolly" for everybody in sight. Liberals who complained that there had been partizanship in connection with the organization of the overseas forces were assured that the majority of the officers at the front were of their political faith. Sir Sam had something nice to say about everybody in any way concerned with the war, and altho he said but little that was new, he managed to say it in such a way as to disarm criticism.

#### Carvell's Serious Charges

Mr. Carvell, while dealing more particularly with the details of the work of the shell committee in connection with which he charged private and political profiteering as well as connivance at inordinate profits, told a story of how the farmers of New Brunswick had been fleeced by a middleman, which does not reflect much credit on those concerned. After reviewing the details of the transaction, Mr. Carvell said: "I publicly accuse the department of agriculture of having during the year 1915 deliberately, and with the knowledge of the minister of marine and fisheries, so manipulated the contracts for hay in New Brunswick that his political friends were placed in a position to fleck \$45,000 either out of the money which the government is handling as a sacred trust on behalf of the British government or from the pockets of the farmers of New Brunswick. I go further; I here publicly accuse the minister of agriculture of allowing the contracts to be manipulated so that the Atlantic Hay Company should receive \$35,000." Mr. Carvell said he was not disposed to blame Mr. Burrell as much as Hon. J. D. Hagen, who had placed him into this position in the interests of his political friends.

#### The Hay Deal

Mr. Carvell's story of how this was done was a long one, but the essential facts can be summarized. The Atlantic Hay Company was formed with D. F. Smith, a former Conservative candidate, at the head to buy hay thru the medium of the agricultural department for the Imperial government. They succeeded

in getting a contract at \$23 per ton. After the contract was let an embargo was placed upon the export of hay from New Brunswick. As a result the farmers had no recourse but to sell to the Atlantic Hay Company. To the farmers the company gave from \$11 to \$13 per ton, while from the government it got \$23 per ton. At the same time the farmers of Quebec province were receiving \$15 per ton for hay sold to the government. Mr. Carvell came to Ottawa and protested, but without result.

An independent hay company wrote stating to the government that if given a contract it would pay the farmers \$15 per ton. An evasive answer came back. When the House opened Mr. Carvell said he went to Mr. Burrell, who had said: "For God's sake do not bring the matter up in the House." "Mr. Burrell," he added, "went to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal whip and asked them to pull me off and not allow me to tell this dirty, miserable stealing story. My farmers were bled for \$50,000 for the benefit of the political friends of the minister of marine and fisheries. That's what they call saving the Empire. It's on a par with the way Foster and Garland saved it."

Hon. Martin Burrell was exceedingly wrothy with the member for Carleton for his observations in regard to the hay contracts. While admitting that it had been suggested the opposition

that it might not be desirable in the interests of the war office and the public to have a discussion, he had never asked him "for God's sake" not to have a discussion in the House. He declared that apart from the reason mentioned above he had no fear of the matter being debated. Going into the details of the contract with the Atlantic Hay Company, the minister stated that no complaints had been received from the farmers of New Brunswick as to the prices they had received for their hay. The department was not inflexible and might possibly have made the mistake of paying a little too much to the Atlantic Hay Company, but a change had been made in the arrangement. As the result of the new agreement the company would accept a profit of one dollar per ton, an adjustment of the accounts to be made later.

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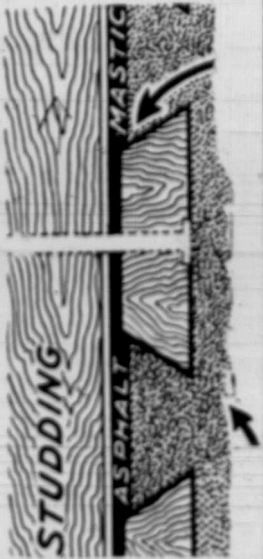
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the Conservative members of the House, countered strongly on Mr. Carvell. He was able to show that at the time of the South African war, when Mr. Carvell was not a member of the House he was the secretary of a hay company which secured a contract for 11,000 tons of hay at \$17 per ton. The man Smith, now in the business, had a sub-contract in which it was stated that he must not pay farmers more than \$8 per ton, so that the profits made then by Mr. Carvell's company were quite equal to those made by the Atlantic Hay Company. Besides Mr. Carvell had put in a bill for \$13,000 extras which was not allowed. Apparently the lesson to be drawn from the incident is that no matter what political party is in power, it is the farmer's ox that is gored.



WOMEN DELEGATES TO CALGARY CONVENTION

While one middleman was elected to parliament and became a "champion" of their rights, the other is still doing business at the old stand.

Mr. Carvell spent more than three hours in dealing with the shell committee. He charged that the makers of shells had made exorbitant profits, but his most serious allegation was that contracts had been refused legitimate companies with machinery to make shells, while mushroom companies organized by political friends of the government had been encouraged to organize and go into the business. He gave a large number of instances of this kind, and if only one-quarter of them are true, there would appear to be but little reason why an inquiry should be denied. It is only possible to mention a couple. It appears that a contract for 25,000 shrapnel shells was awarded to the York and Cornwall Cotton Company of St. John, N.B. By them it was transferred to James Fleming and Son, of the Phoenix Foundry Company, of St. John, N.B., a Liberal firm. For the contract the Flemings had to pay a commission of ten per cent. D. A. Thomas, the representative of Lloyd George, visited the Phoenix factory where the contract was being carried out. Mr. Thomas characterized the foundry as "the finest equipped machine shop he had yet seen in Canada." When he examined the output of the shop he found that the shells were all marked "Y and C." He called one of the superintendents, who explained that "a ten per cent. commission had to be paid to a Conservative middleman." Mr. Thomas told the Flemings that if they wanted contracts they could get them from the Imperial government direct without having to pay a commission. There was no reason, he said, why a firm with such a well-equipped foundry should pay commissions to anyone. Mr. Carvell asserted that Hon. J. D. Hazen, the minister from St. John, "knows that the Flemings have already paid nearly \$5,000 on their contract." Hepburn Bros., of Picton, Ont., a firm in which the Conservative member for Prince Edward County is a partner, was also dealt with by Mr. Carvell. This firm, said the member for Carleton, "ran a planing mill, and the member had himself told the House he never ran a machine shop in his life, and had to take his contract to Montreal. The firm received orders amounting to \$700,000." This happened during a period when other firms were being told that there were no more orders to let. "Can a man believe there is no politics in a thing like that?" said Mr. Carvell.

### Middlemen Get Rake-off

Mr. Carvell stated that in May, 1915, a contract was given to a Montreal middleman for a large quantity of shells, and it was sub-let to an American. Eight days later the shell committee gave an order to some of its own members at seventy-five cents higher, and he handed it over to an American to manufacture the shells. Mr. Carvell charged that not only had there been huckstering and political influence of all kinds at work, but there had been profiteering in shares of companies which were going to make the shells. He instanced the Truro Steel Company, which he characterized as "a political organization," with a capital stock of \$200,000. It took over a small foundry and after securing a shell contract, "went

to work to sell its stock, which was hawked all over the United States. The foundry had not yet started to turn out shells.

In closing Mr. Carvell said that if Canada was to maintain her honor there must be a fearless investigation of these contracts. He called upon the prime minister to grant a public investigation that will go to the very bot-

## Debating Libraries

The University of Alberta has been doing a splendid work by loaning package libraries for debating purposes to organizations of various kinds throughout the Province of Alberta. These libraries furnish full information on both sides of the questions indicated, and they have proven very popular. Up to the present time no arrangements have been made by any organizations in Saskatchewan and Manitoba to supply these libraries. In order to help out the farmers' organizations or any other organizations, who wish to conduct debates, the University has agreed to loan these libraries for a period of two weeks to any persons in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, who may wish to borrow them. The University will charge a nominal rental fee of 50 cents for the library, which will merely cover the loss and the wear and tear and not on a profit-making basis. The following are the subjects on which the package libraries have already been prepared:

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- Home Rule for Ireland.
- Imperial Federation.
- Minimum Wage.
- Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities.
- Oriental Immigration.
- Peace vs. War.
- Platform vs. Press.
- Prohibition.
- Protection vs. Free Trade.
- Responsibility with the United States.
- Rural vs. City Life.
- Simplified Spelling.
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- Socialism.
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- United States Neutrality.
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tom, shielding no wrong-doer. "If I am wrong in anything I have said," he added, "set me right.—If I have not made any part of the case strong enough, give me the opportunity in the proper way to supplement what I have said, to establish all I have charged, and make any part which I may have left in doubt clear and strong."

**A Canadian Naval Brigade**

In the course of a speech on Monday night, E. M. Macdonald, of Pictou, gave a new turn to the debate by criticizing Hon. J. D. Hazen, Canada's minister of naval affairs. Mr. Macdonald first pointed out that all the chief British overseas dominions, including South Africa, had contributed naval brigades to the Imperial service. Canada, on the other hand, with immense stretches of coast line both east and west and a large sea-going population had done absolutely nothing. The British government has recently decided to increase the strength of the Imperial navy by fifty thousand men, and Mr. Macdonald stated that there are many Canadians in British Columbia, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick who would rather serve in the navy than the army. The need which Great Britain is feeling for sea-faring men was recently demonstrated by the announcement that Canadians familiar with the operation of motor boats are wanted by the admiralty to help with the handling of the numerous small craft now afloat around the British Isles for purposes of defence. An official of the admiralty is expected to arrive in Canada as soon as possible to recruit as many experienced motor-boat men as possible.

Without touching directly on the old navy issue, the member for Pictou made some interesting revelations in regard to the matter of naval protection on the Atlantic coast—things which have doubtless been known in Nova Scotia, but which for military and other reasons have been kept a secret for months past. He stated that the Niobe was dismantled at the time the war broke out. Had the ship been in commission naval officers believed that several German vessels now interned in New York harbors could have been captured. More recently the Niobe, which was put in commission after the war broke out and rendered good service, was again dismantled and her crew is idle. As a result, Canadian transports and shipping generally have absolutely no protection from possible enemy attack,

with the exception of one improvised torpedo boat destroyer, until they reach Newfoundland waters.

Mr. Macdonald surprised some members of the House by stating that the flagship of the British squadron in North Atlantic waters is the Australian owned and controlled cruiser Sydney, which put an end to the career of the German commerce destroyer Emden in the Indian Ocean. The big vessels were, however, often away down in the West Indian waters and there was no protection for Canadian transports. He expressed the conviction that the government should at once order at least two torpedo boat destroyers for the Atlantic and the same number for the Pacific coast.

**Government and G.T.P.**

There does not appear to be much warrant for the story which has apparently gained credence in the West that the government contemplates taking over the G.T.P. western lines almost at once. Whatever may happen in the future owing to the possible inability of the G.T.P. Company to pay the interest on its bonds which have been guaranteed by the Canadian government—mostly by the Laurier administration—it is stated that there is no likelihood of any deal being entered into just at present. There is little doubt that if the country was at peace and money conditions normal, the government would be disposed to secure the western lines. As it already has practical possession of the Winnipeg-Moncton N.T.R. system, this would, with the E.C.R., make a complete government owned railway from Halifax to Prince Rupert. It is possible that some such move is being considered now, but its development must depend largely upon the ability of the government to secure the funds necessary to such an enterprise.

The general impression which prevails in ministerial circles here is that the G.T.P. Company is anxious to dispose of the property to the government, as they have but little confidence in their ability to procure the money necessary to meet their obligations until it becomes a paying venture. The government, on the other hand, is disposed to sit back and await developments. Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, is at present abroad, and nothing definite is likely to happen until his return.



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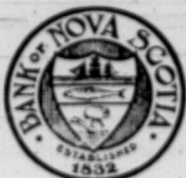
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Capital Paid-Up, \$6,500,000 Reserve Fund, \$12,000,000

PROFIT AND LOSS

Balance Dec. 31st, 1914.....	\$201,057 84
Net profits for year, losses by bad debts estimated and provided for.....	1,220,057 15
	<u>\$1,421,114 99</u>
Dividends for year at 14%.....	\$910,000 00
War Tax on Circulation to December 31st, 1915.....	65,000 00
Contribution to Officers Pension Fund.....	50,000 00
Balance carried forward December 31st, 1915.....	396,114 99
	<u>\$1,421,114 99</u>

RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31st, 1914.....	\$12,000,000 00
Balance forward December 31st, 1915.....	<u>\$12,000,000 00</u>

GENERAL STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1915

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 6,500,000 00
Reserve Fund.....	12,000,000 00
Balance of Profits, as per Profit and Loss Account.....	396,114 99
Dividends declared and unpaid.....	228,602 50
	<u>\$19,124,717 49</u>
Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	7,151,415 28
Deposits not bearing interest.....	\$18,164,057 41
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date.....	58,614,110 47
	<u>76,808,167 88</u>
Balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	83,962,583 19
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	139,656 44
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	70,804 63
	<u>811,331 71</u>
Acceptances under Letters of Credit.....	84,984,375 94
	<u>135,374 20</u>
	<u>\$104,244,467 63</u>

ASSETS

Current Coin.....	\$5,212,598 21
Dominion Notes.....	12,081,453 75
Notes of other Banks.....	887,810 93
Cheques on other Banks.....	4,626,884 92
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom, and sterling exchange.....	2,036,992 34
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	2,136,554 87
	<u>47,782,395 99</u>
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves.....	1,750,000 00
Dominion and Provincial Government securities, not exceeding market value.....	1,616,500 50
Canadian municipal securities and British, Foreign and Colonial public securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value.....	3,447,532 20
Railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value.....	4,507,958 63
Demand loans in Canada secured by grain and other staple commodities.....	7,130,589 55
Call and demand loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	7,731,849 17
	<u>33,966,540 14</u>
Call and demand loans in Canada secured by bonds, debentures and stocks.....	6,023,921 06
	<u>59,990,461 20</u>
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the circulation fund.....	350,356 42
Loans to governments and municipalities.....	394,441 32
Other current loans and discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	34,012,487 49
Other current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	6,305,446 43
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra.....	135,374 20
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for.....	148,997 71
Bank Premises at not more than cost, less amounts written off.....	2,543,515 87
Real Estate other than Bank Premises.....	316,000 00
Other assets not included in the foregoing.....	78,086 99
	<u>\$104,244,467 63</u>

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In accordance with the provisions of sub-section 124 of Section 47 of the Bank Act, 1915, we report as follows:  
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 We have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at December 31st, 1915, as well as at various times during the year, and found they agreed with the entries in the books in respect thereof. We have also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches.  
 We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and we are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our audit have been done within the powers of the Bank.  
 JAMES MARWICK, C. A. Auditor.  
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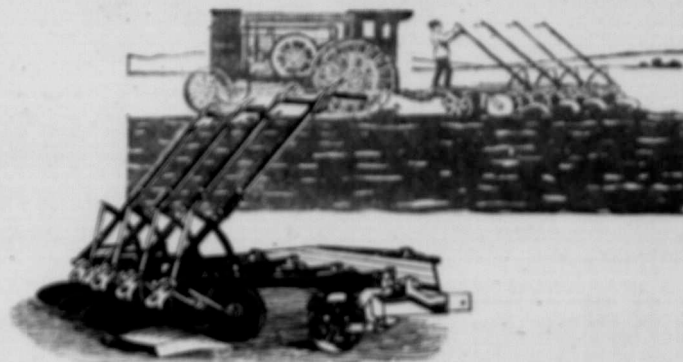
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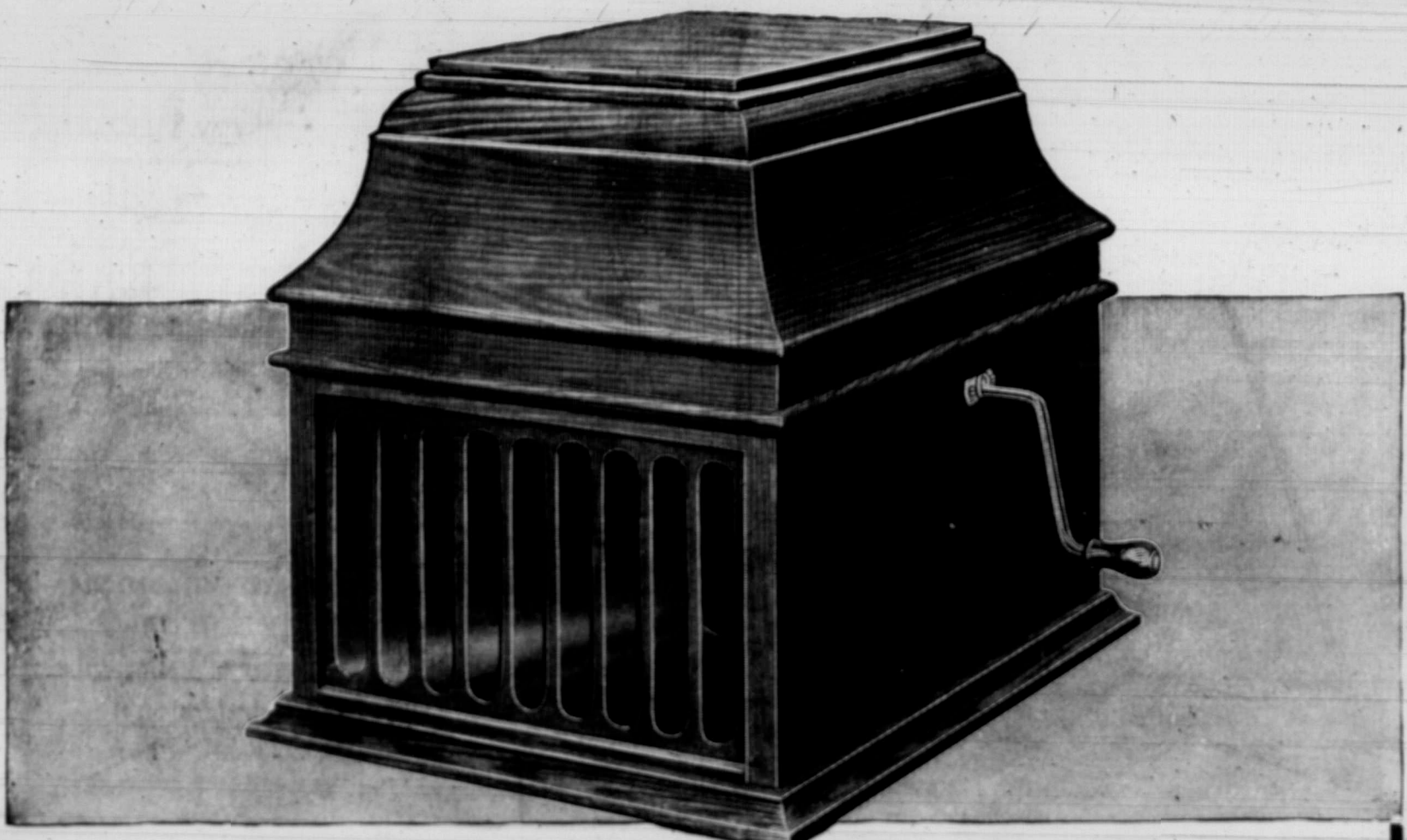
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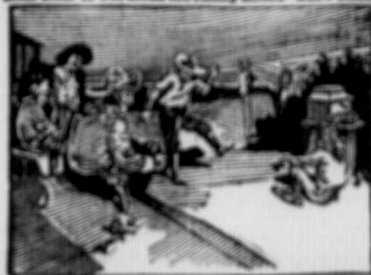
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