

FOR FARMERS, STOCK BREEDERS AND GARDNERS

NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

STONEHENGE

Dr. Rendel Harris, the famous archaeologist and Biblical scholar, has propounded a startling new explanation of Stonehenge...

One instance of this etymological evidence must suffice: two "barrows" - grave-mounds - near Stonehenge, are thought to be named from Robin Hood...

There is a little village in the North Country which is called Winlton and pronounced Win-lay-ton: with the accent on the second syllable...

Stonehenge has been the subject of endless conjecture. The earliest writer who mentions it, Henry of Huntingdon, in the earlier half of the twelfth century...

To get a line on this ancient structure, we must go far back to a time when the races of neolithic men were migrating northward...

Farm Notes

Whether willing or not, the majority of farmers are now obliged to supply more of their own needs.

- 1-Milk a few good cows; feed recommended rations. 2-Fatten one pig for every two adult members of the family...

full moon, and at the period of conjunctions, we may with tolerable certainty, look for a fall in the barometer...

Irrigation schemes affect climate. A writer in the N. Y. Evening Sun blames the irrigation of 30,000,000 acres of dry desert land in California...

A NEW CORN DISEASE

There is a new plant disease invading Canada—the so-called "Stewarts disease" of corn. It has been under observation for many years in the United States...

To be on the safe side one should grow seed from an unaffected district. If this is done, the Island should be a "disease free area" for a considerable time.

The disease is recognized by the wilting of the leaves which appear as if frosted; and if the plant is badly attacked the head of corn does not develop.

THE REGINA GRAIN FAIR

The final announcement and prize list of the World's Grain Exhibition at Regina, has just been issued. The prize money is being maintained at the magnificent level of the first list...

ODDS AND ENDS

"Precept upon precept: line upon line; here a little and there a little;" is a quotation not seldom used but always mis-applied. These words are from Isaiah 28, 10, and are always quoted as referring to the cumulative effect of education...

The Moon and Jupiter. On January 16th the first "conjunction" of the year took place—that between Jupiter and the moon. That night the barometer began to fall, and continued to do so all next day...

Doubts

For film purposes, we are told, an old English public-house has been transported to Hollywood, lock, stock and barrel. We have our doubts about the stock and the barrel.—Punch.

Experimental Farm Leads

REPORT OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND EGG LAYING CONTEST FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 23, 1933.

Table with columns: Stand, Pen Owner, Total Points. Lists various farm owners and their egg production results.

Table with columns: Pen, Eggs, Points. Shows leading pens for the week.

Table with columns: Pen, Hen, Eggs, Points. Shows leading hens to date.

DO YOUR HENS LAY?

A reliable old formula for finding out whether or not a flock of hens is paying for the feed they eat is supplied by F.C. Elford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman.

A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

statement recently issued by the Sheep and Swine Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture with respect to Canada's bacon hog industry observes:—

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Building For Better Agriculture

C. E. MacKenzie

Are we not always prone to look too earnestly and long on the dark side of most everything even depression; many of us thinking that our outlook is dark indeed and that most everything is going "to the dogs"...

Then if in God's great plan for mankind we have both sunshine and clouds that join in making a success should we complain when in that other world circle we have times of economic stress...

As stated before we are passing through trying times and let us hope and trust that the result will be a better class of citizens more courageous, more forebearing and better able to see things from the other fellows viewpoint...

Anything that can be done to improve the facilities for our sons and daughters to procure a better and wider knowledge of everyday life should be undertaken with all the energy at our command.

More real co-operation among our farmers preferably under some better system as even in all the so-called co-operation of today we have everything split up, as egg circles, swine and calf clubs, and many others, each vying with the other...

kets information and develops the marketing of these products, and of hay and straw which are graded on request; administers the Seed Act, Feeding Stuffs Act, Fertilizers Act, Inspection and Sale Act, and Agricultural Pests' Control Act.

Warble Fly Control Now Easily Possible

STRIKING RESULTS FROM FIRST YEARS EXPERIMENT ON BARRIE ISLAND

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—Railway entirely, of the Warble Fly is now in sight. This pest which causes millions of dollars loss annually to the hides of cattle, besides seriously reducing the flow of milk or gaffs in flesh, was attacked scientifically on Barrie Island last season.

Following the lead of Great Britain and Denmark in Warble Fly control work, Ontario authorities decided that something should be done and when the farmers on Barrie Island, which lies off the North Shore of Manitoulin, asked for assistance, it was gladly given.

There are about 700 head of cattle on Barrie Island, and all were given three treatments a month part last spring. Notwithstanding the fact that many of these animals are handled under practically range conditions, little trouble or expense was experienced in treating them.

When the writer started this article he had in mind not dark cloudy days but rather what we each should do to endeavor to do to "build for better agriculture."

Barrie Island farmers are enthusiastic over the progress so far. "It takes less than a minute to apply treatment to each animal," states F. W. Langdon.

As Prince Edward Island is primarily an agricultural country we should endeavor no matter what our occupation or profession may be, to further the cause of agriculture so that our country will be able when the sun of prosperity shines, as it surely will, to be in the very best position to take every advantage of those beams of sunshine and that we will build even greater than we now know for the future.

This Spring and a year from now the cattle on Barrie Island will be treated again, and by that time it is expected that the Warble Fly will be entirely eliminated, provided care is taken to guard against re-infestation from outside.

nine hundred and sixty five million pounds of dressed meat per year, or putting it another way each dollar invested only produces about fourteen and one fifth pounds finished product, whereas Denmark with eight million dollars invested produces seven hundred and sixty eight million pounds of dressed meat or about ninety eight pounds as for each dollar invested.

If all our industries are on a par with the above what advantage will a larger market with the mother country bring us under conditions that bring the cost of the finished product so high as compared with our greatest competitor in the home markets.

Here's hoping that future co-operation will tend to greater success than heretofore and that even now we can see rifts in the clouds and that ere long we will be basking in the sun of prosperity.

Horse Memoirs

(C. E. MacKenzie)

In the earlier days of our province we had what was known as The Royal Agricultural Society composed of many of the leading farmers of those good old days.

This horse "Columbus" named for the sailing ship in which he was brought out from Great Britain to New Brunswick from whence he was shipped to Prince Edward Island by schooner.

Columbus was selected in Scotland by one Dr. Dick then the principal of Glasgow Veterinary College and came to Canada in charge of a man named Shaw.

Columbus, if we were to compare him with present day Clydes would be only a small horse, his weight being only about sixteen hundred pounds, but he was an extremely active horse and could show a three minute gait; and his progeny from our half thoroughbred and old Island bred mares besides making wonderful farm and road horses, sired many of our old time trotters notably Fairy Queen, the dam of Dean Swift was sired by a horse called Farmers' Glory, who was perhaps the most noted son of this grand old horse, another real good son of Columbus was "Noble," the writer remembers a son of this horse who was good at thirty years, and while he weighed about eleven hundred and fifty pounds, he could pull a wagon at a merry clip.

In fact this cross of Clydesdale on the past thoroughbred stock produced what I would consider the greatest asset of the brood mares then found in the colony, namely, that splendid upstanding finish that could only be found in Prince Edward Island stock.

Then to this Columbus-thoroughbred cross we must give the credit of our superior horses of half a century ago.

Columbus and his sons dominated the draft and general purpose class of horses for a great many years. The Royal Agricultural Society also brought out two English coach horses, namely, King of The Valley and Waxworth, the latter a light grey, a peculiar color for the breed. Both these horses were useful stock horses and did a great deal to improve the horse industry.

About eighteen sixty two more Clydes were brought out. Old Clyde and Stockman, so called from the owner's name, but I am told that his real name was Goldfinder. Both these horses were good stock horses and many of our drafters of today can trace their ancestry back to Old Clyde or Stockman.

Another earlier Clydesdale of note was the horse Gladstone, a grey imported by the government about eighteen seventy. This horse was Ontario bred, having been foaled at Bowmanville, Ontario, and was sired by "Neatherby," one of the best horses ever imported from Scotland.

Gladstone was in the stud for about eleven years, and sired many grand horses, including many of the trotters of the time. The most noted of Gladstone's sons were Silver King a pure white horse weighing about fifteen hundred pounds.

I am informed that Silver King was from a Clyde mare, owned by the late Hon. George Coles. Silver King's colts were splendid upstanding horses of good size and many of them could show a three minute gait, in fact the writer not long ago had the privilege of looking over a summary of races at Cymbric Park and noticed that Greybird, a son of Silver King won the three minute class in the good time of 3.02.

Another good son of Gladstone was a horse called "Milton Hero." This horse did good service and sired many real good farm horses. Possibly the horse whose influence was predominant in the breeding of draft horses on Prince Edward Island was Barrister, who came to the Island in the spring of eighteen hundred and eighty-one and who continued in the stud in this province until he died at the age of twenty-two years and the influence left by Barrister is still evident in many of our draft horses, who with his sons Honest Tom, Bay Tom, Young Barrister, Abdeeran and numerous others were sources of mirth to many of our farmers.

To the late Charles C. Gardiner belongs the honor of having selected this horse for the province. As a colt, Barrister was a winner at Old Country shows and in the land of his adoption he was never beaten when in his prime. At maturity Barrister weighed about one ton, was deep low set with wonderful conformation and the best of feet and legs. In breeding, he was a straight cross between a pure bred

Clydesdale and Shire. His sire was Emperor, a noted horse that was sold at one time for six hundred guineas over three thousand dollars in Canadian money. Barrister's dam was a mare named Bounce, regarded in her time as one of the greatest brood mares in Great Britain. She was sired by a shire horse named Honest Tom, thus, while Barrister was a cross between Clydesdale and Shire he being of pure bred stock on both sides, he was allowed to be registered in our Canadian Clydesdale stud book.

Mr. Gardiner also selected another real horse in "Lucky Lad," a Clyde whom Mr. Gardiner often said that he made a good day's pay for the Province, when he bought him before winning premium honors at Glasgow Horse Show.

About the same time Hon. John of Ardgowan, a son of the noted Richard Biddford imported Knight Top Gallant Knight, who was a very low set, massive fellow that proved a valuable asset to Clydesdale breeding in the Province.

Fitzfurgus was still another of the good old time Clydes that could road like a blood. He was a large dark bay horse, whose stock was much sought for in the Maritimes.

The writer, while calling these early importations drafters has tried in this article to confine this sketch to Clydesdales and intends taking our earlier importations up under the different breeds represented and by doing so the importations will not come as they would if I were not to group them thus. I plan in following this article with one on Suffolk Punch and Percheron, and later by one on Shires.

As one can readily see, it would be impossible under earlier conditions to avoid cross breeding with our smaller foundation horses, but as the years go on, we had real good horses of all of the above breeds imported here which I hope to comment upon in future articles.

The writer, as stated in articles on the harness horse, would be pleased to receive any information that would tend to make memoirs more interesting to the reading public.

FORMER KAISER IS VICTIM OF SWINDLE

M. A. Sicily, Jan. 27—When former Kaiser Wilhelm paid 1,000,000 marks for a statue of the Mythological Queen of the Underworld, says a noted Italian professor of ancient art, he became the victim of a colossal swindle.

The statue, which depicts persephone, a major Roman Goddess and consort of Pluto, and which now is in a Berlin museum, is said by Professor Eduardo Galli not to be genuine.

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