

CLYDESDALE HORSES ARE ALWAYS IN GOOD DEMAND

Outlook for the Next Five Years is Regarded as Very Bright—
Annual Meeting of the Dominion Clydesdale Association—
Reduced Ocean Freight Rates Would Be Welcomed by
Breeders and Importers.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—That the return to conditions of peace had not been reflected by an immediate extension of business in their industry, and that high ocean freight rates and scarcity of bottoms were important factors in preventing that expected expansion were points emphasized by the directors in presenting their annual report at the annual meeting yesterday of the Dominion Clydesdale Breeders' Association, held in the Hotel Carls-Rite. The attendance probably constituted a new record for the association and, as in the case of nearly all the live stock meetings this week, the high proportion of Western delegates present was noticeable. Discussion of various matters was taken part in by members with considerable vigor, and the spirit of the large meeting was shown in the keen competition that characterized the election of officers and directors.

Lower Ocean Rates Needed

Relief in the matter of ocean shipping rates, the report of the directors stated, might aid in finding an outlet for the cheaper classes of horses in Canada, horses of a type that European farmers would be ready to receive. So long as ocean rates remained at their present level, however, no matter what tonnage, became available it would be unprofitable to ship the cheaper horses to Europe. A trial shipment of forty high-class Clydesdale geldings from Ontario to Scotland had been satisfactory, and showed what could be done with high-grade animals. The horse situation in Great Britain, due largely to war wastage was a serious one, and choice geldings were selling there at exceedingly high prices, following heavy exportations of British stocks to continental Europe. "The whole European situation therefore, affords every encouragement for the horse-breeder and especially for the breeder of good draft horses of weight and quality," the report declared.

In so far as the market in Canada was concerned, the directors felt that the horse market was in a healthy condition, especially in the Western Provinces, where very high prices were ruling. Cheap nondescript animals were still and would be a drag on the market, whereas the breeding of draft horses of weight and quality offered the greatest opportunity to Canadian farmers at the present time. Soldier settlement, particularly in the West, was a potent factor in stimulating the demand for good working animals.

Service Fees Too Low

The report expressed the opinion that, in view of the enormous cost of importation, the average service fee for high-class stallions was below a fair figure and ridiculously low when compared with fees prevailing in Great Britain. The directors des-

cribed as a weakness in the Canadian system the rule that the whole fee was dependent upon the mare proving in foal, and strongly endorsed the system followed by the Dominion Department of Agriculture in the clubbing scheme, in charging a service fee whether the mare proved in foal or not.

"Horse-breeding has fallen off considerably during the past year, especially in Ontario," was a statement in the report, which went on to describe the local situation as a serious one. A falling off now in breeding might not make itself felt for a few years, but in time the results would be starting. There was a shortage of heavy draft horses at this moment, and unless breeding operations were shortly increased a serious condition would result in a few years' time. "Farmers in 1920 should breed all suitable mares to good Clydesdale stallions, as there is every assurance that the market for good draft horses will be better five years hence than it is today."

Reciprocity in Up-Grades

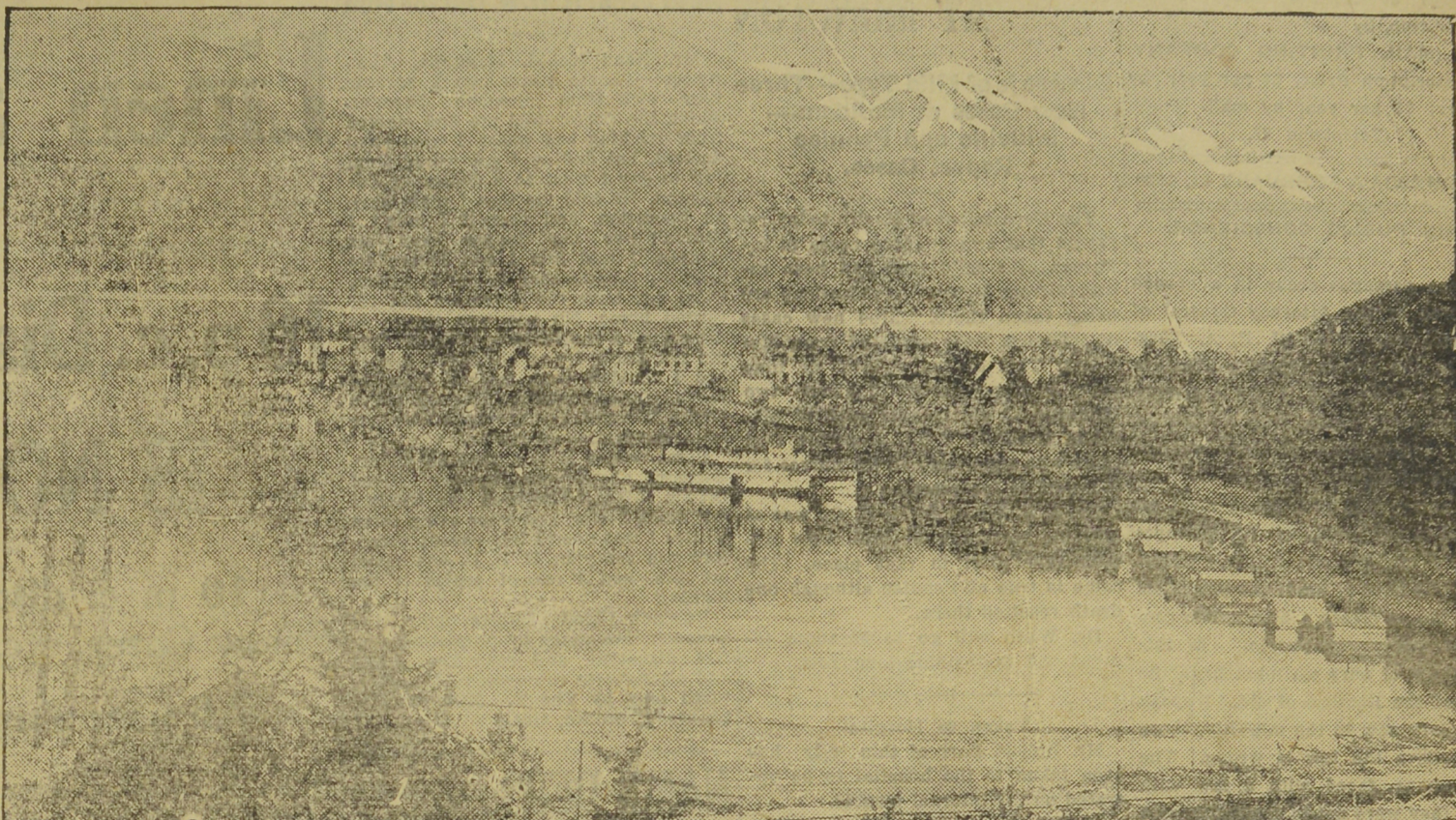
In his Presidential address, Mr. William Graham referred to the recent order from Washington regarding the entry into the United States duty free of Canadian-bred Clydesdales. "If that order means that our graded-up stallions and mares can enter free of duty President Graham said, "it will mean an enlarged market for Clydesdales." He further stated that it might be worth while to look into the matter of the possibilities held out in the Southern States as a market for graded-up Canadian-bred Clydesdales. A feature of the year's Exhibitions had been the showing of Clydesdales and in particular of Canadian-bred Clydesdales. The scheme proposed last year of a six-horse Clydesdale team to be shown around the entire circuit, in both Eastern and Western Canada, had been dropped by the directorate because of the large sum involved in carrying out such a plan under prevailing conditions.

The Hoboken amateur, John St. Lawrence, having retired from business is looking forward to a world of pleasure at the races this year with Lizzie March, 2.02; Clifford Direct, 2.08½, and Silky Mac, 2.10½.

Briscoe, 2.06, owned by Dan McKinney is to be raced over the Short Ship Circuit. The Son of Bingara should be a very useful racing tool, as he can trot in 2.10 over a half-mile track and will get a liberal time allowance.

Belmont Park, the home of Grand Circuit racing in Philadelphia is on the market and an effort will be made to dispose of it at auction. There is little fear that it will not be available for this year's meeting, however.

Fishing Before Business: Back at 7 p.m.



(1) Kaslo, B.C., on the Beautiful Upper Kootenay Lake.
(2) Quiet Fishing in Noisy Waters.

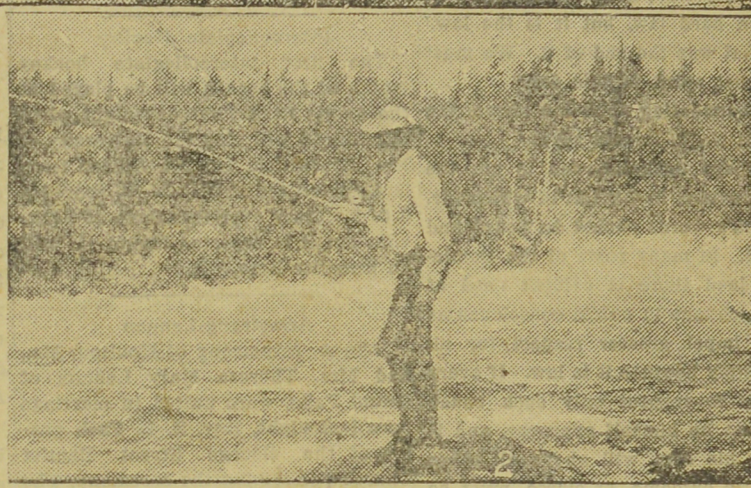
Fishermen who like a tent to live in, log fires, provisions from a country grocery store, fish that they catch themselves and roast on embers or on a frying pan that they provide, should take Upper Kootenay Lake into consideration when thinking of deciding on a fishing trip. This lake and the streams that feed it are less well known to anglers outside of British Columbia than they should be.

Salmon fishing is unexcelled in the lake. B. McGregor, who is an enthusiastic Kaslo sportsman, says: "I have locked my store door, walked across the street, jumped into a row boat, let out a line and got a salmon in less than half an hour." The best season for salmon fishing is from May 15th to June 30th, and from the beginning of September to the middle of November. Mr. McGregor again says: "I got a 19-lb. salmon within half a mile of my door on the 20th of November last." This hearty Scotchman, who came from Fife-shire, the same part of Scotland as was the birthplace of the late Sir William Whyte, former Vice-President of the C. P. R., knows all that is to be known about the Kootenay Lake fishing region. He recommends fly fishers to go to the mouth of the creeks in July, August and September. "I do considerable fishing myself," he declares. "In fact, I am honest about my weakness. When they are biting good I often

lock up and write on a blackboard outside my store: 'Fishing before business. Will be back at 7.00 p.m.' However, I usually stay as long as they bite well." Mr. McGregor is always glad to see anglers at Kaslo, and delighted to tell them all about the kind of tackle he finds most successful. "I will answer any inquiries to any tourist at any time," he says.

There are several good guides for fishermen available at Kaslo. For salmon fishing it is best to make Kaslo headquarters, and take the waters in a row-boat. Fly fishers are recommended to furnish themselves with bread, butter, any canned goods they need, a frying pan, blankets, and canvas for a tent, then take a motor launch and go to the mouth of some of the best fishing creeks. Instructions to call back a few days later, and then pitch a tent. If the campers know anything at all about fishing they are likely to find all the trout they can eat and lots to bring home with them. Those who have undertaken such a holiday say that if we all could have a few weeks of this kind of life annually there would be less patent medicine concerns in the country.

Big game hunters also find a sphere for their activities in the neighbourhood of Kaslo, five miles from the C. P. R. line. In the hunting season, deer abound, and black-



brown and grizzly bears are numerous. A government agent at Kaslo issues licenses to game hunters. It is located and decided to clear the brush and establish a townsite. Originally it was called Kane's Landing, but as the community grew, a picturesque Indian name signifying "the place where the blackberries grew," was adopted. Sixteen years ago the early residents began to plant fruit trees, and to-day there is no more successful orchard country in Canada, cherries being particularly plentiful. For this the mild climate is largely responsible, the Kootenay Lake never freezing over.

The city is surrounded by mining camps providing lead, zinc, copper, silver, and gold.

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NEW GERMAN OFFICIALS ARE LIVING SIMPLY

Berlin, Feb. 9.—The wives of Germany's cabinet ministers are not going in for society. They are living simply and dressing plainly, even though their husbands' posts would permit considerable more display. What they are really trying to do is to prove that the pomp and show of monarchy have been supplanted by the simplicity of democracy.

Frau Ebert, wife of the president, carries democracy to the extent of helping in the presidential kitchen and cooking the favorite dishes of her beloved "Fritz". In fact she has all the details of household work down to a fine art.

Although much silver plate, formerly owned by the kaiser is available for use at the presidential palace on Wilhelmstrasse the Eberts rarely put it on display, for as far as state social functions are concerned they are all but unknown there.

The presidential house book shows that for the past five or six weeks there have been only 20 official callers, including an ambassador from the Pope, the president of the local government at Leipzig, a few envoys from foreign countries, two or three Prussian ministers of state and a few politicians.

Have Few Servants

The Eberts have one housemaid, a female cook, a kitchen maid and one manservant on call, whom they draft into service when a dinner slightly less simple than usual must be given. Frau Ebert never attends diplomatic dinners, leaving her husband to represent the family and the country.

Frau Ebert hasn't had a new dress this winter and her only regular social intercourse consists in having Frau Bauer and Frau Mueller come to tea once or twice a week.

Ebert's daughter is interested in social service work, one son is an optician and the other is employed by a news agency as a reporter.

Frau Bauer, wife of the chancellor conducts herself just as simply as the president's wife, and in taking over the former imperial chancellor's home

CUTTING DOWN IMPORTS FROM UNCLE SAM

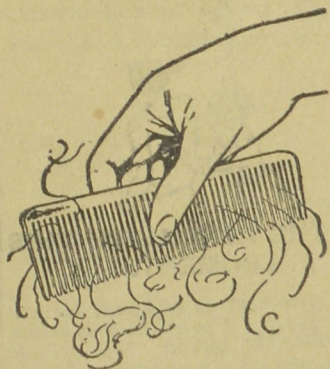
Montreal, Feb. 10.—The adverse Canadian exchange rate with the United States, which originally hurt Canadian purchasers of American goods, is today working against American

she decided that the pomp of imperial days must be a thing of the past. The Bauers have only two servants and limit their entertaining to that which is absolutely necessary to the demands of international courtesy.

Frau Mueller, wife of the foreign minister is another disciple of simplicity. She is described by those who know her as a charming, democratic, highly educated woman. Her children go to the same school that they attended before their father became particularly prominent.

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HOOF PRINTS

Della Jolla, 2.06½, will be bred to San Francisco, 2.07½.

Silent Brigade, 2.09, the sire of Baroness Chelsea, 2.13, won seven races last fall.

That third heat over the ice at Mt. Clemens in 2.12½ by Romala will make the daughter of Copa de Oro much sought after.

export houses. It was learned in the down town district today that American goods offered for sale in Montreal are being flatly turned down at the present exchange rate. Sales have dwindled so seriously and rapidly that American exporters are now offering to share the burden of the exchange rate, which is equivalent to an eight per cent. cut in price. One American firm, it was learned, is so concerned at the loss of the Canadian market, that it is offering to pay two-thirds of the exchange rate in the hope of retaining Canadian customers.

WAR ON THE PINE BEETLE IN THE WEST

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 10.—War has been declared by the forest branch of the Department of Lands on the pine beetle, which has for years been carrying on its destructive work in certain sections of the interior of the province, according to a statement by Hon. T. D. Patullo.

Ralph Hopping, an entomologist who has had wide experience in fighting the pine beetle on both sides of the international boundary, has been loaned temporarily to the province by the entomological branch of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, and Mr. Hopping is now on the ground directing operations for the curtailment of the energies of the bug, and it is hoped, for its ultimate control.

Emily Ellen, 2.09, the dam of Bruslog, 2.04½, and Day Star, 2.10, is in foal to Guy Axworthy, 2.08½.

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