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Canadian Horses for the British Army.

Some time ago we announced the ap. pointment of a purchasing agent for Canada to buy horses for the British Army. He has now arrived and from the "Montreal Star" we learn his name is Colonel James Goldie and he is a distinguished cavalry officer who has seen thirty years of service in India, and has taken part in all the great battles of the Indian mutiny, including the capture of Delhi, the relief of Lucknow, the battle of Cawnpore and the capture of Lucknow He is accompanied by a veterinary sur. geon, and will immediately make a tour of Canada and purchase three hundred horses for cavalry and artillery purposes, He will also make arrangements for securing an annual supply of horses from Canada for the British Army. In case of war breaking out in the coming summer there would be a demand for one thousand horse-from Canada for the army. The 'Star' correspondent was informed that the kinds of animals required are bay, brown, black or chestnut with a few grays, riding horses for light, medium and heavy cavalry, horses between four and seven years old, from 15 hands 2 inches to 16 hands high, not less than eight inches below the knee, or less than seventy-two inches girth, and between 1000 and 1150 pounds, geldings preferred. For artillery or engineer rid. ing or draught purposes, the animals must be between 1100 and 1250 pounds for riding, and between 1200 and 1400 pounds for draught. For the latter, long, low, active animals are preferred. Provided they are the right shape, make and action, with sufficient breed, they may be in the rough state and straight from the plow or the farm yard. The average price of suitable horses in England is about \$200. The War Office have a maximum price and that price is for horses delivered in England, so that prices paid in Canada will be for tho animals, less the cost of transport to England. The market will be permanent, and almost unlimited. Commenting on this new era for Canada a London paper says: "It rests with Canadian breeders themselves to say whether the export horse trade of Canada shall assume an importance equalling, it may be exceeding, that of the Canadian cattle trade with the mother country. If they only show themselves ready to meet the necessities of the case the European demand is in time almost certain to outstrip the supply. We say European demand advisedly, for not only is the mother country in urgent need of army remounts but Germany, France, Russia and other European powers are rapidly falling into a like position, as their recent prohibition of the export of horses clearly shows. The opportunities of the trade are indeed larger than may be generally imagined,

Editorint Motes.

By the Editor or gathered from Exchanges.

THE Fishery Dispute is getting decidedly interesting just now and it is altogether likely that during the summer our fishing grounds will be patrolled by English cruisers to ward off predatory Yankees. The affair has developed a good deal of bad feeling in the States. In one place, Gloucester Maine, Sir John A. Ma Monald was burned in effigy and very fierce remarks made in reference to the Dominion. As the matter stands some of the leading journals are advocating a general clean up of our old shot gans and that the fleet be at once looked

They do things about right out west. We observe that the people of Battleford have presented the editor of the Saskat chewan "Herald" with a purse of \$220 all told, in recognition of his services t the community. Down this way the community does the taking and the un fortunate editor does the giving.

The "World" calls attention to the fact that the Americans who wish to steal our fish are the same gentlemen who pirate most of the reading matter from English authors.

The New Lieut-Governor of Ontario is to be Hon. Alex. Campbell, until recenty Postmaster-General.

The controversy that has arisen between the United States and Canada is not over the question of fishing in Canadian waters, but whether American fishing vessels engaged in fishing in deep waters, where even Canada admits they have a right to fish, and authorized by our laws to touch and trade at foreign ports, shall have the privilege of entering a Canadian port and purchasing supplies, such as ice, bait, or provisions, in the same manner as the Canadian vessels are permitted to enter the ports of the United States.

Ele on Branch Agricultural Society.

A meeting of the Directors of the Eldon Branch Agricultural Society was held in Edward's Hotel, pursuant to the call of the President, A. E. Stabback, Vice President in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, the President entered and took his seat. Moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that Mr. Arch. Campbell be appointed as Director of this Society in place of William Ashman, deceased .-Carried. Moved by Mr. McSweyn, seconded by Mr. McCrimmon, that the President, Vice-President, and Secretary be a committee to prepare a minute of condolence to the widow and family of the late William Ashman .- Carried. Moved by Mr. McSweyn, seconded by Mr. Ross, that J. C. Gilchrist be reappointed Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year at the same salary .-Carried. Moved by Mr. Stabback, seconded by H. Edwards, that Mr. Dennis Howkins be an honorary Director of this Society.-Carried. Moved by H. Edwards, seconded by D. C. Ross, that this Society do hold a Spring Fair this year .- Carried. Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McCrimmon that the members' tickets be at one dollar for each member which will include Spring and Fall Fairs and that any exhibitors to the Spring Fair be charge! fifty cent g extra, making their entries .- Carried. Moved by Mr. McSweyn, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that the Spring Fair be held this year on the fifteenth day of April next.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the Fall Fair beheld on the seventh day of October next .- Carried. Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Mc-Crimmon, that A. Gunn and P. McSweyn be a committee to wait on Mrs. Morrison to see what arrangements can be made with her for ten acres on the north side of Argyle street and east of Napdale street, the committee have powers to add to their numbers, and to report at a future meeting.—Carried.

Farmor's Institute-

The West Victoria Farmer's Institute

held a meeting in the Town Hall, Woodville, on Monday 7th. Although this meeting was not well advertized there was a good representative gathering of farmers and others, and we are sure the few hours spent together were the most enjoyable as well as profitable, they ever had. In the absence of the President, Mr. I. W. Reid, the chair was filled by the Vice-President, Mr. D. Jackson, to the entire satisfactton of all. Mr. Jackson is a grand enthusiast in this work. The chairman after explaining the object of the meeting asked the secretary, Mr. Keith of Lindsay, to read any communications he had. Telegrams of regret were read from Profs. Robertson and Saunders, stating their inability to be present. This was rather disappointing news. Mr. Wm. Rennie of Toronto. who has earned a world-wide reputation as a farmer,-he won many prizes at the recent Colonial Exhibition in London, besides being the main winner of prizes at all our large Canadian fairs with nearly all the products of a farmhe was the the first to address the meeting. His subject was "How to exterminate the Canadian Thistle and other obnoxious weeds." It was interesting and instructive. He gave his own practical experience in the subject which has proved very effectual in getting rid of those great pests. When he finished, a very annimated discussion followed in which Mr. Rennie showed himself master of the situation. Mr. J. Jampbell Jr. was the next to read a

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