

bodies placed on each side of the upper part of the windpipe, and are especially well seen in thoroughbred and well-bred horses. In the disease in question they are enlarged, especially the left one. You had better communicate with the Inspector of Stock for your district, and inquire when a veterinary officer is likely to be in your neighbourhood, and ask him to see the colt.

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#### KERRY CATTLE.—GRASSES.

MR. P. MCKENNA, Ahaura, writes as follows:—

1. Some four or five years ago the Department of Agriculture imported some Kerry cattle, and I see by the report of the Manager of Moumahaki, Mr. F. Gillanders, in the Annual Report for 1908, that they were doing well, but I have not seen anything about them since. Would you kindly let me know through the *Agricultural Journal* whether they have been a success or not?

2. Would you also kindly let me know which of the two following grasses are of the best feeding-value in poor country—Yorkshire fog, or red-top?

The Fields and Experimental Farms Division replies,—

1. The Kerry cattle were maintained for some years north of Auckland. They did not, however, prove so acceptable to the farmer as other breeds of milking-cattle. They have not been continued as a pure breed.

2. Red-top is usually accepted as the more valuable of the two grasses mentioned.

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#### HEIFER TROUBLE.

K. J., Morrinsville, writes,—

We have a two-and-a-half-year-old heifer which has partially lost the use of her hind legs. We noticed this first about six weeks ago, when the trouble was only slight, and could be noticed when running. However, she has gradually got worse, and now has difficulty in getting on to her hind legs, frequently knuckling over at the joints. She has had no injury that we know of, and has never had a calf. Could you advise any treatment?

The Live-stock and Meat Division replies,—

It is impossible to say what is the cause of the symptoms shown without personal examination of the animal. Even with this it is not certain whether a correct diagnosis could be given. It is probable that she has received an injury you are not aware of, probably in the region of the loins. If she is no better it would be as well to destroy her. You do not say whether she has recently been mated. Cases showing similar symptoms are not uncommon after service with a heavy bull.

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#### BRONZE BEETLE.

C. W., Takapuna, Auckland, writes,—

Many of my apples this year are damaged by a dark stain or scab, sometimes extending to about one-fourth of the entire surface. I do not think it is made by the bronze beetle. Can you advise me what spray to use to cure it, and when to apply? I am sending specimens.

The Orchards, Gardens, and Apiaries Division replies,—

The apples forwarded have been attacked by bronze beetle in the early part of the season, with the result that later the fruit has cracked, and decay set in. The effectiveness of arsenate of lead for the control of the beetle can be increased by adding a small quantity of resin-solution to the mixture.