

There, again, there are differing opinions, as some farmers say the plain wire is all that is necessary.

When asked about horses and the electric fence, this farmer replied in the same terms as those given by Mr. McRae, but added that his experience showed that the horse had to be educated. All his horses, when receiving their first shock, instead of jumping back, went through or over the fence, but did not trouble it again.

### Type of Charges

One man who has had very wide and practical experience of the electric fence stated that he had proved that the type of charge sent along the wire decided greatly the success with which the fence could be used. Some types on the market gave only a single shock represented so, "—", while others gave a double shock, thus, "—, —".

It was found after several fences had been thoroughly tried that those giving the double charge were by far the most successful. Lambs which would break past a single shock wire



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could not be tempted to pass the double shock wire, even when starved and

tempting fodder was placed just outside the wire.

### Tried Against Deer

Mr. D. O'Brien, of Lilburne, has tried the electric fence out against deer. Mr. O'Brien is of the opinion that, provided the live fence is being used from the beginning of such times as the deer are likely to visit the paddock, they will be kept down. Contrary to general opinion, it is stated by this farmer that deer will go through a fence more often than over it, and if given a good shock before the feed is enclosed within the fence, they will not bother it afterwards.

One other point which of interest is that it appears that animals are like human beings in their susceptibility to an electric shock. Some animals take no notice of the charge, while others show the fence the greatest respect, and for this reason a farmer may find that he will have to get rid of one animal, or perhaps more, before his fence will be a complete success.

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