

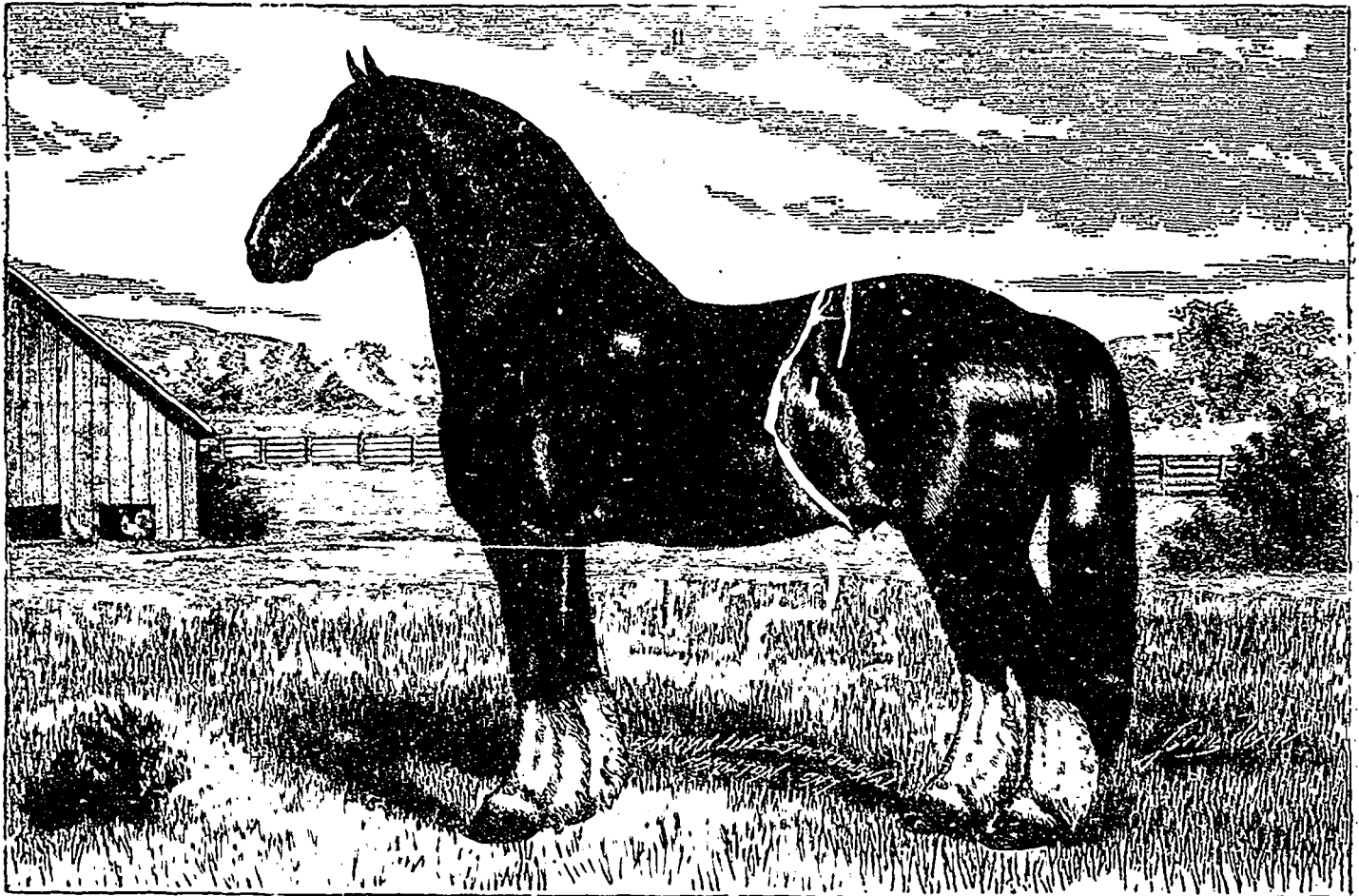
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THE CLYDESDALE STALLION BLUE JACKET, AS A YEARLING,

Imported by, and the property of D. & O. Sorby, Guelph, Ont.

Blue Jacket.

The Clydesdale stallion Blue Jacket, who figures so nicely in our sketch, was bred by Mr. James Biggar, Chapelton, Dalbeattie, Scotland, purchased from Mr. Peter Crawford, Burnfoot, by Messrs. D. & O. Sorby, Guelph, Ont., and imported to their Woodland's stud in 1885. He was foaled 7th May, 1884, sired by Lord Blantyre (2242), Vol. v.—dam Kathleen (1003), Vol. v, and sire of dam Montgomery's Farmer (288), Vol. i. He is a beautiful bay, with a nice clean-cut head and neck, abundant promise of strength of breast and shoulder; is well coupled, well sprung in the ribs, and has plenty of heart-girth. He possesses sufficient bone rightly adjusted, and is, if we mistake not, a horse that will make his mark when more fully developed. There is a niceness of finish about him rarely seen in a young Clyde, and his vigorous style of action draws one's attention favorably at first sight.

Blue Jacket was a first prize-winner as a foal in 1884 in Scotland, and has been shown twice in this country, and carried off the red ticket both times. The North British Agriculturist (August 12th, 1885), says in regard to him, "that he is one of the best yearlings seen this season." Of the several good

horses in this stud Blue Jacket gives promise of becoming one of the very best.

To the Young Men of the Farm.

We would like to say a word to the young men of the farm as to the way in which they spend their winter evenings. The council of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario are again offering certificates and prizes to young men who successfully pass examinations on farm topics, according to the course of reading prescribed by the association. As this course has a very direct bearing on the future life work of all who intend to stick to the farm, it is very important that our young men should busy themselves with the course of reading marked out, with a view to successful competition.

It should be the ambition of every young man on the farm to rise above the dead level of his profession, and even though he may not study for a certificate, reading the course assigned will prove of great benefit. Yet this should be remembered, that the thought of examination in advance will prove a spur, an incentive to study that will result in more of it being done than would be without this ob-

ject in view. The examinations are held at the same time and place with those for teachers, and all who intend to present themselves must signify the same not later than 1st of April next to H. Wade, the secretary, Toronto, from whom all particulars relating to the course of reading may be obtained. Why should not every county send up half a dozen young men for examination every year?

OUR sincere thanks are due those friends of the JOURNAL who have and still are aiding in extending its circulation. If it be any satisfaction to our readers to know, we are happy to say our daily list of subscribers for the past month has been more than double what it was during the same time last year. The JOURNAL is proud of the endorsement it is now receiving in the way of an enlarged subscription list, which is the best possible proof that the view it takes on the livestock industry meets with the hearty approval of the leading honest and intelligent farmers of Canada. Those who still feel inclined to help us, will please do what they can during this month, it being one of the best for getting new subscribers. Sample copies, etc., sent free to any one willing to assist.