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GROUP OF CLYDESDALE HORSES.

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Our illustration this month represents a group of Clydesdale stallions imported by the Messrs. Graham Bros., whose stud at Cairnbrogie is one of the rare excellence, the breeding of the horses being of the very highest order. They are rich in the blood of such sires as Macgregor (1487), Darnley (222), Prince of Wales (673), and a large number of others, who in their day, carried off the most coveted of the honors in the principal show rings of Scotland, and filled it with types of this famous breed so much desired by purchasers on this side of the Atlantic.

The central figure in the group is Macarthur (3815), the sweepstakes horse at the present time for the Province of Ontario. Bred at Auchengoll in 1883, and sired by Macgregor (1487), he has for dam Bet of Auchengoll (2417), by Prince (609), by Lochfergus Champion (449), by Salmond's Champion (737), by Farmer (284), and traces still back through illustrious sires to Glancer alias Thompson's Black Horse (335). Individually he is a grand, low set horse; heavier than most of his kin. When in flesh he weighs 2,050 lbs. He stands upon short legs, with bone broad and flat. His pasterns stand at the very desirable angle of about 40°, and his hoofs are firm and sound. His arm is powerful; shoulders strong and sufficiently oblique; breast broad, deep and full; neck beautifully arched; head sufficiently strong to mark well that masculine quality so necessary in a stallion—nostrils well dilated, and eyes set well up in the head, of medium size and well pointed. His back is short and straight and powerful; the ribs round as a barrel, and heart-girth roomy enough to give that freedom of lung and heart-play which are

the source of the matchless strength of this horse, and of his freedom of action and gracefulness of movement, which come as natural to him as motion to running water. His loin is broad with right forward slope; his quarter is heavy; and his tail is set high and well-supported. He has all the right qualities happily adjusted, which go to make up a horse capable of carrying out of the show ring the highest honors which Ontario can bestow.

Macarthur was a prize-winner in Scotland. At the spring show of the Markham Agricultural Society, 1886, he was first, and second at the Toronto Industrial the same year. At the Toronto Industrial, 1887, he was first and silver medal as best horse of any age; at the Ontario Central, Port Perry, 1st and silver medal as best imported Clydesdale, and gold medal as best imported or Canadian-bred any age, and silver medal for best stallion and three females owned by one exhibitor; at Markham he was first in his class, and won Mr. W. Rennie's special prize for best Clyde stallion or mare; at Uxbridge he won first and diploma as best Clydesdale any age; and at Goodwood first as best horse any age or breed. Every prize won by Macarthur in 1887 was a first.

Macphail (4567), a full brother to Macarthur, but one year younger, is equally beautiful, equally well proportioned, has equal freedom of action, and when fully matured will turn the scale at quite as high a number as the other. The two have rightfully come out of the same mould. The description of the one is the description of the other, and the reason why Macphail this year was the second sweepstakes horse for Ontario is that Macarthur was the first Macphail was second at Kilmarnock, and first at the Royal, England, as a two-year-old. He was

first at Toronto as a three year-old in 1887, first at Markham and first at Goodwood. It is surely a fact of great significance that two horses from the same sire and dam should prove the champion horses of the Province, each in his year.

Marmion (vol. x), was foaled June 10th, 1886. He was sired by Lord Marmion alias Bonnet of Blue (2620), who was got by Blue Ribbon (1961), winner of second prize at the H. and A. S. show at Perth in 1879. The sire of Blue Ribbon is the immortal Darnley (222). Bess of Newton 765, the dam of Marmion, was got by Dandy Jim (221) by the famous old Prince of Wales (673). He is a growthy colt, and gives promise of great development. Good judges agree that such legs, feet and pasterns can seldom be found, and he has already proved himself a king amongst Clydes, although so young. In 1887 he won first at Kilmarnock, at Edin'burgh, and at the Royal, Newcastle, and third at Glasgow. At Edinburgh he also won the champion cup, beating the unbeaten two-year-old The Macaulay. He was also first at the Toronto Industrial, first at Port Perry, and first at Markham, the only occasions on which he has been exhibited.

Jessie Macgregor (vol. x), the figure at the top of the group, was foaled May, 1885. As the name indicates, she was sired by Macgregor (1487), and is therefore half-sister to Macarthur and Macphail. Her dam, Bonnie Scotland (4430) is by Prince Galloway (601), by Gladstone (333), a H. S. prize-winner at Kelso in 1872. She is a filly of good size, of a rich dark color, perfect in form and mild in disposition. She promises fine style, and her action, both walking and trotting, are unrivalled. She won first at Toronto Industrial last autumn, first at Port Perry first at Markham and at Goodwood.