

Registration of Imported Clydesdales

As the pedigrees of a number of horses which have been imported during the present season were not eligible for registration in the Canadian Stud Book we feel that the requirements for registration should again be explained. While importers might be supposed to be able to look after their own interests, the fact remains that pedigrees of some Clydesdales imported recently have been rejected by the National Live Stock Records and upon which duty has been paid. Some of these may subsequently be qualified for registration through having necessary ancestors numbered in the Scotch Book, but some will not, and will probably be sold or travelled on their Scotch certificates. Breeders and buyers should therefore be careful not to patronize or purchase stallions which are not recorded in the Canadian Stud Book. No Clydesdale can now be brought into Canada, either from the Old Country or the United States, unless its pedigree has been recorded in the Canadian Stud Book, or duty paid.

As the registration fee would probably not exceed \$5.00 and the duty be not less than \$100.00, the course the importer would take is obvious, so a Canadian certificate should be insisted upon as a matter of protection. If an animal has been imported since July 1st, 1906, and has not a Canadian certificate, it can be taken for granted that one could not be procured.

Several shipments have been made which were purchased by agents in Scotland and it has for the most part been in these that the ineligible ones have been found. (In one case the Steamship Company was ordered by the consignee to return the shipment). So persons intending to buy in that manner should furnish their agents with definite instructions as to what is required in order to ensure registration in the Canadian Stud Book.

The animal must itself be numbered; its sire and dam must both be numbered and their sires and dams must also be numbered in the Scotch Stud Book. Reference as to volume and page is not sufficient; in fact in most cases where pedigrees have been rejected it has been for that reason. As it is impossible to tell from examination of the export certificate, which only gives the number, whether the sire is eligible or not, it is necessary to refer to the Stud Books and tabulate the pedigree for two generations.

The following examples of a pedigree which is eligible for the Canadian Stud Book and one which is not will illustrate the meaning clearly.

ELIGIBLE

Haggis (17356) { Baron's Pride (9122)
Forest Queen (7233)
Mains of Airlies (10379)
Porridge (16317)

NOT ELIGIBLE

Scots Wha Hae (16489) { Mains of Airlies (10379)
Parthonia (8999)

Any pedigree which when tabulated as far as that of Haggis will be eligible as all the ancestors have numbers, but one which like Scots Wha Hae has but a reference to volume and page where an ancestor is recorded will not be eligible.

It will be noticed that Mains of Airlies appears in both pedigrees, he is sire of Haggis' dam and her pedigree can be accepted as she has a number;

however, as sire of Scots Wha Hae he renders the pedigree ineligible, as his dam, Pandora has not been and cannot be numbered. Another point which should be clearly understood is that all pedigrees must conform to the present rule, even if their dams and sires have already been recorded and assigned numbers in the Canadian Stud Book as ancestors of animals previously imported and registered.

Criticism has been made of the action of the Scotch Stud Book authorities in issuing export certificates for animals which they must have known could not comply with the Canadian requirements, but it must be understood that any owner may demand an export certificate for an animal recorded in the Scotch Book upon payment of the necessary fee and that it is not the duty of the secretary to do more than make out the pedigree and certify that it has been properly recorded in his book. He would doubtless give the required information if requested, as he thoroughly understands the Canadian standard, but it would only be an act of courtesy on his part, not his duty. —Registrar National Live Stock Records.

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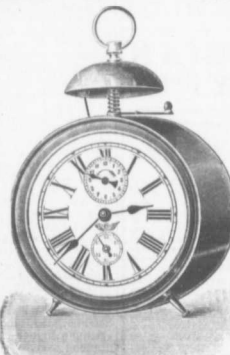
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