

Stock.**Provincial Spring Stallion Show,
March 11th and 12th, 1891.**

A joint meeting of the Stock Show Committee of the Agricultural & Arts Association and the Clydesdale Horse Association was held at Agricultural Hall, Toronto, on Jan. 16th, 1891.

Present, from the Agricultural & Arts Association—A. Rawlings, Forest, President, in the chair; N. Awrey, M. L. A., Binbrook; R. Vance, Ida; J. C. Snell, Edmonton, and C. M. Simmons; from the Clydesdale Horse Association—Wm. Smith, M. P., Columbus; R. Graham, Claremont; Robt. Beith, Bowmanville; Robt. Miller, Brougham; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood.

The Secretary, Mr. Wade, explained that he had failed to get a building suitable for a spring show, but had, through the courtesy of Lt.-Col. Otter, secured the Drill Shed for two days, and that he had taken the responsibility of calling the two committees together in order to form a joint committee to hold such a show.

The committee decided that it would be advisable to give premiums to entire horses of the following breeds:—Thoroughbred, Carriage or Coach, Roadsters, Hackneys, Clydesdales, Shires, Suffolk Punch and Percherons.

It was moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Vance, that the following proposition of the Clydesdale Association for terms of amalgamation for the holding of a spring show be accepted, viz.: That the Agricultural & Arts Association make a grant of a sum not less than \$100 towards the prize list for Clydesdales; that the additional amount for Clydesdales be furnished by their Association; that they have the preparation of the prize list in their own department, and that they have no responsibility as to expenses and no claim on receipts. Carried.

It was resolved that other horse breeders' associations could duplicate the prizes in their respective classes if they thought fit.

It was resolved that the Prince of Wales' prize of \$60 should be given to the Clydesdale Association this year.

The committee drew up a good prize list in the following sections:—

Imported Clydesdale stallion, foaled previous to Jan. 1st, 1888; do. foaled in 1888; do. foaled subsequent to Jan. 1st, 1889.

Canadian bred Clydesdale stallion, foaled previous to Jan. 1st, 1888; do. foaled in 1888; do. foaled subsequent to Jan. 1st, 1889.

Shire stallion, foaled previous to Jan. 1st 1888; do. foaled in 1888; do. foaled subsequent to Jan. 1st, 1889.

Percherons, stallion any age.

Suffolk Punch, same as Percherons.

Thoroughbreds, same as Shires.

Coach or Carriage, same as Shires.

Roadsters, same as Shires.

Hackneys, same as Percherons.

The Secretary and Mr. Smith were appointed a committee to wait on the Mayor to see if the City would fix up the Drill Shed.

The Secretary and Mr. Miller were appointed a committee to solicit contributions for the spring show.

Prize lists can be obtained from the Secretary, H. Wade, Toronto.

If your cows are getting a full and satisfactory ration do not risk the experiment of a sudden change of diet. While the cow takes her food with a relish and gives good returns, stick to it.

"Down in Ole Kentucky."

Of the many places on this vast continent that lay claim to the title of horse centres, none, perhaps, has held that title longer, or more justly, than the famous old state of Kentucky; and, as in these days of competition, it behooves every breeder of fine stock to keep himself well posted on what is going on, not only in his own immediate neighborhood, but also in those other districts in which special attention is paid to the live stock industry, perhaps a few words descriptive of some of the leading horse breeding establishments in this state may interest our readers. Foremost among the men who are to-day upholding trotting horse interests in Kentucky are the Messrs. Hornsby, proprietors of Booker Brook Farm, a few miles out of Eminence. Indeed, as enthusiastic believers in, and, consequently, extensive breeders of trotting stock of the famous Goldust blood, their name has become known, not only throughout the U. S., but also all through Canada, where many of the best road horses to-day trace their lineage to stallions sent over here from the Booker Brook Farm stables; and, indeed, a visit to these stables ought to be enough to convince any sceptic that from the loins of the famous old Goldust has sprung a race of horses that can hold their own in any company where a combination of speed, style, and courage is desired. At the time of our visit the principal stock horse was Indicator, now 23 years old and possessing a record of 2 23 $\frac{1}{4}$, made in a fourth heat when 19 years old, thus proving that he possesses a large measure of the staying powers for which his family has always been famous; a beautiful rich chestnut, he shows all over that breedy look that we so often find lacking in our Canadian trotters, with a grand set of legs, so flat and clean that any three-year-old might be proud of them; he has a short, powerful back and loins, and nice, smooth, level quarters, with a magnificent pair of stifles, well let down into wide sinewy hocks, while his clean blood-like head, graceful neck and expressive countenance show him to be a horse of more than unusual intelligence, a quality especially desirable in a roadster, and one which, we venture to say, Indicator has transmitted to his colts, for a gamier, breeder looking lot of youngsters it would be hard to find than we were shown in an adjoining yard. Among them we would especially mention a chestnut filly out of a mare by Boyd Winchester, he by Green Mountain Black Hawk, 2nd dam by Jehu Morgan, and a colt out of the famous old mare Darcus, by Green Mountain Black Hawk; this latter, a fine, big, rangy fellow, showing lots of substance and promising to make a 16-hands horse, while an inbred Goldust colt by Indicator, out of a mare by Lexington Goldust, 2nd dam by Crockett Morgan, a half brother to old Goldust, struck us as being a colt that should make a grand stallion for using on roadster mares in this country—a breedy, rangy colt, he shows remarkably good action and promises to grow into a good-sized horse. The brood mares, which were running out on a nice blue grass pasture, were in keeping with the stock we had already seen, showing all through many of the characteristics of the thoroughbred. Among them we were particularly struck with a chestnut mare, Empress Goldust, sired by Lexington Goldust and out of a mare by Jehu Morgan. This mare, Mr. Hornsby told us, started in three colt races, winning two and taking second place in the third. Another good

pattern of a brood mare was a black mare by Shelbyville Chief, a son of the famous Clark Chief, sire of Betsy Trotwood, the dam of Phallas, while we cannot pass over the grand old mare Darcus, now 32 years old and carrying her twenty-sixth colt, sired by Green Mountain Black Hawk, and out of a mare by a son of Hancock's Hambletonian; she has proved herself a grand breeder, and although but 15 hands high herself, she has never bred a colt that has not made a 16-hand horse.

Before leaving we took a hasty glance at one or two of the colts that were being handled in the stable, and we cannot pass over them without mentioning a bay two-year-old by Lexington Goldust, jr., out of a thoroughbred mare by John Akin. This grand young horse had just been sold to Mr. E. T. Payson, of Boston, Mass.; standing a good 16 hands, with a beautiful blood-like head and neck, and a grand set of legs, he shows very strongly his thoroughbred blood, while his action is almost perfect; altogether he is a colt that should do both his breeders and his owner honor. One point that impressed us particularly about the stallions at Booker Brook was their prepotency, it being no trouble to recognize the colts from the different sires, each one strongly impressing his own peculiar characteristics on his offspring.

MR. W. L. CRABB'S TROTTERS.

Before leaving Eminence we paid a visit to the farm of Mr. W. L. Crabb, the well-known distiller. Here we found a lot of capital young things, sired by such horses as Bethlehem Star 2.20 $\frac{3}{4}$, Sealskin Wilkes, a son of the great Geo. Wilkes, and Standard Bearer, by Volunteer; this last horse, now 20 years old, has proved himself a great producer, having a number of his get in the '30 list. As the brood mares were out at grass on a distant part of the farm we were unable to see them, our time being limited; but from what we saw of their produce and a perusal of their pedigrees, as set forth in the catalogue, we should judge that in laying the foundation of his stud Mr. Crabb has spared no expense, but has adhered strictly to the principle that "the best is the cheapest."

Among the yearling colts we were particularly taken with a black colt, sired by Sealskin Wilkes and out of a Volunteer-Star mare. Although not standard by his breeding, if we may judge by his gait, he bids fair to become so by performance, for a better mover it would be hard to find. Another colt that we fancied very much was Bill Ali, a two-year-old, by Standard Bearer, dam Dolly Wilkes, by Idol Wilkes, he by Geo. Wilkes, a big, smooth fellow, with plenty of substance, and showing a good open gait. Coming to the fillies we had no trouble in picking out as the get of Sealskin Wilkes, a pair of bays and a brown, all yearlings. One of the bays, Zerlina, attracted our attention by the amount of quality she showed; although a little undersized she promises to grow into a very smooth, well-turned mare. Another good one is Getty Wilkes, by Gettysburgh Wilkes 2.29, a solid bay and a very rangy, breedy filly, with a capital set of legs.

In a paddock adjoining the training stable were running three two-year-olds, all daughters of Standard Bearer. One of these, Lorena W, took our fancy immensely; out of a mare by Idol Wilkes, 2nd dam a thoroughbred, she combines substance with quality, and judging by her free, open gait, as she trotted away from us