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A GROUP OF IMPORTED STALLIONS

Owned and Imported by Mr. Jos. Vance, New Hamburg, Ont.

Our Illustration.

Better by far than the product of the most ready pen is the pencil work of our artist to convey to our readers the merit and worth of the stallions forming the stud of Mr. Jos. Vance, of New Hamburg, Ont. Though excellent to an eminent degree, yet the above illustration does not, to our mind, surpass the originals, for a finer trio of stallions has rarely come under our notice for review. Standing to the right in the upper corner is the beautifully finished Yorkshire coach stallion, Alderman Kirby, registered in vol. III. of the Yorkshire Coach Horse Stud Book. He is a foal of '87 and bred by John Kirby, Burton Fields, Yorkshire, Eng., and was imported by Mr. Vance last spring. His sire was Lord Rockingham, 743. His dam, the Countess 162, was sired by Palestine, a valuable stallion sold to the Italian Government for

use in their stud. The 2nd-dam of Alderman Kirby was sired by Inkermann Hero, 237, that has been credited with being out of the best horses of the breed that England has yet produced. Engineer, 733, owned by Wm. Walkington, near York, was the sire of his 3rd dam. The foregoing makes Alderman Kirby a stallion of first-class breeding, descended from some of the very best strains of the Yorkshire Coach. In appearance this stallion is rangy, standing firmly on clean limbs and moving easily with long and rapid stride. In color he is beautiful bay with black points. His face is distinctly featured and intelligent looking, and his neck is nicely moulded and free from undue heaviness. A grand shoulder for strength, and quick movement enables him to pass over the ground rapidly. A barrel nicely turned and long beneath with good length of quarter and strongly boned hind legs gives him a good sweep from behind.

Standing nearly 16 hands high and presenting a fine appearance, there is every indication that he will beget stock that will show to advantage before a carriage and prove good roadsters.

An excellently proportioned horse of good quality is Waterside Farmer, vol. xii, that stands to the left in the above group. Though but foaled in 1887, this horse is strongly developed, possessing joints and coupling combined with such muscle as might well be the boast of horses of more years than he. He was bred by George Wilken, Esq., Waterside of Forbes, Scotland, and was sired by Duchal (2737), vol. vi., dam, Countess of Kirkcudbright (2058), g. sire, Farmer (288), g. dam, Fanny (3104), g.g. sire, Sir Colin (3188). A pretty bay in color with two white stockings, he pleases the eye in respect to that fickle requirement; while his robust form and strong frame, covered heavily with muscle on all parts, gives birth