

an excellent mould, being muzzled excellently and carrying abundant silky hair. Eastfield Laddie (6719) Vol. XI., is a neat close coupled horse, three years old and by Old Times (579) Vol. I. Lord Gray (6965) Vol. XI., McCalman (6995) Vol. XI., and Clyde Admiral Vol. XII., all three-year olds, are like the rest, admirable specimens, and the same may be said of those not mentioned here. Indeed there are no culls and none inferior, and the excellence of the breeding may be inferred from the frequency with which such names as Prince of Wales (673), Lord Erskine (1744), Darnley (222), McCamon (3818), Lord Hopetoun (2965), and one or two scores of others almost equally good, occur in the pedigrees.

Of the females, Maria, Vol. XII., two years old, by Blantyre (2283) Vol. V., is one of the most shapely Clydes ever brought across the sea.

THE CLYDES AND SHORTHORNS OF MR. JOHN DAVIDSON, BALSAM

The Clydes.—There are probably half a dozen pedigreed Clyde brood mares at this farm, and all possessing that goodness of quality which to so great an extent has characterized the Clydes, bred both here and at the home of James I. Davidson, near at hand. Four of the mares have young foals at foot. The stallion Lewie Gordon has recently been purchased from Sorby Brothers, and he has wonderfully developed of late. He is also excellent in pedigree, as will be clear to those who trace carefully the performance of his ancestry.

The Shorthorns.—We were amazed at the perfection of the Shorthorn heifers of this herd. There are half a dozen of them one and two year old, which for quality, that thing which is always more easily felt than described, would perhaps puzzle any Shorthorn herd in Canada to produce the like. They are of Cruikshank and Cruikshank-Campbell strains, which almost means that they are Cruikshank strains. One of them especially, a two-year-old roan, a marvel of perfection, is one of the most perfect handlers ever touched by hands. If Mr. Davidson is successful in breeding from these, he is soon going to have a grand herd.

ROSEHILL STOCK FARM.

This farm is situated about a mile or so from the bustling town of Galt, and is approached by a beautiful rising walk that affords at every step a captivating view of the surrounding country. The proprietor is Mr. J. C. Dietrich, of the manufacturing firm of Messrs. Dietrich & Shurley. At present the line of breeding mostly followed is the production of good serviceable drivers for the American market. At the head of the stables stands the standard-bred stallion Axland (6693). His pedigree is as follows:

AXLAND 6693.	Leland 1300	Rysdyk's Hambletonian	Abdallah
	Avis (Reg. Vol. IV)	Imogene	Seely's American Star
			Curry Abdallah
		Princeps	Woodford Mambrino
			Primrose
		Fay	Dorsey's Golddust
			Grace

Axland was bred by Chas. Backman, the proprietor of Stony Stud Farm, N.Y., the former owner of the now famous Electioneer, of Palo Alto Farm. Leland, the sire of Axland, was got by the well-known founder of the Hambletonian family, Rysdyk's Hambletonian 10, while, through his dam, he traces to Seely's American Star, thus combining that blending so eagerly sought for now, the Hambletonian-Star cross. Through his dam Axland traces to almost equally

fertile sources of trotting blood. Princeps, the sire of Avis, is the present headlight at Indian Hill Farm, Kentucky, and is giving a good account of himself there, being now the sire of six inside the narrow circle of 2:20 and better, including Trinket 2:14, while his speed-producing get are many. On his dam's side also Axland traces to the favorably known family of Golddusts, of Morgan extraction, and further, through the mare Grace to the far-famed sire of producing dams, Pilot Jr. It is not necessary to say more of the ancestors of this horse to warrant the statement that his breeding is a happy combination of the best. In appearance he is a beautifully finished horse, a dark brown in color, and clear of all markings. He has all the spirit and quality of a thoroughbred, with the conformation and breeding of the trotter. An intelligent face, mild, though clear eye, denotes that Axland is not one of the rattle-headed class, while his muscular and bone development and rangy appearance proclaim his value as a getter of superior driving stock no matter how cold the blood of those given him. Another stallion here was Captain, by Victor, grandson of Volunteer, dam by Eclipse. This horse is a rich chestnut, extra well-developed for a two-year-old, as he stands fully fifteen and a half hands, and has all the appearance of a matured horse. The stables also contain a number of good brood mares, including Nellie Golddust, by Dorsey's Golddust, the founder of the Golddust strain. It would be going too much in details to mention all the colts, but it may be said that they all, more or less, showed a repetition of the good qualities of their sire, Axland. They were all possessed with his characteristic freedom and rapidity of stride. And the fact that they are all from mares of indiscriminate breeding is a strong testimonial to Axland's prepotency. A splendid pair of small drivers had just been sold at the time of my visit, and a neat span they made. Mr. Dietrich also holds for sale a strong, nice bay gelding of the hunter stamp, that would weigh about twelve hundred; and another excellent driver, rangy, a nice seal brown, and of splendid action.

MR. SADLER'S SUFFOLK STALLIONS.

It is stated by reliable authorities that over five times as many Suffolks left Great Britain for America last year than ever before, and this certainly indicates that their qualities are being appreciated on this continent. Few importers have done more to popularize this breed in Canada than Mr. Sadler, through the importation of horses of merit. Young Hero (1515) is well-known to most Canadian horsemen. At the time of our visit he was in excellent trim. A pen description of him cannot do honor to the subject. He has a very intelligent and expressive face, full neck, and crest firm with muscle. In foot and limb he has the best of bone, while his arm and gaskin is very muscular. He stands over sixteen hands, on short legs, but is deep in the body, while he weighs over twenty hundred. Cupbearer III. (566) was his sire, and his dam was Butler Moggy (326). This stallion has covered himself with honors in the showing, having won seventeen first-prizes, three second, one third, two specials, eight diplomas, one gold medal, four silver medals; and also in England as a three-year-old he captured a valuable silver cup. Rosehill, another stallion at these stables, is a get of Young Hero (1515), dam Spark, by Boucher's Suffolk Punch. This stallion is a beautiful rich chestnut in color, standing fully sixteen and a half hands high. He has a splendid appearance, with superior development of bone and muscle. He also has made a glorious record, being first at Industrial '85, first in class of ten at Columbus, Ohio, '86, first at Toledo Tri-

State Fair, and second at Provincial (Guelph) in class of fourteen the same year. In '87 he won the red ticket again at Toronto Industrial, and followed this up the next year by securing first and silver medal at the same exhibition. Mr. Sadler also had a spanking pair of blacks, one by Canada Southern 2:35, and the other by Orpheus 1416, by Almont 33. They are an excellently matched team of finest quality, and best of action. Another bay mare by Hart's Messenger, dam by Rifleman, was also in these stables. She is a beautiful mare, high in quality, stylish in appearance, and quick in action.

The Shorthorn Bull Pinnacle.

This distinguished bull calf was bred by John Game, of Great Rissington, Gloucestershire, and was sold to Messrs. Yeomans for \$3,330 to go to South America. He was calved July 30th, 1888, being by Rissington Lad 4th 56410, (who, with his twin brother, was sold at Bingley Hall in 1888 for £339), and out of Pink 52nd, by Nonpareil, of the celebrated Mason Pye family. He is described by our London namesake as being dark red in color, and a level, lengthy bull, with good head and horns, even top, wide in front, and with good flesh and hair. He was successfully exhibited last year, and it is said that he was so much thought of at Great Rissington that he was mated with one of the best heifers there.

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Seed Time in Manitoba.

THE STALLION SHOWS.

(From our own correspondent.)

Seed time, though close on a month behind last year in coming, was all that could be wished when it did come, and there never was a season when land was in a better state of preparation. It is alleged by those who ought to know, that there has been three feet of snow in many parts of the province this season, and, in an ordinary season, this would have made a big store, melting so late as it did but this year the streams have scarcely moved above their ordinary low level, and there are, in the south-west of Manitoba, stretches of country that are actually too dry for a free germination. All within 60 miles of Winnipeg the snow has been most abundant, and grass and grain must do very well indeed. We have not any bonanza farmers here and don't want them, but McLean and McRobbie, at Portage, will seed 1800 acres, and Messrs. Springstein, Sorby and Campbell Bros., 800 acres each. The real strength of this country lies in the half section men, and, where families and groups of old neighbors from the east have settled, make by far the most pleasant settlements every way. We are having a considerable influx of good settlers from the east and some from the old world, too, but none that we value so much as the ready-handed men from the east, with their carloads of stock and outfits.

Besides the work of seeding, which will be got through in good time, our attention during the month has been taken up here and there with local stallion shows, about a dozen in all. In outlying districts there are from 6 to 12 such horses present, some of them rather better than their pedigree, at least, to look at, and some of which the pedigree is the best part. At such a comparatively low place as Elkhorn I found two pedigreed Clydes, and a string of pedigreed mares fit to be seen anywhere. The horse, as a rule, partakes of the nationality of his owner. Mr. Head, of Rapid City, who brought in some very well bred Clyde mares, and had last year very hard luck with them, has got them on a different tack now. They either work for their living or "rustle" for it all through winter, getting only a moderate allowance of hard feed, and are doing well every way. He wants no more mares stuffed for sale, and finds that constitution in the colt can be more certainly relied on, the more rough the fare of the dam. A good few mares have had, last winter, too much of this mode of promoting constitution, for feed has been both scarce and dear, and stock has been pinched accordingly. Big herds of cattle, of all ages, and strings of colts are now going to and fro, being taken back to their homes, on old farming districts, from the places where more abundant food necessitated their being wintered. Baie St. Paul, the great northern lakes, and Lake