

AYRSHIRE BULL.

CCXLVII.—SIR WALLACE. Calved July 6th., 1876. Color, white with few red spots. Bred by Dr. W. J. Lewis, Halifax, N. S., the property of W. E. Starratt, Paradise, Annapolis Co. Sire Charlie by Conqueror and imported from Scotland by the Central Board of Agriculture. Dam Park 4th out of Park 2nd, (228) — and bred by John L. Gibb, Compton, P. Q., Canada.

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CCXLVIII.—RAMBLER. Calved May 28th, 1877. Color, red with few white spots with white band about girth. Bred by and the property of W. E. Starratt, Paradise, Annapolis Co. Sire "Thrill," No. CXXXVI. N. S. H. B. B., also recorded in vol. 5, N. A. A. R. American. Dam "Miss Strong" out of Betsy by Browncastle Lad.

AYRSHIRE HEIFER.

CCXLIX.—LADY HALIFAX.—White with brown ears and brown spots on head. Calved July 26, 1877. Bred by Professor Lawson, Lucyfield Farm, County of Halifax, N. S. Sire Young Royalty, (imported) CXX XVII. by Emperor CXC VIII. (first prize Strathaven), out of Empress CX GIX., (1st prize at Wishaw.) Dam Flora, LXXVIII., bred by Guy, Oshawa, by Jock [62]. gr d Effie, [59] by Duke.

TRURO, July 12th, 1877.

DEAR SIR,—In giving a "directory" in this month's JOURNAL of the "Entire Horses" travelling in the Province this season, you almost, (though doubtless quite unintentionally) laid yourself open to the censure of the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," by omitting to notice—"Frank Allison," probably the finest stallion for getting stock for roadsters and general farm work combined, ever brought to Nova Scotia by a private individual. His owner, Mr. J. C. Mahon of Truro, who personally selected him in Illinois this spring, after a tour through Ontario and the United States in quest of a horse that in addition to all the other qualities was the fastest of the fast, as "Ney was the bravest of the brave," has long borne the reputation of being one of our best judges of horse flesh, and while all of his friends believed he would not return without a really good horse, they scarcely expected to see such a very superior animal in form, style, action, gait, speed and disposition, as "Frank Allison." Mr. Mahon's main object was to get speed. Being a member of the "Truro Driving Park Association," he felt that he had better not return

to Truro, unless he brought a horse that could go ahead of every other in the Province; like the sailor overtaken on his way to London by a highway robber, who threatened to blow out his brains unless his money was given up, who decided that it was better to go to London without brains than without money. But in other respects equally as important as speed, for breeding for general usefulness, Mr. Mahon was singularly fortunate in his selection of "Frank Allison." Without committing the Board to our endorsement of the "Race Course," or detracting from the merits of any other fine horse now before the public, is it going too far to say that the Board are under great obligations to Mr. Mahon for introducing such a splendid stock-getting animal to the horse men of Nova Scotia, and that the services of all men like him, who at great risk, and a large outlay of money, import very valuable and first-class stock-getting animals are duly appreciated by the Board of Agriculture? "Frank Allison" lately went to King's County, where the farmers know how to value good stock, to cover mares of some eight farmers, who clubbed together to secure his services. Before leaving for King's he attended a number of mares here at \$30 for the season. Next year he will stand at Truro and Kentville, in accordance with the owner's present intention.

The following is a more particular description of this fine animal, taken from the proprietor's printed handbill:

"This promising young horse represents the best trotting blood in the United States. He has never had a proper day's handling in his life to develop speed; but was started in a race at Maringo, Illinois, (where he was bred) in June, 1875, in his six year old form, where he made a record of 2:36 in the sixth heat, over a slow half-mile track, and has shown trials better than 2:30. For form and action is second to no horse of his age and training.

He is a rich brown,—both hind feet white,—15 hands high, weighs 1175 lbs., foaled in 1869, sired by "Cassius M. Clay, Jr.," half brother of George M. Patchen; first dam by Alexander's Norman, sire of Blackwood, Lula and May Queen; Cassius M. Clay, Jr., by Cassius Clay; first dam by Abdallah, (sire of Rysdyk's Hambletonian) son of Mambri-no, son of Imp. Messenger, son of American Eclipse, his dam Miller's Damsel, the best daughter of Imp. Messenger; third dam the Charles Hadley Mare, by Imp. Messenger.

His colts invariably possess action, style and finish, and will make fast trotters, or rangy good-looking carriage horses. They sell for prices far beyond the average, and the high prices are not confined to one or two colts, for dozens of

them untrained have been sold in the State of Illinois for \$1,000 each, and upwards.

Cassius M. Clay, Jr., the sire of FRANK ALLISON, is beyond question the highest bred stallion of the Clay family. His sire, old Cassius M. Clay, stood at the head of the trotting sires of this noted family; and his dam had more of the blood of Imp. Messenger, and through a more direct and approved channel than the dam of Rysdyk's Hambletonian. Thus FRANK ALLISON unites in a marked degree the very best strains of the Clay and Abdallah blood. While descended in the male line from the Clay's, and therefore in public estimation classed as a Clay, yet few living stallions have as much of the blood of Imp. Messenger coursing in their veins. He inherited from his ancestors on both sire and dam's side wonderful trotting action, and gaited himself. His sire is to-day one of the fastest, if not the very fastest, trotting stallion of his age in America. He has trotted in 2:26, and when sixteen years old made a record of 2:30½, at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, over a third of a mile track, which with a horse of his big gait was equal to about 2:25 on a full mile track. He is still in fine health and well preserved, and moves like an eight-year old, and can speed a 2:30 gait, although he is now twenty-three years old.

The trotting records show that more than one-half of the trotters in the male line of the Clay family, have descended from Cassius M. Clay, Jr., and his celebrated half-brother Geo. M. Patchen, since they came into the stud."

We are indebted to Professor How, D.C.L., for fresh specimens of the Honey Clover (*Melilotus officinalis*) from the clayey banks of the Avon at Windsor, where its beautiful yellow blossoms present a gay appearance. We hope that careful examination will lead to the discovery of the rarer species, *M. arvensis*, not yet, we believe, found in America. It has the deep green hue of the Windsor plant, and is distinguished from *Officinalis* by the pods being transversely rugose and not hairy; in the latter the pods are hairy but not rugose.

It will be observed from Dr. Hamilton's communication that the past spring has been the earliest for forty-six years. The year 1831 was somewhat similar to it. The Doctor suggests an importation of English sparrows as a remedy for the canker-worm on apple trees. We understand that measures are being taken to introduce the cavedroppers to a farm not very far from Halifax.

THE Milford Haven Society advertises a well known Ayrshire bull for sale.