

**Stock.****The Late Stallion Show in Toronto.**

The late show of the Clydesdale Association of Canada has assumed such importance that we thought it wise to give a photographic view of it, as seen by the spectators from the gallery. So renowned has this show become that a number of Americans attended it from far beyond the Mississippi River; and several of our own countrymen from Manitoba and the Territories were there from the west; from the east, Prince Edward Island and the other Maritime Provinces, as well as Quebec, were represented by prominent men. Messrs. Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., showed nine head; Robert Beith & Co., Bowmanville, Ont., eight; Sorby Bros., Guelph, Ont., four; T. W. Evans, Yelverton

the coming season. This has partly come about through the numberless applications for his services that have poured in from neighbors as well as from a distance. Many parties having good mares are desirous of shipping them to him. We also purpose holding Arbitrator, the colt that won second in the two-year-old class." They also intend to keep Gilroy, a horse of great promise. Messrs. Beith's horses, though not as successful as in some former years, were greatly admired, as they deserved to be—large, massive and finely bred, they were a lot worthy of national pride. These gentlemen have not advised us regarding their sales, but we have learned they have also sold some noted horses, as did the Messrs. Sorby Bros. and others.

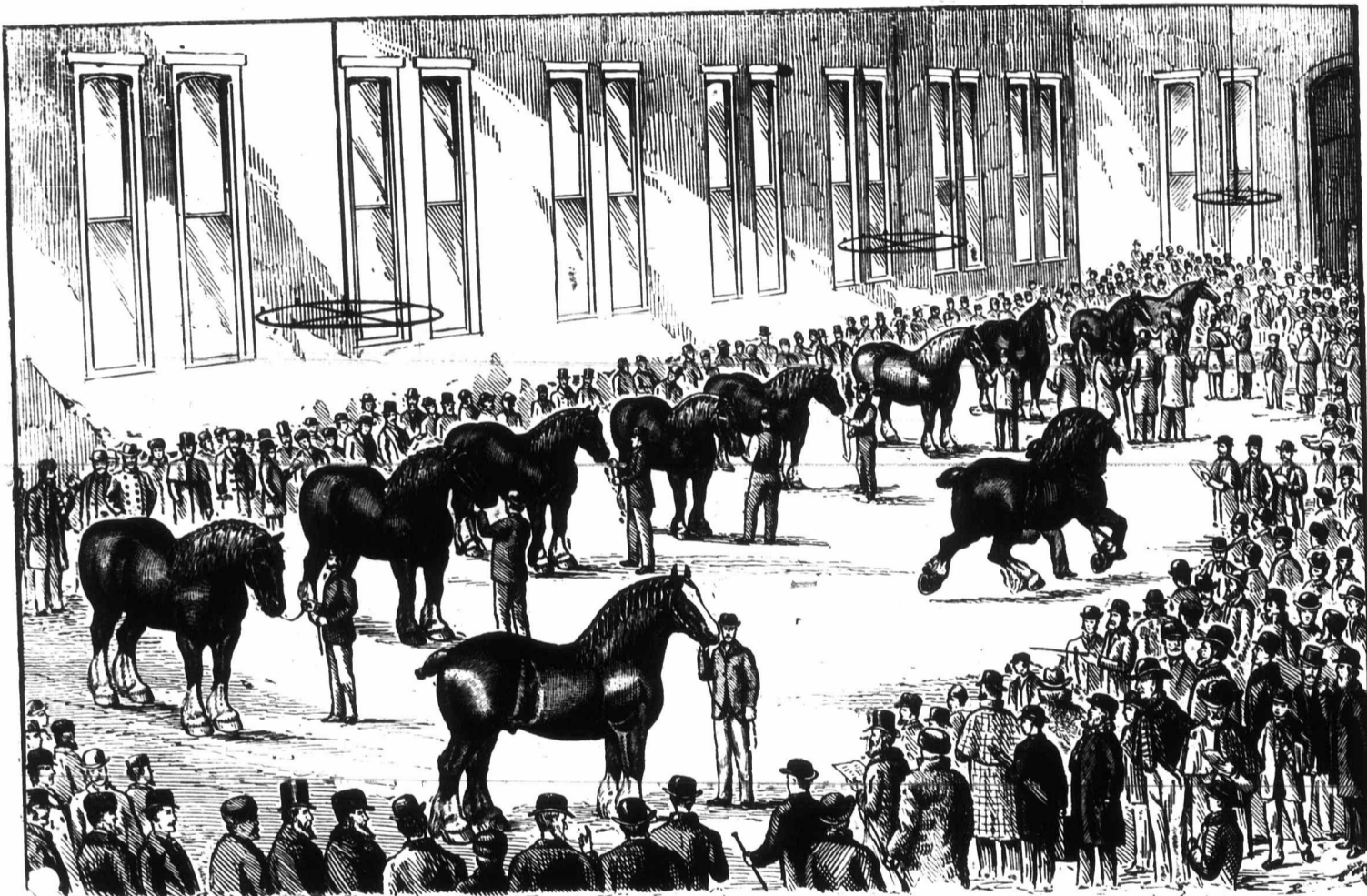
**Chatty Letter from the States.**

[From our Chicago Correspondent.]—Prices are mending—best beeves, \$5.25; best hogs, \$4.40; best muttons, \$6; best heavy draft horses, \$250 per head. The late tendency in

good 85 to 90-pound Texas sheep to fatten for a later market.

A month ago the horse market was overstocked and very weak, at very low prices. The prices are still low for ordinary kinds, but there is an improvement in the general horse market, and dealers report business as being much more satisfactory than usual at this season.

Well, another big "cattle convention" has been held. A large number of cattle men, especially those from the range districts, met at Fort Worth, Texas, to discuss ways and means for bettering the present condition of the trade. As might have been expected, the meeting was a success socially, but that was all. The meeting, like many before it, was called by those who cannot see why there should be any reaction from the great crazy boom in ranch property



PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEW OF THE CLYDESDALE STALLION SHOW AT TORONTO.

Ont., three; R. Miller, Brougham, Ont., two. A number of other gentlemen showed one and two each. In the imported class for four years old and upwards, fourteen entered the ring. In the three-year-old class there were eighteen. In the ring for two-year-olds there were but four. Throughout the horses were of greater merit than ever before seen at the Society's Show. The sweepstake horse this year is decidedly more valuable than the winner of last year. It is a great honor to the Messrs. Graham Bros. that they should have imported and fitted both of these horses, nor is it less an honor that this year in each of the classes respectively Macneillage, MacClaskie and Ravenswood headed the prize list, and that others of their horses filled in several places in the line of prize winners. The esteem in which these horses were held by the visitors may be judged from the fact that during the show and two succeeding days the firm sold ten head, seven of which were exhibited. See the stock notes for particulars. In a recent letter to us they say:—"We have decided to keep Macneillage in our stud during

prices for live stock has been toward improvement. The top price on heavy cattle is the same as thirty days ago, but the average price is higher. Hogs lately advanced about thirty cents, and the feeling among dealers has been that with a splendid demand and a great shortage of mature hogs, especially in the east, prices would be "better before they were worse."

Sheep have held their own remarkably well, and are selling fully 75c. per hundredweight better than most of the heavy feeders expected. Choice corn-fed "western" muttons 110 to 130 lbs. are selling at \$5.40 to \$5.70, while some of the best judges predicted last fall that feeders would consider themselves lucky if they got \$5 for the best of their sheep this spring. Indeed, one extensive feeder who took this view of it has marketed most of his stock at \$5.50 and better, and is now paying \$4.75 to \$5.00 for

which attracted millions of foreign capital a few years ago, and sent prices up so high and so rapidly that for two or three years it seemed impossible to pay too much for cattle; some of the dearest purchases soon looking cheap.

Many of those who were interested in calling the meeting together, were also of the opinion that the growth of the dressed meat refrigerator system was the cause of the trouble, but to show that this sentiment is not general it may be stated that a large part of the convention's time was taken up in listening to propositions to the cattlemen of the Southwest to start a huge refrigerator plant in Texas.

Most of the men in the dressed meat business have made good money at it, and there is no reason why others should not follow. It is certainly the correct principle, and while of course large means and great business ability