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The high-class character of the horse-breeding end of the famous farm, Mount Victoria, at Hudson Heights, Que., owned by T. B. McCauley, of Montreal, is largely attributed to the skillful and professional management of Dr. E. Watson, V. S., whose several years' services as chief manager have made a fame for Mount Victoria Farm. In past years, special attention was paid to the breeding of Clydesdales, and to that end there were purchased at long prices the noted breeding and prize horses, Neatherlea (imp.) 8324, by the four-times winner of first prize at the Highland, Pride of Blacon, and the noted prizewinning son of his, Lord Aberdeen (imp.) 8495. To these was added the big, stylish, noted breeding horse, Lord Mac (imp.) 6015, a bay, sired by the H. & A. S. first prize, Montrave Mac, dam by the renowned Sir Everard, grandam by the £3,000 Prince of Albion. As a sire of big prizewinning draft horses he has few equals. He is for sale, as particular attention is now being centered on the breeding of Hackneys and Shetland ponies. Among the Clydesdale mares and fillies are such big, well-bred ones as the bay three-year-old, Miss Sally (imp.) 29212, by the Royal champion, Diploma, dam by the noted King of Kyle. Another bay three-year-old is Ida (imp.) 29211, by the noted prize and breeding horse, Baron Mitchell. A half-sister to her, by the same sire, is a bay two-year-old, and her mate, also two years old, is by Armadale. They are an extra big pair, and look like reaching near a ton. In younger ones is a particularly good yearling stallion, by Lord Aberdeen, dam by Baron's Pride, and grandam by Macgregor. This is one of the good yearlings that will surely make his mark. A big, nice yearling filly, is by Netherlea, dam by Royal Fashion, grandam by Top Gallant.

It is doubtful if anywhere else in Canada there is so aristocratic a breeding foundation for Hackney ponies as here. The stallion in service is the brown, sensational, all-around acting, Glendernott Wildfire (imp.) 709. He is a full brother to the noted champion of America, Melvalley Masterpiece, sired by Fireboy, and out of Berkeley Primula, by Recruit. Among the recently-imported brood mares is the great Peggy Surefour (imp.) 942, dam of four-champion stallions and four champion harness horses. She is sired by Dane Royal, dam Peggy Sure, by Model. She has a filly foal by Torchfire. Kinderton Gem (imp.) 943, a brown, by Berkeley Model, is another famous brood mare. She has a filly foal by Littlefire. In this pair of mares are the most noted brood mares in England, and the most noted that ever left that country. Julia Jones (imp.) 931 is a chestnut, a full sister to the champion, Fireboy, sired by Julius Caesar 2nd, dam Luxham Fanny, by Gem. This mare has won five first prizes, and is in foal to Littlefire. Who's Who (imp.) 941 is a chestnut that was three times first at the London Hackney Show, sired by Julius Caesar 2nd, dam Peggy Jones, by the same sire. She is in foal to Fireboy. Gumergate Lucy (imp.) 940 is a half-sister, being sired by Julius Caesar 2nd, dam by Monte Christo. She is in foal to Fireboy. Gumergate Snowflake (imp.) 939 is a roan, by Gumergate Caesar. She is in foal to Fireboy. Glenavon Victoria (imp.), by the great Torchfire, is a brown two-year-old that won second in London in a class of 27. A half-sister, by the same sire, is the bay yearling, Ardinersay Flame. Nothing need be said as to the quality of the noted champion stallion, Christopher North (imp.), and the famous champion mare, Ophelia's Heires (imp.), as their superiority has been demonstrated many times.

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