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Clydesdales for Canada.

From the issue of the *Scottish Farmer* for May 6th we take the following: Mr. Robert Ness, jun., Howick, Quebec, the well-known purchaser of Clydesdale horses, sailed from Glasgow last Saturday with three choicely-bred animals, two of which were purchased from Mr. James Kilpatrick, Craigie Mains, Kilmarnock, and one from Mr. Peter Crawford, Dargavel, Dumfries. The two horses purchased from Mr. Kilpatrick were Durward Lely (9900) and Full of Fashion (10345). Durward Lely was bred by Mr. John Fleming, Cookston Farm, Paisley, and was for some time owned by Mr. Andrew Bruce, Jordanstone. He was got by the Glasgow champion horse, Sir Everard (5353), and his dam was Mr. Fleming's well-known mare, Maggie of Crookston (2219), the dam of Mr. Wilson's noted mare, Jeanie Wilson (5153), which gained first prize at the Royal and Paisley some years ago. He is a horse of great weight and substance, and when put on the scales at Kilmarnock Station on Saturday turned them at no less than 19¾ cwt. The younger horse, Full of Fashion, was bred by Colonel Stirling of Kippendavie, and is three years old. He was got by the celebrated Cawdor Cup champion horse Prince of Kyle (7155), and his dam Heroine (11081) is a noted prize mare in the Kippendavie stud. Full of Fashion was also put on the scales at Kilmarnock on Saturday and turned them at 16¾ cwt. Full of Fashion has been a distinguished prize winner, having been first at Stirling as a yearling, and as a two-year-old fourth at Spring Show, Glasgow; third at Kilmarnock; fourth at Ayr; first at Mauchline, and second at Dunlop. The horse purchased from Mr. Crawford is Merchiston (10236), bred by Mr. Henry B. Howie, and owned successively by Mr. Alex. Scott, Greenock, and Mr. William Renwick, Meadowfield, Corstorphine. Merchiston is a short-legged, thick compact horse, got by the Cawdor cup champion horse, Prince Alexander (8899), and his dam, Lothian Lassie (12188), is a particularly well-bred mare, got by the noted prize horse, Lothian King (6985). His granddam, again, was by the fine horse, Glendale (1668), which gained first prize at Edinburgh as a two-year-old many years ago. Merchiston gained several prizes when in the hands of his different owners, a full list of which is not known to us; but amongst them were first at Linlithgow, Bathgate, and Mid-Calder as a two-year-old. He was also well placed in the short leet at Glasgow Stallion Show as a three-year-old, and was second at the Border Union Show as a yearling. An examination of his pedigree shows that probably no better bred horse than Merchiston has ever been exported to Canada. All three horses are of the type which Mr. Ness has all along fancied, being short-legged, very thick, and very stout, and they are likely to be popular in Canada.