

Our Scottish Letter.

The opening week of February has come to be regarded in Scotland as the inauguration of the Clydesdale season. This year the canvass has been unusually crowded, and Clydesdale men are in good spirits. We have already had visitors from Canada making purchases of stallions, and at present there are in town Mr. J. A. Turner, from Calgary, and Mr. Oswald Sorby, from Guelph. But Mr. Wm. Colquhoun, Mitchell, a veteran and loyal supporter of the Scots horse, sailed a fortnight ago with a fine group of really superior horses. He had two fillies for Mr. Davidson, Stratford; one stallion for Mr. Moffat, Teeswater, and five stallions for himself. Both of Mr. Davidson's fillies are by Baron's Pride 9122, and as their dams are well bred, they should prove valuable as brood mares. Mr. Moffat's stallion is a big, well-bred draft horse, likely to leave the horses which make money to farmers. Mr. Colquhoun's five horses are of prize blood throughout, and being big, as well as well-bred, they are pretty sure to please our old friend's patrons. A voyage across the Atlantic at this season is not exactly a pleasure trip, but we hope it may prove a safe and profitable trip to Mr. Colquhoun. He bought all his horses from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, Castle Douglas.

Up to the close of last week, about seventy entire Clydesdales had had their locations fixed for the coming season. About one-half of these are owned by Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery. The first engagement made for the season of 1903 was that of Mr. A. B. Matthews' Labori 10791. He was hired by the Scottish Central Society so long ago as May, 1902, and on Wednesday last made a most creditable appearance in strong competition at the Stallion Show here. Other twenty horses had their locations fixed on that day, so that there will during the ensuing season be something like ninety horses travelling in Scotland and the north of England, under more or less definite contracts, made between their owners and district committees or societies. The terms on which they have been hired vary. They may run from 20s. at service with 30s. each for every mare proving in foal, or a possible gross revenue of £160 for the season, up to £3 at service and £5 for every mare proving in foal, or a possible gross revenue of not less than £500 for the season. Of course there are horses standing at their owners' stables, such as Baron's Pride, Hiawatha, Drumflower, and others, which will make much higher rates, and net a gross revenue of not less than £1,000 or £1,500 for the season. Of these we do not now take account. The lowest terms quoted can do little more than pay, and indeed they will leave no profit unless the horse be popular and command a big season. If he leaves a large crop of foals his owner will come out all right.

The proceedings this week commenced with a sale of twenty-five well-bred Clydesdales, constituting the whole stud of Lord Arthur Cecil. More than a quarter of a century has passed since Lord Arthur (who is a half-brother of the Marquis of Salisbury) began farming at Orchard Mains, in Peeblesshire. From the very outset His Lordship was a Clydesdale enthusiast. He founded a first-rate stud on a good old Clydesdale basis, and built thereon to excellent purpose. More than twelve years ago he left Scotland, and founded another Orchard Mains on the property of his mother, the Countess Dowager of Derby, in Kent. There he and his brother, Lord Lionel, farmed with enthusiasm for several years. About two years ago, unhappily, Lord Lionel died. This was followed at no distant date by the death of their mother, and as she was only life-rented in the estates, they revert to your late Governor-General, Lord Stanley of Preston, now Earl of Derby. These successive changes have led Lord Arthur Cecil to leave his place in Kent, and hence the dispersion of the stud. His Lordship wisely brought the horses to Glasgow for sale, and he had every reason to be satisfied with the result. He sold 24 breeding animals at an average of £76 9s. 6d. each, and a three-year-old gelding made £50 18s. 6d. The highest price was 162gs. or £170 2s. paid for a filly, foaled in 1902, and got by Baron's Pride, out of the handsome brood mare Lady Harry, which herself made the second highest price, 132gs., or £138 12s. The buyer of the filly was Mr. Ian Ramsay, of Kildalton, Islay, and of the mare, Mr. Velch, a farmer in the vicinity of Glasgow. Lord Arthur was owner of several of the best of the mares bred by Colonel Holloway, Alexis, III., and imported into Scotland. The Cedric mares (own sisters), Fickle Fortune Princess 13201 and Fickle Fortune Princess III. 14166, made 100gs. and 94gs. respectively. Another of the Colonel's breeding, Charming Belle, by Mr. Sorby's horse, Lord Charming, made 100gs. to Mr. Thomas Smith, Blacon Point, Chester. Her son, a promising colt of 1902, made 62gs. Sir John Gil-mour paid 100gs. for the three-year-old filly First Kiss. Mr. Sorby and Mr. Turner bought several at good prices, including Lady Callista 14167, a

daughter of the famous 300gs. yearling, Edith Plantagenet. Lady Callista was dam of the gelding which drew over £50. Another Canadian purchase was the beautiful Baron's Pride mare, Baroness Montague, a first-prize winner at our biggest shows, and her son, a promising colt of 1902, also crosses the ocean.

Everybody was delighted with the results of the sale, and the atmosphere of the annual general meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Society which followed was decidedly cheerful and gay. The society is in a prosperous condition, having a capital of over £2,000 at its credit. The export trade during 1902 was excellent, and left plenty revenue alike to the farmers and the society. Canada was by far the largest purchaser, taking 166 horses east of the Rockies, while two went direct to British Columbia. The United States took 58, and the total exported was 266, or 100 more than in 1901. The season has opened earlier than usual, and breeders are in good heart.

The Glasgow Stallion Show of 1903 has been a most satisfactory event. The prize list animals, in all three ages, were decidedly superior good horses. The Cawdor cup championship, the highest trophy in the Clydesdale world, went to Mr. Matthew Marshall, Stranraer, for his five-year-old horse Marcellus 11110. This horse was bred by his owner, and two years ago was first at this show, while last year he was second to his sire, Hiawatha 10067. On both occasions his sire took the Cawdor cup. Marcellus is a sweet,

Marshall was seventh with Michaboe 11434, another son of Hiawatha. He stood second for the Glasgow premium, and goes to Atholl and Weem district in Perthshire. Among the three-year-olds were three exceptionally good horses—Mr. Kilpatrick's Pearl Stone, Mr. W. S. Park's Royal Chattan 11489, and Mr. Kilpatrick's Baron o' Bucklyvie 11263. A deal of difference of opinion exists as to the relative merits of these horses, but the judges put Baron o' Bucklyvie second and Royal Chattan third. The last is the truest Clydesdale of the three; indeed, we know no truer Clydesdale than he. Baron o' Bucklyvie is an extremely handsome and gay son of Baron's Pride. He has always been regarded as a coming horse, and many would have preferred him to his companion Pearl Stone. The other horses placed in this class were in order: Mr. Renwick's Lothian Tom, a son of the champion Prince Thomas 10262; Mr. Dewar's Baron Gartly, a right good promising son of Casabianca; Mr. Peter Crawford's Ardletheer, which, as a yearling, beat all the horses of his age but one, and finally Mr. Weir's Dunure Mac. In the two-year-old class sons of Baron's Pride won first and second, the winner being Revelanta, the colt which last year won at the Highland. He is now owned by Mr. George Alston, Loudoun Hill, Darvel.

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Stock.

Judging School a Success.

That it was a wise move to undertake the establishment of a stock-judging school in connection with the annual stock-breeders' convention this year in Winnipeg has been fully proven by the great success with which it was attended. From the close of the dairy meetings until the end of the following week, the miniature amphitheatre in the J. I. Case building was occupied by all who could conveniently be accommodated, and, as Prof. Grisdale remarked, he never saw a crowd who took a greater interest in stock judging. While the majority of those who availed themselves of this opportunity were comparatively young men, it was noticeable that a number who had passed the half century mark were in the class, being a living testimony that man is never too old to learn.

The method of instruction was exactly that followed at the best agricultural colleges on the continent. Animals typical in some degree of the form and character upon which it was intended to lecture were brought into the ring, where the students, both old and young, passed upon the different points, marking on the score card the value which they believed should be given to the different parts, after which the instructor went carefully over the animal and corrected the score. Everyone in attendance was well pleased with the course, as no doubt will be the case with those attending the Brandon school this week.

Considering the interest which has been taken in this initial event, it will undoubtedly be necessary to increase the accommodation for next year, as the appreciation of such a valuable course cannot fail to increase.

Dangers of Overfeeding.

One of the most discouraging features in sheep-raising is to see the lambs come strong and active, live for a few days and then die. This is most often the case where the ewes are well cared for and are kept in the right condition up to lambing time. Ewes so kept usually produce a good flow of milk, the lambs take eagerly to it and, consequently, the ewe is not given any cooling drink or food after the lambs are dropped. At this time the ewe is in considerable fever, the dry, heat-producing food tends to increase it, the lamb takes considerable milk and indigestion or constipation is the result. To avoid this difficulty, give plenty of water with the chill taken off, feed bran, clover hay and a few roots, also see that there is no long wool about the ewe's teats to interfere with the youngster's dieting.

Then there is the opposite danger of scours, caused by cold, damp quarters, insufficient or unsuitable food, filth, etc. Personal attention for a few days after lambing is energy well spent. One cannot afford to carry sheep over winter and



LIPTON [2950] (10681).

Imported Clydesdale stallion, rising 5 years. Winner of fourth prize as a 3-year-old, Canadian Horse Show, Toronto, spring 1901; third at Western Fair, London, and first in aged class at St. Mary's, Ont., 1902. Son of Sir Everard (5338), and half-brother of the champion Baron's Pride (9122).

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well-coupled Clydesdale, standing on good feet and legs, and having good action. He is the Strathmore premium horse for this season. The reserve for the Cawdor cup was the first prize three-year-old horse, Pearl Stone 11419, a big, powerful horse, with the best of feet and plenty of strength. He was bred by Professor McCall, got by Cawdor Cup 10045, and his owner is Mr. James Kilpatrick, Craigie Mains, Kilmarnock. He is of quite another type than Marcellus, and there was a keen contest. The second prize horses in both ages were sons of Baron's Pride, as was also the first prize two-year-old. Second to Marcellus in his class stood Mr. John Crawford's Casabianca 10523, a very level and true son of Baron's Pride, which has now won the Glasgow Society's premium three times. He is of true Clydesdale type and character, and would have been quite a popular recipient of the champion honors had they come his way. After him in the class came Mr. Matthews' Labori, already referred to, and a most excellent specimen of the breed. Mr. Wm. Parks' Marmion 11429, a gay-moving horse, with weight, was placed fourth. He is the Dunblane, Doune and Callander premium horse, and should breed useful stock. The Seaham Stud (Ltd.) followed, with a capital horse named Airies Prince 10667, a get of the noted Sir Everard, and a very breedy-like horse. Mr. Taylor, Park Mains, had sixth, with Sir Edward 11193, which goes to the West of Fife, and Mr.