

WHAT ONE MAN MAY DO FOR THE STOCK OF A COUNTRY

Something About the Work of One of Our Greatest Horse Importers—Of a Business that is Ever Growing Because of Service Rendered—Of the Horses that May Now be Seen at His Stables

DR. HASSARD, Markham, Ont., is one of a class of men to whom Canadian farmers owe much. The stock on our Canadian farms is not yet of the uniform high quality that characterizes the stock of some older countries, but it would be infinitely poorer than it now is were it not for the steady stream of high class, pure bred stock that importers such as Dr. Hassard, have been pouring into this country from older lands. Dr. Hassard has made horses his specialty, and in the last 12 years he has done much to improve the horse stock of the country.

Dr. Hassard is by profession a veterinary surgeon, having graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College. He first practiced at Millbrook, Ont., and it was while practicing there that he came to a true realization of the need that there was for more and better stallions in this country. To do his part to meet this need he organized a syndicate to buy the Clydesdale stallion, Lewis Gordon. He soon bought out the other partners of the syndicate, and a short time later, in 1900, the Doctor started his active career as a horse importer by bringing a splendid string of stallions over from Scotland. Importation has succeeded importation, and never a year has passed without a few good stallions being brought into this country by Dr. Hassard. So rapidly did Dr. Hassard's business increase, that it soon outgrew his quarters at Millbrook, and he moved to a more central location, at Markham, Ont., where he still is, and can be easily reached by Grand Trunk trains from Toronto. His importations this year have been the largest and best since he started in business. An editor of Farm and Dairy recently went to Markham to inspect the latest great importations, and came away feeling that his time had been well spent.

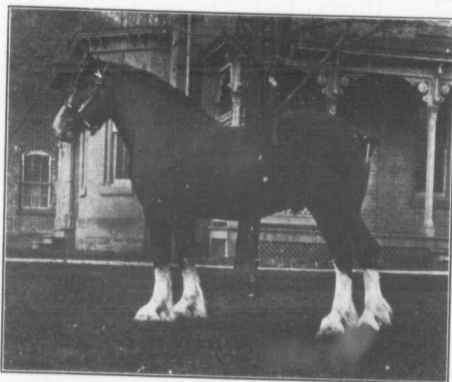
A business so extensive as is Dr. Hassard's does not "just happen." It is built on good service. When purchasing Clydesdales, Dr. Hassard has always made it his aim to get them with both size and quality, the kind that are

cised every reasonably fine day of the year. Because of this, they are always in the best of health and ready to give good service as soon as sold. Their feeding also contributes to their health. Oats, bran, and hay are the basic feeds. Dr. Hassard has now on hand, over 70 head of Clydesdales, Percherons, Standard-breds and Hackneys. Of these about 40 are Clydesdales and 11 Percherons. The Percheron is a new breed with Dr. Hassard, he having made

his first importation of eight animals last year. This year he brought over six stallions and two mares. The illustrations herewith will give one an idea of the splendid type of these Percherons. They are the pick of the breed. A black two-year-old stallion, for instance, Klepper, was third in a class of 98 entries at Paris, France, this year. Two horses of truly remarkable thickness and yet first-rate quality and action were Juda and Jack, the former of which will be entered at Guelph next week.

But it is as an importer and exhibitor of Clydesdales that Dr. Hassard is best known, and it is with this breed that he has made a truly enviable reputation. Of his large stock, two are especially deserving of mention. Macaroon, the four-year-old stallion illustrated herewith, champion at the Glasgow Spring Show this year and winner of the Cawdor Cup, is a horse hard to fault, and a valuable addition to the Clydesdale stock of this country. An equally desirable animal is the two-year-old stallion, Prince of Arden, an animal combining substance and quality to even a greater degree than does

Macaroon, and that is saying a lot. Space will not permit us to tell of all the splendid animals that we saw at Markham. One more we will mention particularly. Nell of Aikton, a yearling filly, big enough for a good two-year-old, and first in her class at Toronto this year. This colt was never beaten in the Old Country, was considered by many to be the finest filly in Scotland, (Concluded on page 20)



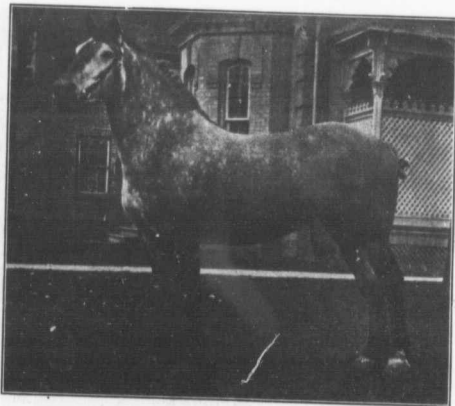
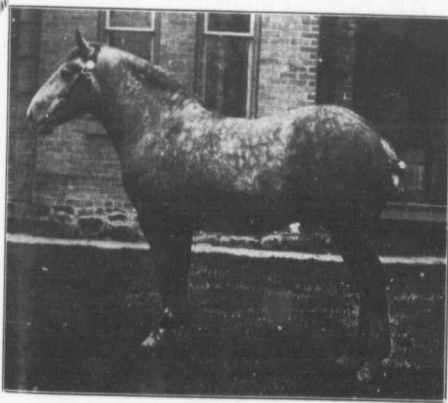
The Champion Horse of Scotland at His New Canadian Home

One of the pick of Dr. Hassard's splendid bunch of Clydesdales is Macaroon, winner of the Cawdor Cup at the last Glasgow Spring Show, and second in the class for mature stallions at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1912. As will be seen by the illustration, he is a horse of both substance and quality, and splendidly proportioned. He is but one of numerous good ones that Dr. Hassard has in his barns at Markham, Ont.

—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

most useful and in greatest demand in this country. In addition to size and quality, he demands that a horse shall have action; he must be able to move else he is useless. Horses of good bone, lots of it, flat, hard and flinty, are the kind that we saw at Markham; the kind that are worth any buyer's time to go and see.

There is ample room for paddocks around Dr. Hassard's stable, and all of the horses are exer-



The Popularity of the Low Down, Thick Bodied, and Clean Limbed Percheron of the Type of Animal Here Illustrated is Ever on the Increase in Canada

The demand in Canada for Percheron horses of good quality and type has been steadily increasing for some years. Dr. Hassard, of Markham, Ont., is one of our well-known stock importers who was quick to see the market for Percherons in Canada, and in the last couple of years he has placed several splendid animals on Canadian farms. In his last importation are some splendid Percherons, of which the two here illustrated are specimens. The illustrations speak for themselves. Jennie, to the left, is a pure bred Percheron mare of splendid substance, fine quality and good action. Her breeding is of the best. The stallion to the right, Juda, is a fine study of a most desirable Percheron and draft horse type. This pair will probably be included in the string that Dr. Hassard will have on exhibition and in competition at the Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph, Dec. 9 to 14.

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