

The Columbia Exhibition to be Held in 1893.

At the last meeting of the Agriculture and Arts Association, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas the International and Columbia Exhibition will be held in Chicago in the year 1893, and as the President of the United States will shortly issue a proclamation inviting foreign nations to furnish exhibits,

Be it therefore resolved: That the Council of the Agriculture and Arts Association, of the Province of Ontario, call the attention of the Provincial Government and Legislature to the necessity of measures being taken at once to secure the active co-operation of all classes of industries in making an exhibit worthy of the resources of this Province; and to express the willingness of this Board to aid in disseminating such information as would induce the stock raisers to exhibit their herds, so that an exhibit worthy of Ontario, which is the breeding ground for pure-bred stock for the American Continent, as well as to call forth such an exhibition of the produce of the dairy as will continue to place this great industry in the foremost place when brought into competition with the exhibits of other countries of the world. And would further suggest to the Government that they be authorized to arrange for the selection of the products of the forests, farms and mines in the same systematic manner as was done for the Centennial prior to the year 1876, that we may be able to convince the people of the European nations of our great resources, as well as of our rapid advancement in the direction of prosperity; that by so doing we may secure, as permanent residents, a large share of the desirable emigrants who are rapidly filling other portions of the Continent.

We call the attention of the Dominion Government, as well as the governments of the various provinces, to this well-considered motion. We hope that each of our provinces will make a most creditable display. A great opportunity will be here given to advertise our country in a most acceptable manner. Canadian live stock breeders must be up and doing, in order to sustain the proud position they now hold. Those breeders who look well ahead and retain and properly feed their best animals, will be victors at this great show.

Clydesdales.

Home owners of Clydesdale stallions have been enjoying a brisk demand for their horses for next season, and at the date of writing one of them, Mr. Peter Crawford, Eastfield House, Dumfries, has no fewer than a dozen highly bred stallions hired. Several of these are promising young horses, got by Prince Lawrence, and from their breeding and individual merits they are likely to be successful at the stud. Mr. Crawford's best horse, however, in the opinion of most of those who have visited his stud recently, is the four-year-old Eastfield Prince 6722, a son of Lord Erskine, and a fine prize mare in Bute, named Maggie Scott. This horse gained first prize at the H. & A. S., Melrose, in 1889, and with their usual energy the Rhins of Galloway Horse Breeding Society have secured him for the Stranraer district. Over thirty horses are now under hire, and there are not likely to be any further engagements until the Glasgow Stallion Show on 6th March. The sires represented by the horses engaged are the following: Eight are sons of Prince of Wales 673; six are sons of Darnley 222; four are sons of Prince Lawrence; three are sons of Macgregor 1487; three are sons of Top Gallant 1850; and two are sons of Lord Erskine 1744. Besides those classed under those heads, there is Lord Erskine himself, engaged for service of forty mares in Dumfries district at £10 each, with £5 additional for each mare proving in foal. Garnet Cross 1662, engaged for the third season in succession by the Strathord district of Perthshire; Mains of Keir 8834, which last year travelled in the Carse of Gowrie, and this year is under hire to the Strath-

bogie district of Aberdeenshire; Lothian King 6985, a richly-colored horse, owned by Mr. Andrew Montgomery, goes to the Lockerbie district of Dumfriesshire; Brooklyn, a Keir horse, goes for the second season to the Dunblane, Doune and Callander district of Perthshire; Bothalhaugh, a very powerful, big stallion, from Mr. Riddell's stud, is under hire by the Earl of Lonsdale's Cumberland Tenantry, and far off Caithness has hired Mr. Alex. MacRobbie's Gildroy 2nd on very handsome terms.

Perhaps there never before were so many horses got by Princes of Wales 673 under hire as there will be during 1891, and there is room for one or more of them making themselves a name as breeding horses. So far, without any doubt, Darnley has been by far the most successful sire of breeding stallions we have had, and his mares as matrons simply can't be beaten. As many of the best of the Prince's sons are out of Darnley mares, something better than their previous record may be expected of them.

Several important sales will take place early in spring. It is contemplated to have a sale of a draft from their Keir stud, and lovers of well-bred, strong, well-colored mares should not miss the opportunity that will then be afforded them of purchasing such. The Duke of Portland's stud of mares will be sold at Kilmarnock about the same time. These include a number of the pick of Macgregor's daughters, perhaps the best mare ever got by Lord Erskine, and a lot of young stock got by Auld Reekie and other sires. The annual draft sale from the Londonderry stud will be held in April, and altogether, should Canadians visit us early, they are likely to find something to suit them at these sales.

A notable sale of Clydesdales took place in Cumberland this week, when Mr. John Thornton, the celebrated London auctioneer, dispersed the stud owned by Mr. Richard B. Brockbank, Crosby, who is relinquishing farming on account of failing strength and old age. No finer specimen of an Englishman ever took hold of Clydesdales than this long-standing friend of the Cruickshanks Brothers in Aberdeenshire, whose Shorthorn reputation is world-wide. Like them, Mr. Brockbank is a member of the Society of Friends, and combines sterling integrity with shrewd business capacity. I don't know how his Shorthorns sold, but his Clydesdales took the market well. Most of them were up in years, but the following figures will give some idea of the value of a Clydesdale mare in Cumberland: The grey mare Griselda 7008, seven years old, went to the Earl of Carlisle at £52 10s, her color lowering her value a good deal; Crosby Lass, a brown mare, foaled in 1886, and got by Macgregor, was knocked down to Mr. Thorn, Stonehaven, at £136 10s.; Maid of the Mist 2948, fourteen years old, sold for £42, to Sir Edward Loder, and Crosby Trim 5970, a brown-colored nine-year-old mare, winner of many prizes, but unfortunately somewhat uncertain as a breeder, drew £126, at which figure she became the property of Mr. Graham, of Edengrove, Penrith. The top price of the sale was made by the seven-year-old mare, Jewel of Parkhead 8136, the dam of the famous prize filly, Crosby Rose; Jewel's dam is an own sister to Crosby Trim, and her sire was the Keir-bred horse Challenger 1083. She became the property of Mr. Wm. Montgomery at £262 10s. Her full sister, Jess of Parkhead 8139, a six-year-old mare, drew £225 15s., at which figure

she became the property of the Earl of Carlisle. Mr. Graham, of Edengrove, gave £74 11s. for Crosby Jewel, the filly foal of 1890, out of Jewel of Parkhead; Crosby Lovely 8138, a six-year-old mare of the same tribe, made £73 10s., going to Mr. S. P. Foster, of Kilhow, at that figure, and her filly foal of 1890, named Crosby Queen, and got by Lothian King 6985, went at £44 2s. to the same gentleman. Mr. Wm. Montgomery gave £64 1s. for Crosby Pearl, the filly foal in 1890, by Macgregor, out of Crosby Trim. There was little or no demand for the few colts offered, and indeed none of them were such as to warrant any great enthusiasm.

The feature of the Crosby Clydesdales, and indeed of Cumberland Clydesdales generally, is their great weight and substance, and in no part of the British Isles are better big geldings for street traffic bred than in Cumberland. It is cheering to find young Earl of Carlisle taking on to the Clydesdale interest, and another young nobleman is following his example, viz., Sir Richard Graham Bart, the Laird of historic Netherby. Draught horse breeding may not furnish the excitements of the turf, but the results to tenant farmers are more tangible and certain, and it is pleasant to see young noblemen spending their wealth in promoting healthful industry.

An important section of the county of Cumberland is the property of the famed family of the Lowthers, whose leading member is the Earl of Lonsdale. The present bearer of the title is a noted traveller, and lately distinguished himself by an extended tour in the Arctic regions and Alaska. His tenantry have long been permitted to select a Clydesdale horse for service in their district, the landlord paying the premium, and this season they have hired Mr. David Riddell's strong, big stallion Bothalhaugh 6529, got by Cairnbrogie Keir 1993, now one of Colonel Holloway's stud horses, out of a Macgregor mare. Altogether, as far as the trade in travelling stallions is concerned, the prospects at this time are as cheering as they have ever been. I have not been able to learn particulars of the terms on which horses generally so far have been hired, but I imagine if anything is changed, they will be a little easier than during recent years. The doubtful element in our outlook is the trade from Canada and the United States. There seems to be a fear that the McKinley act, during the time it remains in existence, may hamper the Canadian trade in work horses from the States, and, of course, if Canadian farmers find no ready and remunerative market for their work horses, we can hardly expect them to buy breeding stallions. However, matters in this direction may not be so bad as some fear, and possibly all our old friends will again visit us this year.

One gratifying result at least is the evident appreciation of farmers in the United States for Clydesdales. Colonel Holloway's recent sale with its average of nearly \$900 apiece for half a dozen yearling colts, and remunerative prices all round, should put heartening into all breeders and owners of unrivalled Clydesdales; and the plight in which the Association of American Percheron horse owners finds itself does not indicate unexampled prosperity in that branch of stock enterprise. We may rest assured that if the Clydesdale Horse Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and either the Canadian or American Clydesdale Association were unable to meet their ordinary running expenses from revenue there would be rejoicing in the tabernacles of the Percheron men. We will not try to rejoice at the misfortunes of others, but rather express the hope that the Percheron Society may soon see prosperity, and the supporters of the French horses, recalling their jubilation in the years 1881 and upwards, reflect on the ancient utterance that "pride cometh before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

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