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GREAT SALE OF IMPORTED REGIS-TERED SHIRE HORSES

The Shire horse has for many years been one of the most important factors in paying rent and expenses with English farmers, having asserted without fear of contradiction its equality of any other breed owing to its great size and weight as well as its powers of endurance and willingness to draw. These properties have caused geldings of this breed to make prices varying from £60 to £70 for three-year-olds up to £150 for matured and seasoned horses. It is these prices that have caused breeding Shires to be so sought after. The animals which are the subject of these notes are the property of one of the best known English breeders, Mr. John Chamhers, of Holdenby, Northampton, England, who has decided to consign 21 mares, fillies and stallions to Mr. Walter Harland Smith, for sale at The Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson Streets, Toronto, on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. This will be the first consignment of Shires ever offered in America direct from their breeder, and comprising, as it does, some of the finest animals and of the best breeding extant, will give breeders in the Dominion an opportunity of becoming possessed of this valuable blood without their having been passed through many hands, which is not to the benefit of the horses in any way, and adds very much to their cost

A brief review of the lots to be offered will show Canadian breeders the class of animals that will be placed in their There are three stallions, the bands. first of which is Thornton Tip Top This is a well-built, short-15396. backed horse, with a great deal of substance with quality, and has proved himself a certain and good sire. He was bred in one of the best Shire districts in England, and was sired by Thornton Wonder 13705, his dam Star 4454, by Great Rocks 982. (The names and figures given refer to the English Shire Horse Studbook. Extended pedigree given in catalogue.) The next stallion is Pinder 2nd 20805, a dark brown three-year-old, by Duke of Anglesey 19555. His dam, by Storm Signal 13622, and his pedigree goes a long way back. He is a charming colt, a smart mover with lots of quality and put together properly. Storm Signal, the sire of his dam, was a first-prize winner at several of the English shows, as was also the next sire, Hempton Honest Tom 2583 so that he is, in all respects, a fortune maker. The third stallion is Alake 2nd, a black twoyear-old, by Duke of Anglesey 19555; his dam is Sophonisba 33968, by Cheadle Jumbo 3024. This is a great colt to buy for going on with a real Shire, shape correctly, with famous back and good feather. Cheadle Jumbo was a great prizewinner at the leading shows in the north of England and Cheshire, and his sire gives him the famous What's Wanted "blood.

Of the females, the first is Nicausis, by Vulcan of Worsley 5th 12601; his dam, Rhewlass Stout, by Gatertop Samson 5063. She is a big, level mare, with quality and limbs, and bred and brought up a splendid foal this year, so that she is a very desirable purchase, and she is the dam of Belle of Holdenby, a firstprize and champion cup winner at the Oxfordshire shows and who is included in the catalogue. She is in foal to the famous sire. Rokeby Phitus, so that intending purchasers must not forget that they are buying two valuable lives. Leda is a five-year-old mare, by Harold's Plot 11564, out of Lepper, by Vulcan 7th 14400, and is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. She is a very thick, square mare, standing well on her points, and is the dam of two fillies in the catalogue that have been prizewinners this year. Vulcan 7th, her dam's sire, is one of the finest Shire stallions in England, and one of the best blood. He won first at the great London Shire Horse Show in 1900, as well as other prizes in his intermediate time. Caria is another two-year-old, by Catthorpe Disraeli 13952, a sweet mare of perfect build and captivating type, the



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dam of one of the first-class fillies, and is in foal again. Gwen, by Duke of Anglesey, out of Corwen, by Old England 5246, is another five-year-old, a grand mare, well-ribbed, wide and with beautiful quarters, short-legged, and with plenty of weight as well as activity and famous feet. Dorcas is another five-yearold that will please the most fastidious, with beautiful quality of bone, straight feather, big, and with correct joints. She is by Vulcan of Worsley 5th 12601. Her dam is Parisian, by England's Wonder 3630, who was a great prizewinner. Besor is also a five-year-old, by Catthorpe Disraeli 13952. She has famous topquarters, with a capital clean set of legs under her, and is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. Mininenoa is a four-year-old, by Marquis 14162, her dam by Blossom Fear None 4394. This mare has a famous blend of blood, Royal Albert prevailing, and in herself is a splendid class of mare, very big and well shaped, and full of muscle, with good bone and feet and correct feather, and is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. Holdenby Anna is a three-yearold, by Iceland 16734, dam Bonney, by Catthorpe Disraeli 13952, a big, good filly, standing capitally on the ground, with rare build and quality; one of the best of them, and she is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. The other three-yearolds are: Molly of Holdenby, a grand, weighty red-roan, by Molorchus 18933, and is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. Her dam, Tullia, was by the show stallion, Derbyshire Pride 7105. Abigail of Holdenby, by the same sire as the last, out of Parisian 17162, is another well-shaped filly for breeding purposes, and is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. Susan of Holdenby, by Molo, dam Angerona, by Felieus, is a wide, squarely-built filly, with splendid legs, big hocks and knees, and the best of feather. The last of the three-year-olds is Alice of Holdenby, by Catthorpe Irving 14555, a great prizewinner. Alice is altogether a charming one of the kind they would gladly keep in England. Her quality and style are superb, and she is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. year-olds and yearlings are entered in Vol. 26, but are not yet numbered. Like the mares and three-year-olds, they are a beautiful lot. These are Eadie of Holdenby, a short-legged bay, by Molo 18932, out of Leda. She is a fine class of filly to breed from, and is in foal to Rokeby Phitus. Holdenby Belle is by Harold's Pilot, out of Nicausis, and was winner of first and champion prizes at the Oxfordshire Show at Bicester, altogether a grand filly. Indy of Holdenby is by Winchelsea 14439. She was a first-prize winner at Peterboro, and fifth at the London Shire Horse Show, a straight, big and good filly, and out of Caria, by Catthorpe Disraeli. Holdenby Sall, the last of these, is by Duke of Anglesey, out of Besor, and is a weighty and deep filly, with good legs and character. The two yearling fillies may fairly be considered two of the gems of the sale. These are Mandie of Holdenby, by Rokeby Phitus, out of Dorcas and Flower of Holdenby, by the same sire, out of Leda, two big and valuable fillies, correct in every way, and would be a well-matched pair for anyone to buy, and like several of the older fillies, they will he pretty safe prizewinners at next year's shows. Rokeby Phitus, to whom most of the mares and fillies are in foal, was got by Caston Harold or Caston Salisbury, and is a weighty and capital get-Extended pedigrees and further particulars will be found in the catalogue, for which please write at once, and see to it that you do not miss this splendid opportunity of obtaining direct the very best class of English Shire horses placed close at your door and with all sea risks

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