

Messrs. Graham Bros.' Clydesdales.

For a number of years Cairnbrogie has been one of the most noted Clydesdale establishments in America, and the owners among the most noted horsemen—from their earliest childhood they have been associated with the leading live stock breeders of this continent. They long ago learned the good qualities of the Clydesdale, and very early in life distinguished themselves by importing a considerable number of very superior horses. From year to year the firm have become better known and deservedly grown more popular. Although they have each year imported many good horses, those now in their stables are by far the best lot they ever owned. The first we will notice is Macneilage (2992), foaled June, 1882; sire Macgregor (1487), dam Jess (1295). This is a splendidly bred horse, of great substance, fine quality and finish. Some excellent judges say he is the best son of the noted Macgregor. He is thus described by Mr. McNeillage, the Secretary of the Clydesdale Association of Great Britain and Ireland: "Macneilage (2992), is a short-legged, strong boned, powerfully-built horse, with first-rate feet and pasterns, and faultless action. He has been a distinguished prize-winner. When a yearling he was first at Dumfries Union Show and second at Kirkcudbright. When a two-year-old he was third at Kilmarnock and first at the Royal at Shrewsbury; and when a three-year-old he was first at the Royal at Preston, and third at the H. & A. S. Show at Aberdeen. He has proved himself to be a sure foal-getter, and his stock have taken prizes at Kilmarnock and Paisley, and other shows in the west of Scotland. Since he was imported he has won whenever shown."

Royal Lawrence (6243) is now four years old; sire St. Lawrence (3220), first dam Bill of Carco Vol. X. This is a rather rangy fellow, his legs are good and he stands well on them. MacNicol (6055), MacMath (6050), MacIndoe, Vol. X., and Southern Cross (7273), are all a year younger than the last mentioned, and may all be described as good in color, in bone, style and action—just such horses as our farmers ought to patronize.

MacClaskie (6996), a photo-engraving of which appears in this issue, was bred by Lords A. & L. Cecil; his sire was Macgregor (1487), first dam Kelpie (2034). To-day we consider him a better horse than Macneilage; he is undoubtedly the best Macgregor alive—always a good colt—he has improved wonderfully during the last six months, and is of massive proportions, yet of splendid quality throughout; he will be one of the chief attractions at the coming stallion show to be held in Toronto.

Kincraig (6879), the same age, was bred by Andrew Montgomery, Castle Douglas, Scotland; sire Prince of Airds (4641), first dam Manfreida (6618). This is a large, growthy, smooth colt, with a very good middle, back, quarters, neck and head; he is strong in the bone, and his muscles are well developed.

Chairman (6593) and Prince of Lothian Vol. XII., the former bred by Lords A. & L. Cecil, and the latter by J. A. Belfour, M. P., Prestonskirk, Scotland; both foaled in 1887. They are of a somewhat different type, very upstanding and flashy; in color a beautiful rich brown. Their feet and pasterns are good; muscular development, bone and hair all that can be desired; their symmetry and form first-class. They are destined to be very popular with the farmers, and are sure to do big seasons, and produce a popular kind of horse.

Gilroy (6789), foaled May, 1887; bred by R. Gilroy, Uppertown, Scotland; sire Master of Blantyre (2283), first dam Maggie of Barnflat (3524). This is one of the most promising horses at Cairnbrogie. Although very large and growthy, and destined to be larger, he is smooth and good; his feet, pasterns, joints, bone and hair, are first-class; he has splendid neck and shoulders; short, strong back, and good quarters.

Dunglass (6702), Honest John Vol. XII., and Main Top, all three years old this spring, are strong massive horses of great merit throughout; their feet, pasterns and legs are all that

can be desired. They are of the same type, and of much the same quality as Macneilage.

Hornbean, foaled March, 1888; bred by the Marquis of Londonderry; sire Castlereagh, Vol. IX., first dam Holly (7482). Messrs. Graham think this their best yearling. He is large and growthy, yet finely finished; his bone is strong, hard and flat; clothed with hair of the best quality, his feet and pasterns are splendid. Like MacClaskie and several of the others, he has been a successful prize winner on both sides of the water. Arbitrator Vol. VII., three months younger and somewhat smaller, is thought by some to be even better than Hornbean. He is of a different type, yet finely finished. All about him denotes good breeding and quality. He is destined to be a noted horse.

Othello Vol. VII., foaled May, 1888; bred by R. Neil, Bambour, Scotland; sire Bold Magee (4269), first dam Polly of Bambour (6562), is a beautifully turned colt of splendid quality and breeding. Like the last two, he is of unusual merit throughout.

Besides the above mentioned, there are other good horses and mares, but space forbids to make mention of them. Specimens of this stud will be exhibited at the stallion show, which will take place on the 13th of March in Toronto. Those who cannot attend should write to Messrs. Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., for their annual catalogue, which will be sent on application. This work contains much valuable matter that every farmer should know.

Messrs. Robert Beith & Co.'s Clydesdale Stud.

This establishment, like Messrs. Graham's and Sorby's, is not only one of the largest and best in Canada, but contains more very good horses than any stable in the U. S. A. These establishments are a national benefit of which every Canadian farmer should feel proud and show his pride in a tangible way by patronizing the very good horses they import. We herewith give a short description of some of Messrs. Beith's horses. Those wishing fuller information should obtain their catalogue which may be had by writing them. All their horses are very finely bred, of large size and of unusual merit. Just such animals as will produce large, valuable cart horses. In the large American markets to-day large cart horses are the only ones selling at paying prices. (See the Chatty Letter from the States in this issue.) In October, 1889, page 305, we gave an illustration of Sir Maurice (4721), Eastfield Style (6724) and Eastfield Chief (6715). These are three magnificent horses of great size and grand quality. Sir Maurice gained second prize at Inverurie when a foal; second at Dalbeattie, and fourth at the H. & A. S. when a yearling; second at Glasgow when a two-year-old; was in the short leet of five at the Glasgow Stallion Show when a three-year-old; and in 1889 was fourth at the same show. Since being imported Sir Maurice won the following prizes:—At the Provincial Exhibition, held in London, first prize for the best aged stallion; the silver medal for the best Clydesdale stallion of any age; and the Prince of Wales prize for the best heavy draft horse of any age or breed. At the Industrial Exhibition, held in Toronto, he won the first prize in his class and the silver medal for the best Clydesdale stallion of any age. At South Ontario Agricultural Society's show he was awarded first prize for the best aged stallion; and also won first prize at the West Durham Agricultural Society's show. Although his bone is very large it is of splendid quality and heavily clothed with muscle, the skin is smooth as that of a blood horse, and the hair abundant and of splendid quality; he is a splendid mover, none better.

Eastfield Style, now three years old, won second prize at the Provincial Exhibition held at London in September, 1889; third prize at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition in September, 1889; second prize at the Ontario and Durham Exhibition at Whitby; and first prize at the West Durham Agricultural Society's show. This is also a large smooth horse, of massive proportions, full of quality and has great knee and hock action.

Eastfield Chief, coming three years old. This choice colt is one of the best two-year-olds ever exhibited in Scotland. He was first at Edinburgh, second at Ayr, and third at Glasgow this season in very strong classes. Since being imported, won first prize at the Provincial Exhibition held at London; first prize at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition; first prize and diploma at the Ontario and Durham Exhibition held at Whitby; and first prize at the West Durham Agricultural Society's Show, Bowmanville. He has wonderful bone and substance and is one of the strongest and best cart horses in America. He has very few equals. All three of these horses have improved in appearance very much since the fall shows.

Sir Walter, now rising four years, is a well-balanced, short-legged, strong-boned colt, has first-rate feet and legs, deep ribs, good quarters and thighs, and a very good back. He gained fourth prize at Dalbeattie when a yearling, and a fourth at Dumfries Union Show as a two-year-old last year, and last spring he was in the short leet of the Glasgow Stallion Show, where he was awarded the Buchan District Premium. Sir Walter won first prize at the Provincial Exhibition, held in London, September, 1889; first prize at the Industrial Exhibition, held in Toronto, in September, 1889; and first prize at the Ontario and Durham Exhibition, held in Whitby. He also is improving fast.

Ardlethan Boy (5493), foaled June, 1886, is a showy, rangy, fleshy horse of good quality, and one destined to be very popular with the farmers. He has abundance of bone, muscle and of the right quality; his feet and pasterns are good.

Lord Gray (6965), nearly three years old, is a bay of low, blocky type, with flat, hard bone of extra good quality. He is a nice, useful horse, with plenty of move and ambition.

MacCalman (6995), a brown, also rising three; is a very large, strong colt, with extra good feet and pasterns and good mover; a trifle upstanding and short in rib, but with lots of outcome, and only requires a little time to develop him.

Earl of Lennox (6710), bay, rising four; a thick, massive horse, strongly knit and close to the ground, yet very smooth. He is a likely sire of heavy cart horses.

Candlemas (5614) is much the same type with plenty of bone; a useful all round horse.

Renfrew Gallant (Vol. XII.) is a very sweet, neat cut horse, with beautiful head and neck, nicely placed shoulder, neat turned barrel, with a general make-up very pleasing to the eye, and will turn out a very good sire.

Clyde Admiral (Vol. XII.) is a very growthy, smooth turned colt, with good, clean, hard bone and strong joints; altogether a very promising colt.

Paragon (7097) is a large, massive horse of great size and symmetry, with legs of capital Clydesdale type; a good mover and a very imposing looking horse; is calculated to sire extra heavy dray horses. He is one of the largest ever imported by this firm.

Eastfield Gem, a nicely turned horse, of the medium size rib, extra quality, good feet and pasterns; just such a horse as is required in some sections of the country.

Eastfield Laddie, foaled May, 1887, is a large finely proportioned and truly beautiful horse, of fine breeding; he is a half brother to the noted horse St. Gacien (3958), which he closely resembles, but is more muscular and massive. His legs are short; bone and hair abundant, and of faultless quality; joints all that could be wished; his body is thick, deep, smooth, and very muscular; his arms and thighs are very strong. He has a strong quarter and short back, superb neck and shoulders; a beautiful head, well set on; in all a most promising horse.

Maria (Vol. XII), foaled 1888, is a magnificent filly; has made wonderful growth since the fall fairs, when she was the admired of all Clydesdale men; and though she then promised fair, she is surpassing even her owners' expectations. She has everything to be desired; her great size, wonderful feet and legs, and splendid all-around quality, and, to top all, her good breeding, should make one of the best brood mares ever imported. She was believed to be the best filly in Scotland. Space forbids us to mention others.