

HORSES.

Our Scottish Letter.

The subject of this communication is Clydesdale exportation. During the past three weeks the exodus to Canada has been abnormal. Both Donaldson liners sailing within that time have carried close upon 100 for each of Clydesdales, besides a very large number of other classes of British stock. The Marina, which sailed on the last day of June, had a shipment of 29 head for Messrs. McMillan, Archibald & Cudmore, Seaforth, Ont. Mr. R. J. McMillan made the selection, and had credit by his work. Of the 29 he took 13 from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, Netherhall and Banks, Kirkcudbright. Like the other shipments of the past few weeks, this was chiefly made up of fillies. There were, however, three stallions in the shipment. Two of these came from Messrs. Montgomery, one being a get of the good breeding horse, Fortune Still 9752, one of the best sires in the north of Scotland; while the dam was by the famous Claymore 3522, winner of first prizes at the Royal twenty years ago, and second to the celebrated champion, Flashwood 3604, at the Scots shows. The other is a yearling stallion of exceptional breeding. His sire was the unbeaten Everlasting 11331, which was first three years in succession at the H. & A. S. shows; while the dam of the colt was by the equally famous Prince of Carruchan 8151, which thrice won the Cawdor cup, and was never anything but first at the Glasgow Stallion Show and the H. & A. S. shows, where he was frequently shown. In all the shipments to which reference will be made there are numerous gets by Everlasting, and quite a number by Prince of Carruchan, so that Canada has been getting some of our best blood. The colt which Mr. McMillan has taken was bred by the famous Shorthorn breeder, Mr. James Durno, Jackstown, Rothie-Norman. Mr. McMillan secured mares from Messrs. Montgomery, got by the H. & A. S. champion horse, King of the Roses 9927, and other celebrated sires. From other breeders he had stock by the fine horse, Baden-Powell, sire of the Glasgow premium horse of this season, Memento. Fourteen of the 29 were bought in Cumberland, mainly under the guidance of Mr. John Kerr, Redhall, Wigtown, who knows all about Cumberland Clydesdales. One of these is a mare, full sister to the magnificent gelding, King Harry, which won first at the H. & A. S. show a year ago. Several are by Mr. Kerr's successful breeding horse, Royal Champion, which bred first-class stock wherever shown.

I do not know whether I already referred to the shipment made by the Lakonia, on 25th June. The shippers there were Mr. McCallum, Brampton; Mr. J. L. Clark, Norval, and a very big lot of 37 head were in the hands of Mr. G. A. Brodie, Stouffville, Ont. These were purchased from Mr. Wm. Taylor, Park Mains, Renfrew, and five of the lot were got by the Glasgow premium horse, Clan Chattan 10527, sire of the H. & A. S. champion horse, Royal Chattan 11489, which was also represented in the shipment by his stock. Three were by Sir Hugo, one of the best breeding horses among the younger sires of the present day; and among other sires represented by their stock may be named the 900-gs. H. & A. S. champion, Prince Thomas 18262, the Glasgow premium horse, The Summit 9442; the noted Marmion 11429, the sire of Mr. Bryce's celebrated filly, Rosadora, the Cawdor cup winner of 1905; Prince Alexander 8899, the H. & A. S. champion of 1890, when a yearling, is pretty well represented in all the shipments, and stock by quite a number of the best breeding sons of Baron's Pride 9122, as well as his near relatives, have been laid under contribution for this trade. The other shippers by the Lakonia had drawn upon the studs of A. & W. Montgomery; W. S. Park, Hatton, Bishopston, and James Picken, Torrs, Kirkcudbright. It was all good business, and the shippers appeared to be well pleased with their selections and their treatment. One thing must be said of all our sellers here—they spare no pains to assist the purchasers in arranging, shipping, feed, insurance, and other details. Two or three recent shippers have gone in for purchasing their stock direct from breeders. One of these who did so was Mr. J. R. Johnson, Springford, Ont. He bought in Aberdeenshire, and shipped 22 fillies and 2 colts by the Marina, on 30th June. He had been piloted by Mr. Alexander Burr, Tulloford, Old Meldrum, and well piloted, as the character of the shipment indicated to those who viewed them on the quays before shipping. Mr. Johnson had bought in the Central Aberdeenshire district, where close attention has for many years been paid to the breeding of Clydesdales, with the most gratifying results. Quite a number of Mr. Johnson's fillies are by the famous champion horse, Royal Chattan, referred to above, and Royal Edward, a noted show and prize horse, by Baron's Pride. He bought two from Mr. John Marr's famous stud, now at Uppermill, but formerly at Cairnbrogie, and these were prizewinners, descended from Mr. Marr's celebrated 290-gs. purchase at the Knockdon dispersion sale in 1876. This purchase was Young Darling 237, uterine sister to the world-renowned Prince of Wales 673. Thick, blocky, short-legged fillies, such as were bought by Mr. Johnson, will find a ready market with those who understand the traditional points of the Clydesdale. Another big shipper by the Marina was the firm of Prouse & Innes, Ingersoll, Ont. In this case, again, Mr. Wm. Taylor was the selecting agent, and the 52 head were shipped under his personal supervision. Of 418 Clydesdales shipped up to 30th June this year, Mr. Taylor had sold about one-fourth. He bought the animals for

the Marina shipment in the best-known breeding districts in the West of Scotland. The larger proportion of the 52 were two-year-olds. Several were by noted horses, descended from or closely related to the champion, Baron's Pride 9122. Two were by his own brother, Springhill Baron 10652; an equal number by his grandson, Baron Hawthorne 12029, and three by another grandson, Baron Clyde 12023, whose stock have won numerous prizes locally in Lanarkshire. An equal number are by Sir Hugo 10924, a half-brother to Baron's Pride, and an equal number by the Glasgow premium horse, Clan Chattan 10527. There are fillies by Montrave Ronald 11121, one of the most successful of the younger breeding horses, and a grandson of Baron's Pride, Banks Baron 11592, a son of that great sire, and own brother to the celebrated champion mare, White Heather, the dam in turn of the Kilmarnock champion, Minnewawa, one of the very best fillies seen in a Scots showyard for many a day; Marconi 11817, a son of the champion, Hiawatha, and a Glasgow premium horse, and many other sires of approved merit and successful at the stud. Prouse & Innes have a lot of fillies here which will be easily cashed. Mr. Taylor is very careful in adopting means to secure the proper identification of the fillies on the other side. They are all numbered in accordance with numbers on the export and custom house certificate, and their markings carefully checked and noted down as they are shipped.

To-day, Saturday, July 7th, has been one of the great shipping days of the season. The magnificent steamer Athenia sails early in the forenoon with an exceptionally valuable shipment of pedigree stock, including Shropshire sheep, for Mr. Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; Hackney stallions for different shippers, and about 80 head of Clydesdales. The exporters on board are Mr. A. Mutch, of A. & G. Mutch, Lumsden, Sask., with

Baron's Pride 9122, himself; while a third is by his celebrated son, Pride of Blacon 10837, which was twice first at the H. & A. S. shows, and a fourth is by the Dumfries premium horse, Baron Romeo 11266, one of the thickest sons of Baron's Pride. Another two-year-old was got by the H. & A. S. first-prize horse, MacEachran 9792, and a yearling of outstanding promise is by the prize horse, King's Crest 11885. The fillies are by Baron Gartly 11601, Royal Gartly's Heir 10631, both closely related to the celebrated Cawdor Cup champion horse, Royal Gartly 9844; the Sir Everard premium horse, Argosy 11247; the well-bred premium horse, Baron's Crest 12024; Baron Britain 10678, own brother to the celebrated Casabianca, a Glasgow premium horse more than once, and the noted Baronson 10981, sire of Oyama, the Cawdor cup champion horse this season. Mr. Mutch has been keeping well within the limits of the blue blood of the breed.

Mr. Gunn, like Mr. Johnson, bought most of his direct from breeders in Aberdeenshire. All but two, which he got from Messrs. Montgomery, were bought in this way. These two were got, respectively, by Pride of Blacon 10379, and Olympus 11840, closely related to the Baron's Pride race. Others are by the grand breeding horse, Up-to-Time 10475, and the champion horse, Everlasting 11331. The thick, noted prize horse, Royal Blend 11893, is sire of one, and the big horse, Prince of Roxburgh 10616, of another. Mr. Gunn bought his fillies with great discrimination. Mr. Thomas Mercer had also ten Clydesdales—six were fillies and four colts. A three-year-old filly was got by the celebrated champion horse, Labori 10791; while a two-year-old colt is by the famous prize horse, Baron o' Bucklyvie 10263, one of the leading sires at the present time. Two are out of a capital breeding mare, named Gorty, got by the once well known Lord Erskine 1744.

Others are by Royal Citizen, the Dumfries premium horse Royelle, and the excellent breeding horse, King o' Kyle; while two of the stallions are by Sir Hugo 10924, and Prince of Carruchan 8151, respectively. Mr. Mercer has several animals in his shipment that will take some thinking about at the Canadian autumn fairs.

While Clydesdales are thus in demand, in what must be regarded as, after all, a modest kind of way, Thoroughbreds have been selling at extraordinary prices. At the Newmarket sales this week, a brood mare and her foal made 7,500 gs., and a like figure was paid for a stallion. The presence of representatives from all the continental haras indicates the popularity of the English Thoroughbred. He is obviously still regarded as the fountainhead of all genuine equine stock. Continental nations value the English Thoroughbred and Hackney more than do the breeders and statesmen of the land of their nativity. A seventeen-year-old mare made 2,200 gs., the buyer being a North German breeding company. A seven-year-old mare, by St. Simon, made 2,600 gs., and an eight-year-old, by Melton, 3,200 gs. The 182 lots sold during the two days' sale made £113,770 13s., or an average of £625 2s. 3d. All the Clydesdales sold for export in one year would not make up the price of one Thoroughbred mare.

"SCOTLAND YET."

Money in Blubber.

There are still a few smooth Alexs running round the country trying to syndicate ton stallions that possess the merit of fatness. This is usually all the merit they do possess. They have been doped and petted and drugged until they have become impotent, and then are shipped to a new section and unloaded by the joint-note route. Farmers do well to stand on guard against such games. There are many reliable horse importers and breeders who are known, men who have a stake in the country, and can't pull out. These deserve confidence; they are the men who are doing something for our horse interests. There is money in blubber for the man who can palm it off for the price of bone and muscle, but it is a gold-brick proposition for those who bite.

It is idle to prate about difficulties; get down and grapple with them.



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Shire mare, first and champion, Bath and West of England Show; third at the Royal Show, 1906. Property of R. W. Hudson, Danesfield, Marlow, Eng.

14 head; Mr. Robert Miller, Stouffville, with two fillies, and a great selection of other stock (these fillies are yearlings, by the choicely-bred sires, Baron Hood 11260, and Baron Mitchell 10688, both sons of Baron's Pride); Mr. D. McLay, of McLay Bros., Janesville, Wis., with a first-class selection, numbering 25 head; Mr. R. E. Gunn, Beaverton, Ont., with 10 fillies, purchased mainly in Aberdeenshire, and two from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery; Mr. Thomas Mercer, Markdale, Ont., with 10 head of Clydesdales and several Hackney stallions, purchased from Mr. Peter Crawford, Dargavel, Dumfries; and Mr. C. E. Eaid, Simcoe, Ont., who has an excellent selection of Clydesdales, one Shire colt, a well-bred Hackney stallion, by the champion Rosador, and several Hackney brood mares. Mr. Eaid has purchased chiefly from Mr. W. S. Park, Hatton, Bishopston, and in Renfrewshire. He has fillies by the champion, Royal Chattan; the good-breeding horse, Royal Citizen; the Glasgow premium horse, The Summit 9442, and other noted sires. He has two well-bred big stallions, from Mr. Peter Crawford, got by the champion horse, Gold Mine 9640, and King o' Kyle, respectively. Mr. Eaid is a favorite on this side, as we have no doubt he must be on the Canadian side also. He knows his animal, and understands his market.

Messrs. Mutch had good success with their former selection, and won notable prizes in the great North-west. This time they have 14 head, 13 of which came from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, and one, a filly, from Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Barcheskie, Kirkcudbright, the well-known Ayrshire fancier. The colts secured by Mr. Mutch are fully one-half the shipment, and include the champion of the Edinburgh show, a son of the world-famed Everlasting, and a noted winner as a yearling. Another two-year-old is by the champion,