

may find in our Northwest in the product of native mares and large thoroughbred sires, exactly what they want. The purchase of ten animals west of Winnipeg is meanwhile at least as creditable to that district as the purchase of ninety is to Ontario.

### The Clydesdales at Woodside.

We in Ontario are too ready to conclude that everything that is worthy of note in the line of good stock is to be found west of the Ottawa and north of the St. Lawrence. We forget that on the south side of the St. Lawrence are some level counties of great fertility, a truth not easily concealed from the ambitious Anglo-Saxon, and where a number of them have accordingly located, and have been gathering wealth in a quiet way with a full and prosperous hand. The Chateaugay steals quietly across the county of Huntingdon, carrying away the surplus waters, and the soil in its basin is exceedingly productive. On the banks of this river is "Woodside" (Howick P. O.), where Mr. Robert Ness for the past six years has carried on an exceedingly useful work in breeding and importing pure Clydesdale horses, so important in its bearings on the progress of agriculture in all the eastern counties of Ontario, and those of Quebec as well, that the latter province may well feel proud that she reckons a stockman with the enterprise of Mr. Ness as one of her citizens. Woodside is conveniently situated on the line of the Canada Atlantic, and Grand Trunk Railways. The G. T. R., Howick station, is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Woodside, and the C. A. R. station (Howick Junction), is on the farm, some 38 miles southwest of Montreal. The buildings are beautifully situated in a nice grove of trees, well sheltered from the cold winds of the winter season, which adds very much to the comfort of man and beast. Mr. Ness came to this country 33 years ago, along with his aged parents, who yet are with him. They were born near Glasgow, Renfrewshire, Scotland, not very far from what is considered the home of the Clyde. Mr. Ness was young at the horse business. He made the first trade at the age of fourteen, and has owned stallions for the last twenty-five years, having handled some of the best grade stallions in the province; but in the fall of 1880 he visited Scotland and bought two stallions; one a beauty (Surprise) from James Kerr, Lochend, which died on the passage; another, Clan Douglas, a son of the famous Darnley (222), and a Kerr mare, and sold the following year to the Chateaugay Agricultural Society. They are now owned by Aleric Lefibre, of St. Remi.

The next season, 1881, two stallions were brought over in the month of June, Sir William (2420) Vol. V., used one season, and then sold him to Messrs. Percy & young, of Bowmanville, Ont. He won four first prizes, notably at the Provincial at Montreal. The other, Crown Prince, was sold to a company in Lancaster, Ont.

The importation of 1882 comprised three stallions, one, Prince Fergus, by Perfection gr. sire Prince of Wales (673), dam, Maggie by Rob Roy (714), took second prize at the Provincial, and was sold next season to Mr. Renaud, of Belœil Island, Quebec. Another, Dainty Lad, Vol. V., took first as best three-year-old, and went to Mr. John Hay, of Lachute, P. Q., and he proved a first class stock horse. The third, Celt, a yearling, Vol. V., gained first at the Provincial, Montreal, and was sold to the Messrs. Brownlee, of Hemmingford, P. Q., and which they still retain at the head of their stud of 30 horses.

In the 1883 importation were three stallions and two mares. Sir John (3195), Vol. VI., a grandson of Prince of Wales, was used one season at Woodside,

and then sold to the Messrs. Munroe, Maxville, Ont., giving great satisfaction to these gentlemen. The second, Montgomery (3254), is a son of the celebrated McGregor. The success of this young horse is simply unequalled. He has taken first wherever shown, including diploma and gold medal at the Provincial at Sherbrooke in 1885, and is now owned by Thomas Good, of Richmond, Ont., and for which he paid, we are told, the highest price in cash ever given for a Clydesdale in Canada. He pleases his present owner exceedingly well. The third, Courtier (2697), a colt of merit, died two weeks after landing, (Maggie) dam of Jean of Shillingworth (2577), sire the celebrated son of Darnley Sanquhar (2393), took first prize at the Provincial, Montreal, for the best two-year-old, and was sold the following spring to Messrs. Brownlee, of Hemmingford, and has bred a fine filly foal to Montgomery. The other mare, Netty, dam, Jess of Shillingworth (2578), by Darnley (222), with Druid (1120) for sire, went to Andrew Roy, of the county of Chateaugay. She took second prize at Provincial and first at Huntingdon District Show.

The importation of 1884 consisted of three stallions and three mares. Endrick Pide (2761), the best of the year's importation, died on the passage, as did also young Prince Fergus and Wee Peter. The survivor, Scottish Banker, (4007), a son of the noted McGregor, was sold in the spring after to Duncan McEwan, of the county of Beauharnois, and is doing well. Heather Bell, by Pride of Galloway (1245), dam Rosey of Barlogan (3692), was purchased by J. Murphy, Athelstone, who has one of the best foals of the season, by the prize winning Montgomery. Murray Stuart, sire Top Callant (1850), another son of Darnley, dam Jess (582), bred by Alexander Lore, Margaret's Mills, was sold to Messrs. Brownlee, of Hemmingford, and is there giving a good account of himself. Notwithstanding the discouraging loss of the three referred to, Mr. Ness sent home to Scotland for a three-year old, Barrochan Jock, a son of Sir John of Ghent (1301), used him the following season and sold him to F. Bernard, of Belœil, Que. He also was successful in the prize ring, and a sure breeder. The foal that took first at the Dominion Exhibition this year was got by him.

The 1885 importation consisted of four stallions and two fillies. Marathon (2994), a son of Dunmore Prince Charlie (634), dam Malla (1624), by Britain (87), half brother to the celebrated Moss Rose, of the same build, is strong and low set. In Scotland he stood second in a class of 22, the great McCammon beating him. In this country he took first at the Huntingdon District Show in 1885, and this year first at the Dominion Exhibition, for the best aged stallion. He had a good season's work at Woodside Farm, and is still there. Sir Richard (4020), sire Richard III., dam, Jess (1492), by Sovereign (814), took second prize at the Dominion Exhibition, and was sold to Dolphice Blachard, of Iberville, Que. Lord Newark (4534) by Sanquhar (2393); dam, Maggie by Boydston Boy (111), Vol. I., was sold same year to go to Cookshire, and made a good season last year. He also is a prize-taker. The Emigrant (4747), by Lord Blantyre (2242), dam, Kate (841), by Auctioneer (16), took first as a yearling at Huntingdon District Show, and was bought by Malcolm McNaughton, of that place, giving very great satisfaction to his present owner, and taking third in a grand class of two-year-olds this year. Of the two fillies, John Locerby, of Beauharnois, became the lucky owner of Martha Jane, by Fanny (4715), sire Auld Reekie (1920); and Robert Robertson, of Howick, got Eliza Jane, sire Duchal (2727), dam by Jock o' Hazeldeen (407).

The importation of 1886 comprised no less than six stallions and four mares. The most noteworthy of course is Little Jock Elliott (3768), so admirably sketched on the first page of this number. The oldest of this year's importation is The Colonel, Vol. IX., sire Prince Frederick (1504), dam Maggie, Vol. IX., by Lochend Champion (448), a real type of the old Clydesdale. He is already sold to an enterprising horse-breeder, Robert Winterbottom, of Lacolle, Que.

Sanquhar Again (3998), by Sanquhar (2393), dam, Bell (3857), sire of dam, Sir William Wallace (803), is a low-set, gay moving colt, with beautiful head and the action of his sire. Clifford (4295), is by Darnley (222), dam Magg' (421), by Banker (24). His color, is fine, and he is a good mover, and promises good size. He took first prize at Huntingdon District Show and second at the Dominion Exhibition. He is own brother to the celebrated mare Jessie Wilson. Harry's Boy, Vol. IX., one year old, was sired by McGregor (1487). His dam was Lily of Townhead 4618. The sire of dam, Sir Michael (1530), took first at the Dominion Exhibition, and is a colt of great promise. The Vicar, Vol. IX., by Laird o' Carnock (3752), was from dam Jean (2074), by Prince Charlie. This also is a colt of good merit. Of the four fillies Water Lily, out of (2552) by Waterlee Lyon (2266), has for dam Nell of Freeland. She was mated this year by Lord Beresford, lately imported, and is in foal, and a mare of good quality. Annie Lawrie, a one year, by Gilderoy (1438), dam Doralice (2110), sire of dam, Derby 227, is a fine filly, which won several prizes in Scotland, and first at the Dominion Exhibition at Sherbrooke. She is already secured by Malcolm McNaughton, Huntingdon. Cecilia, by Gilderoy (1438), dam, Dorothea (3387), by Prince Albert (616), also Maid of Erskine, by Cheviot (2672), dam, Maggie of Ettrick (3881), are nice, broad, heavy-boned fillies, full of promise.

We have thus given the work of Mr. Ness somewhat in detail, but why should it not thus be given—a work that is permanently elevating the standard of the stock interest in several counties, and greatly improving it? Although on the whole it has been wonderfully successful, it has not been without its discouragements, as of the 35 head imported, no less than five were put on shipboard only to be thrown into the sea.

It will have been further noticed by the readers of this article, that numerous references are made to the high degree of satisfaction given by the animals in the localities in which they have gone. It could not well be otherwise, as Mr. Ness assures us that he only deals with men of undoubted reputation on the other side of the Atlantic, and hence he has never been deceived, either in the animal or the pedigree, for of the whole number imported, there has not been one that had the slightest blemish, and in every instance they have proved good breeders.

### The Man Who Was Not There.

It seems there were great searchings of heart amongst many of the Shorthorn breeders of the United States as the great contest between the beef breeds was drawing on at the Chicago Fat Stock Show, as to whether Mr. Hope and the Bow Park contingent would be there, and many are the expressions in the press and out of it over the border, that the result would have been different, had Mr. Hope and his "invincibles" arrived. It is refreshing to be thus reminded both of the prowess of our cattle and of the man who has already achieved so much with bovines in that same Chicago. We regret, too, that the purpose of Mr. Hope was chained by the unfortunate outbreak of