

Gillespie, M.A.; in Ayrshire cattle, by Mr. And. Y. Allan, Munnoch, Dalry; and in Clydesdales, by Mr. James Park, Dechmont, Cambu-lang. The Duke's stud is of comparatively recent foundation, but it contains an excellent selection of Clydesdales. His Grace's Chamberlain, Mr. John H. Dickson, Dalton, and the Land Steward, Mr. Neil Mackenzie, are both good judges of a Clydesdale, and do not go on the principle of expending large sums on fancy animals. They generally succeed in getting a useful class of breeding mares at reasonable prices, and have had remarkably good luck with most of their purchases.

The stud is strong in Darnley blood, and amongst the younger stock Lord Erskine is found to be well represented. Prize-winners at the principal shows are to be found amongst the mares, and there is little doubt that as long as the stud is handled with the same judgment as it has been in the past, it will form a valuable incentive to Clydesdale breeding in Nithsdale.

In the first week of the month we had good shows at Paisley, Falkirk and Campbeltown. There were a greater number of "kenned faces" amongst the prize winners at the two shows first named than at the third, but as indicative of the stage at which the breeding of Clydesdales, as distinguished from the mere purchase of good animals from other districts, had arrived, the Campbeltown show was the most valuable. Mr. Angus Macdonald, Bellfield, who does not farm the largest extent of ground in the peninsular of Kintyre, fairly eclipsed all his brother competitors by the success to which he attained. He was first in the brood mare class with the mare Ruby, bred by himself and got by Old Times; first for the best pair bred in the district, with Ruby and her dam Libbie, by Roseberry; first with Ruby and her yearling colt, by Lawrence's Chief, and a splendid foal by Sir Everard, as brood mare with two of her produce; first with the aforesaid yearling colt in his own class; the silver medal for the same colt as the best yearling of either sex; and finally the championship, with Ruby herself, as the best Clydesdale of either sex and any age in the field. This is a record of which any man may well be proud, and our good friend Angus was congratulated on all hands on his success. His most formidable opponent was, in most of the classes, Mr. David MacGibbon, the Duke of Argyll's Chamberlain in Kintyre, and one of the best, if not the best estate manager in the West of Scotland. He is quite an enthusiast in horse breeding, and holds by the views that were advocated by the late Mr. Drew, who was a great personal friend of Mr. MacGibbon. Mr. MacGibbon's exhibits on this occasion were, as usual, very well brought out, and indeed some of the mares were just fat enough. He gained the three leading prizes with yeld mares, by Callendar, Premier Prince and Riddell's Cairngorm, and he was first in the three-year-old filly class with a nice mare by the Darnley horse Gartsherrie.

It is, I imagine, true that there are quite a number of Kintyre men farming in Canada, and they will be interested to know that the class of stallions that is being used in the Peninsula this season are much above the average of the quality of those that were in use some few years ago. A year ago the farmers formed themselves into a society (a club) for the purpose of hiring a superior horse, and were fortunate enough to secure the services of the celebrated Sir Everard. This season they again hired the same horse, and the other horses that have been hired for service in the district, through Mr. MacGibbon, are Prinnis, winner of second prize at the Glasgow stallion show in March, the good breeding horse Barrister, which stood in the short leet for the Glasgow premium a few years ago, the late Seaham Harbor stud horse, The Regent, and two local horses that are superior animals. We should hope to see a marked improvement effected in the horses of Kintyre by the use of these horses.

Paisley Show was held under very depressing

weather influences. I don't know whether it ever rains as heavily in Canada, but the energy with which water was poured out on that unfortunate Thursday would have been highly popular in Arabia. It was decidedly unpopular in Scotland. With one exception, all the first prize winners at Paisley were animals bred in other districts of Scotland. Mr. Riddle's celebrated Darnley mare Sunrise, bred in Wigtownshire was leader amongst the brood mares, and, as usual, champion of the sex; Mr. Christopher Watson was first in the yeld class with Flower Girl, by Knight Errant, bred at Kippendavie in Perthshire; the first three-year-old filly was also owned by Mr. Watson, but although she was not bred in Renfrewshire, it did not transpire where she was bred. She was an excellent mare, and it is clear Mr. Watson means to get to the front with his Clydesdales. He farms at Fulwood besides Houston Station, and I dare say some of my readers know him and have been at his place. The first two-year-old filly was owned by Mr. Thomas Fleming, Balgray, Newton Mearns, and was got by Lord Erskine. She was bred in Wigtownshire and is quite a superior animal, having been a prize-winner elsewhere this season. Yearling fillies were led by a good beast owned by Mr. W. Taylor, and got by Sir Everard. This is a filly that will likely be further heard of. She is well bred and up to good size. The second to her is also a capital filly which has gained a good many prizes. She was got by the Flashwood horse Earl of Glasnick, and is a choice animal. The first two-year-old was Mr. William Clark's dark-colored horse Choice Goods, which was bred as far away as Auchnagatt in Aberdeenshire. She is an active horse with good bones and good style. The first yearling colt was bred by his owner, Mr. W. S. Park, and was got by Prince of Albion, out of a Darnley mare, grandam the Time O' Day mare, dam of Lord Erskine. This is one of the best colts in Scotland of his age. He was hindered a little by an accident in spring, but has pulled well forward since. His dam is a first-rate mare of choice quality, and he is likely to go to the top by-and-by.

The most successful exhibitor at the Falkirk show was Mr. David Mitchell, of Millfield, Polmont. He showed one animal in every class but one, and gained first prizes in them all. The brood mare was Fair Ellen, bred away down in Sunny Devonshire. Clydesdales travel far afield. In the yeld mare class he was first with the Top Knot mare Princess Maud, a really good old-fashioned Clydesdale, bred from a good stock. In the three-year-old class he had no exhibit, but in the two-year-old class, which was an uncommonly good one, he was first with Maritana, by Excelsior, a filly which is sure to land at the very front before many years are over her head. She is a very true example of the breed. The Flashwood filly, Ellen Terry, was first in the yearling class. She is a remarkably good filly, and her grandam was Princess Maud's dam. Mr. Mitchell was also first in the class of yearling colts, with a promising youngster by Prince of Albion, out of The Dowager, the dam of Sunray. One of the best county shows in Scotland is that held at Stirling. The quality of the stock exhibited is far above the average, and there is no district in Scotland where greater strides have in recent years been made in the way of improving the breed of draught horses. The show is open to a somewhat wider district than Stirlingshire itself, but it is as nearly as may be a county gathering. The studs that have recently taken a splendid position at the shows are those of Mr. Macfarlane, at Westcarse; Colonel Stirling, at Kippendavie, and Mr. Mitchell, at Millfield. And in addition to these there is the very old-established stud at Cory, Cunningham, in Killearn. Curious to relate, however, neither the one nor the other of these fine collections of Clydesdales provided the champion mare at this season's show, but a small farm in Kirkintilloch parish, whose tenant, Mr. John Douglas, with a hereditary love for a good horse, has won the championship, both at Dunbarton and at the show under review, with Bridesmaid, by Druid Chief. This filly was bred in the vale of Alford, Aberdeenshire, by a gentleman who had probably very little notion that he was breeding a champion Clydesdale. Mr. Riddell bought her at his

displeasing sale at a small price, and sold her within a few days to Mr. Douglas. She was champion at Dunbarton both last year and this, and is a better filly this year than she was last. In the brood mare class at Stirling the Westcarse mare Kate London, by What Care I, was first. She has been a successful prize-winner on many previous occasions. The Kippendavie mare, Brenda, was first in the yeld class, and was a strong competitor for the championship. Bridesmaid, the champion female, was first in the three-year-old class. The Millfield stud was well to the front in the two-year-old class with the Flashwood filly Lillie Langtry, which got first, and Maixana, which was second. The yearling fillies formed an abnormally good class. Mr. Mitchell was first with the celebrated Ellen Terry, own sister to Lillie Langtry, and Mr. Douglas, the owner of the champion mare, was second with a choice filly got by Barrister. The chief prize-winners amongst the two-year-old colts were owned by Galbraith Bros., and got by Lord Ailsa. Mr. David Wilkie, Dollar, gained the leading prizes with yearlings bred in Wigtownshire, and got by Handsome Prince.

Edinburgh Association held its best show on 15th June. The exhibits included some of the best known Clydesdales of the day. The champion mare was Mr. Robert Murdoch's well-known black filly Duchess II., by Prince Lawrence. She was bred by Mr. John Hannah, Gorrian Manis, Ayrshire, and has gained many prizes this year. She is a filly of much substance, with good feet and legs. Mr. William Park's first brood mare Polly from Brunstane has been referred to more than once in previous letters. She was got by King of the Forest, and is a typical example of the breed. She has since given birth to a fine colt foal by Prince Alexandria. The Kippendavie Brenda was first amongst the yeld mares, and a pair of Flashwood fillies got the chief honors in the two-year-old class. The first was Strawberry Leaf, owned by Mr. Leonard Pilkington, of Cavens, and winner of second prize at Kilmarnock. The second was the Millfield Lillie Langtry, and the third was her neighbor Maritana. In the class of yearling fillies Ellen Terry had to give place to a new comer owned by Mr. William Montgomery, and got by Plantagenet, out of a Darnley mare. She is a well-colored filly and a good mover. Ellen Terry was second. The first prize two-year-old colt was the handsome big horse Darnley Again, owned by Mr. Clark, and the first and second yearlings were the colts by Prince Fortunatus, that occupied the same places at Ayr. A notable colt was third and much admired. This was Mr. Mitchell's colt, got by Orlando, out of the celebrated Sunray. He is like a horse that will rapidly improve.

The show at the Royal at Warwick was very disappointing in respect to numbers, but there were some very good animals forward. Her Majesty the Queen was first in the class of three-year-old stallions, and got the male championship with a big well-colored Macgregor horse the Macquhae. The Lords A. & L. Cecil were also successful prize-winners, gaining first and second prizes with three-year-old fillies bred by themselves and got by Claymore. They sold both to Mr. Andrew Montgomery, who re-sold them to Lady Talbot in Wales. Mr. William Graham, of Edengrove, was a successful exhibitor. He got first in the class of two-year-old stallions with the beautiful colt Sir Harry, and first in the brood mare class with the Macgregor mare Nellie Milton. These are very sweet examples of the breed. Mr. Leonard Pilkington got the championship with his record breaking filly Queen of the Roses, by Prince of Albion, out of Moss Rose. She was looking very well and has grown well since the Montrave sale. Of course she was first in her class as a preliminary.

An important Clydesdale sale will be held about the end of August, when the whole of the breeding stud at Kenmuir, owned by the late Mr. Robert Spittal, will be exposed for unreserved sale. I need not remind Canadian fanciers that this is the stud from out of which your champion mare, Bessie Bell, came, and amongst the animals to be sold are many of her relations.

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