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Quite an extensive deal in pure-bred sheep was put through at the New Westminster Exhibition when Mr. Bryce Wright, of De Winton, Alta., bought the entire show flock of Oxfords from Shannon Bros., of Cloverdale, B. C. The flock were in most attractive condition and appealed strongly to the fancy of the Albertan, who will run them on his stock farm "Ailsa." It is in the acquisition of flocks of this kind that Alberta makes progress, and to the men who venture their money in them is due more than the passing modicum of commendation.

BURNETT & MCKIRDY'S CLYDES-DALE SALES

Mr. Jas. Burnett, of the firm Burnett & McKirdy, Napinka, Man., in a letter to us the other day, reports quite a number of sales in the last few weeks. The demand for Clydesdales of quality and breeding this season in this country is going to be greater than for some time. Messrs. Burnett & McKirdy have sold recently the two-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Royal Gartly, by Woodend Gartly. This colt won second prize at Brandon Winter Fair 1908, and

third at the Winnipeg Industrial 1907.

To A. D. Pue, Napinka, Man., the two-year-old filly, Cottage Rose, No. 20801, by Sir Ronald, 10464, dam by Claymore 3522.

To James Jamieson of Nokomas, Sask., the two-year-old filly, Fair Vanity 20817, by Prince Thomas Pride 12294, dam by Rosario 9996.

To Mr. G. Bent, Lauder, Man., the two-year-old filly, Heather Honey, 20818 by Ascot 10944,dam by Scotland's Warrior 10451. Mr. Bent has had the misfortune to have his stables burned and this good filly was burned with five other horses

THE INDIAN'S CURSE ON FERNIE Some of the western papers are

publishing a queer story about Fernie— a legend that has been revived since the recent disaster there. It is told

Years ago a lonely prospector toiled through the East Kootenay mountains, living on the flesh of the animals of the woods and hills. He cared but little for the companionship of man, and save for a brief meeting with an occa-sional Indian his life was indeed a solitary one, spent in ceaseless pursuit of wealth from nature's vast storehouse.

One day there came to him an Indian woman. She was the typical squaw, not unlike all others of her race. She wore, however, a string of ornaments of a peculiar sort. They were jet black and very shiny. The prospector's interest was aroused and after considerable difficulty he succeeded in persuading the Indian woman to guide him to the spot from which she brought the orna-NAME OF STREET

Following the woman, the prospector came upon a scene that revealed to him the possibility of untold wealth. The woman's ornaments were small pieces of coal, and before the prospector's astonished eyes there lay vast deposits of the mineral. Mining rights were applied for and later the place became known as Coal Creek, where to-day the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company have an enormous colliery.

Having obtained great wealth, the prospector determined to enjoy the fruit of his labor, and accordingly he journeyed to Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia. Presenting a claim to be his lawful wife, the Indian woman demanded that she be taken to Victoria also and placed in a proper light before the world. The prospector to whom the great wealth had come and in whose honor the town of Fernie wsa named, spurned the woman and caused her to be returned to Fort Steele, where she again became a member of the tribe which she had deserted to join Fernie.

A vengeful spirit seized the woman and upon failing in her appeals to Fernie, she cursed Fernie and all who might ater reside in the city bearing the name of her white companion. Heaven was called upon to witness that the city would be destroyed and that all who lived there would suffer also.

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