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who are exporting, Shire horses, Clydesdales, cat-
tle and sheep—would be glad of the names of firms
who would receive stock (pedigree) and dispose of
them by private treaty or otherwise—*references
required*—and would also like to know the best
ports in the United States and Canada to land
horses and cattle and the best markets.

CLYDESDALE HORSES.

NEW MAGAZINE.

We have been favored with an advance copy of
a new Scotch magazine devoted specially to the
interests of Clydesdale horse-breeders, the world
over. Judging from the contents of the initial
number, we have no hesitation in saying that it will
be a valuable accession to equine history. To
Dominion readers the contributions on "The
Slanders of Ravenswood" and "Reminiscences of
Clydesdale Horse-Breeding," will be particularly
interesting, presenting as they do an aspect of the
fine stock business, with which they have hitherto
been very imperfectly acquainted. The first-named
article though somewhat acrimonious in its tone,
is very ably written, and the way in which "Ravens-
wood", *alias* McNeilage, Jun'r, is handled, is a
model of scientific literary scalping. Mr. Riddell's
article is full of friendly eulogium concerning the
late Laurence Drew, of Merryton, and the account
he gives of some of that great breeder's stock
is very interesting. Among other articles of more
than usual ability we note that on "The Law
of Horses" and "Agricultural Depression." As a

first number the copy before us is very successful
and should its followers be equal in merit a bright
future is before it. We can honestly recommend it
to our readers, who will find in its pages much to
instruct them. Particulars as to price and publica-
tion will be found in our advertising columns.

HOW TO UTILIZE THE SCRUBS.

When a farmer once makes up his mind that
well-bred stock will give him better returns than
scrubs, he has taken an important step in the
direction of reform, but after that has been taken
he is sure to encounter other obstacles of a more
or less serious nature. One of the great questions
is "what shall I do with the scrub stock I now have
on hand?" This is indeed a very serious question
to be asked by a farmer of moderate means, but
where there is a will there is generally a way. Let
the farmer who has a lot of mongrel cows make no
sacrifice of them to make room for Jerseys, Guern-
seys, Ayrshires or Holsteins, if he intends making
butter or cheese or both, the standard product or
products of his farm. It will only cost him a
small sum to buy a yearling bull of any of the
above strains and he will be surprised at the rapidity
with which his first crop of calves will have changed
for the better. The prepotency of the thorough-
bred finds little to oppose it in the mongrel dam and
the result will be that the calf will partake much
more of the nature of the sire than of the dam.
The cows bred in this way will be found, for all
practical purposes, much more than half Jersey or
Guernsey as the case may be, and all that will be
necessary to work another great improvement for
the next generation will be to breed back the half-
bred heifers to a bull of the same strain as their
sire (the sire himself would answer very well).
These three-quarter-bred heifers, if Jerseys, might
produce again to a Jersey bull before they were two
years old, the product this time being seven-eighths
Jersey and for milking purposes, in all probability,
as good as a thoroughbred. In this way a farmer
might in the course of a very few years transform
his herd of scrubs into a herd of first-class milk
and butter cows and the cost would be a mere trifle.
Or if a farmer should feel too poor to buy
a Jersey, a Guernsey, a Holstein or an Ayrshire, let
four or five band together for the purpose, and the
probability is, that independent of the very great
advantages to be derived from the use of such an
animal in their own herds, his owners would prob-
ably make more than the price of him hiring out his
services to other farmers. In this way one solitary
purchase might be made to improve not only the
herds of his immediate owners, but those of a whole
neighborhood.

THE TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

The live stock dealers have at last taken definite
action with regard to the Western Cattle Market,
and the providing of better accommodation for the
saleable cattle of the Province. There is no gain
saying the fact that the present market is woefully
behind the age in everything pertaining to the
successful operation of a thriving mart. Not t

mention the scant accommodation for live stock, the
state of the yards during the greater part of the spring
and fall is terrible. The mud averages half a foot
in depth all round, in and out of the pens, and
many a good animal has been ruined by breaking
a leg in one of the numerous ruts which exist in
and around the market. If ever a trade had reason
to complain of the treatment accorded it by a cor-
poration the cattlemen, whose business centres in
Toronto, have certainly the right. The fact that
their business brings in an immense revenue to the
city in various ways is calmly ignored, and when
they ask for better accommodation the worthy alder-
men reply with a sneer, that Toronto cannot
afford to carpet the market. It is surely time for
Toronto to consider whether or not it wants to
become the -cattle city of the Dominion. A city
with the facilities Toronto has should rank second
to none in the cattle trade. Into her depots and
yards should pour the products of the west, but as
things are, Toronto shirks the responsibility and
allows Montreal to gobble everything. A properly
equipped market for the sale of live stock would
soon result in the erection of pork-packing estab-
lishments, public abattoirs, and canning factories,
all employing large numbers of men, and compet-
ing with the Western American cities for the
eastern trade. Commission houses would also
spring up and an impetus be given to this impor-
tant branch of trade, which would be of immense
advantage to the country. As matters now stand,
neither the farmer, drover nor local dealer receives
justice.

We see that the Dominion Live Stock Association
has taken the matter of new markets up, and propose
to indict the Toronto City Council for maintaining
a nuisance in the present yards. In this matter
the association should act boldly. The success of
the cattle trade of Ontario is involved, and there
are enough public spirited members in the body to
see that some action is forced upon the city.

STOCK-RAISING CAPABILITIES OF THE NORTH-WEST.

Again and again have we striven to impress our
readers with the fact that the Canadian North-
West afforded a splendid field not only for immi-
gration but for the profitable investment of capital.
This being the case we are of course always glad
to find unprejudiced observers giving utterance to
the views we have always held on this subject.
Nobody will be apt to accuse the *Globe* of making any
undue effort to boom the North-West or in fact any-
thing in which the Canada Pacific Railway is deeply
interested, and therefore the handsome tribute paid
to the North-West in the editorial columns of the
Globe on Saturday is all the more valuable as testi-
mony. The *Globe* sets out by saying:—

"While immense fortunes are being rapidly accu-
mulated on the great cattle ranges of the Western
States and Territories, strange as it may appear,
capitalists appear to be singularly slow to avail
themselves of similar advantages in our own
country. Careful observers who have familiarized
themselves with the character of all the grazing