

A Hero of the Show Ring.

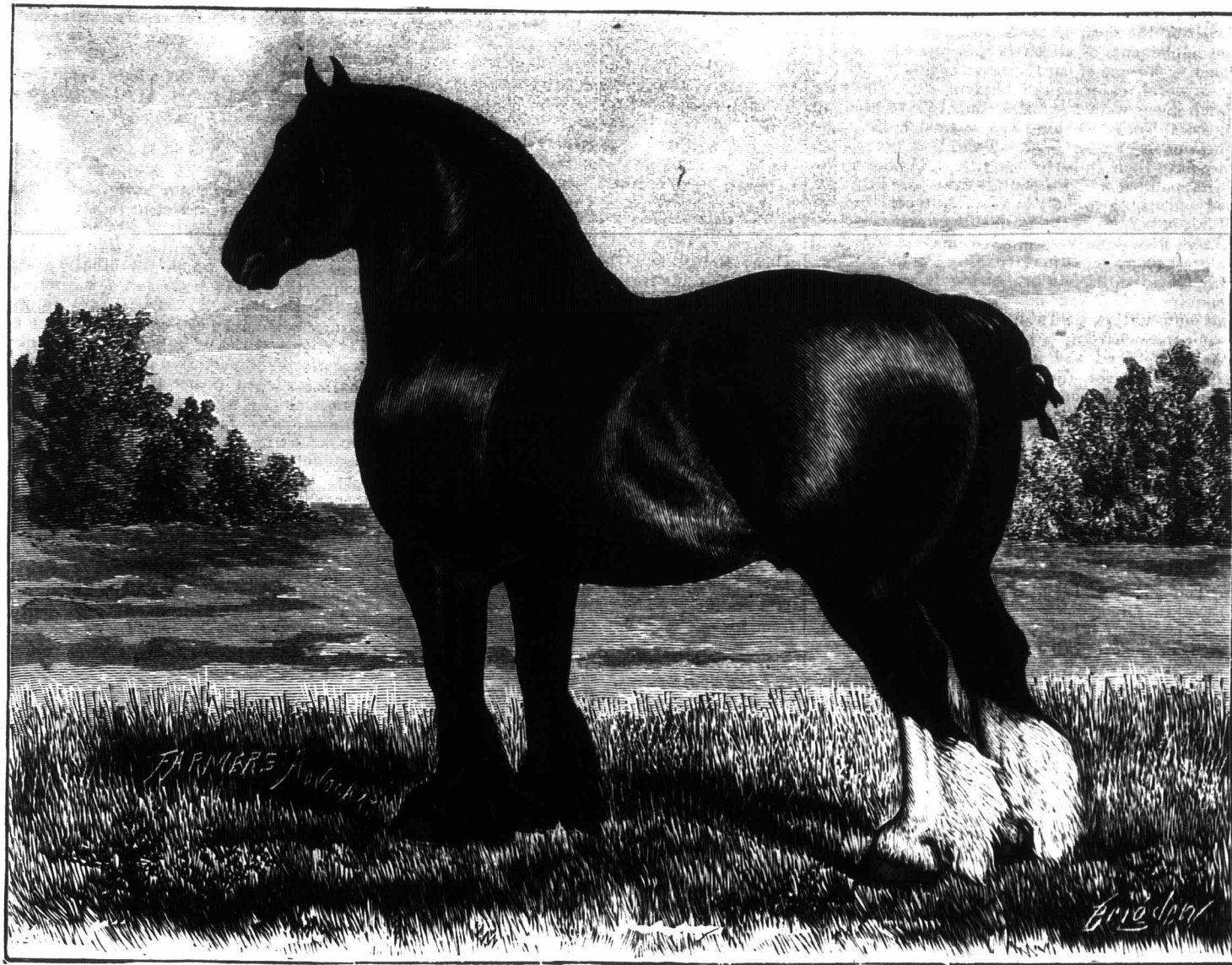
Victorious in his own class against a strong ring of competitors at the long-to-be-remembered Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition of July, 1892, Balgreggan Hero [1591] (8446), the imported Clydesdale stallion, an engraving of whom we take pleasure in presenting this month, was again triumphant when he entered the sweepstakes competition where the pick of the Shires and Percherons were arranged. The trophy to be contended for was a silver medal offered by the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, open to all draught breeds for which provision was made in the prize list, the much coveted honor this grand young horse bore proudly away for his enterprising

at Guelph, in 1890, and first in a splendid class at the Provincial Stallion Show held in Toronto, on March 11th and 12th, 1891. At the Winnipeg Exhibition of 1891, he captured first in the two-year-old class and also diploma for the best Clydesdale horse any age on the ground, and, later in the season, at the Calgary show, first in his class and sweepstakes for best horse on the grounds of any age or breed. He is improving, too, with age, as his victories at Winnipeg this season fitly demonstrated. In fact, his success there was an appropriate sequel to what he had achieved before. That there should be a wealth of breeding behind a horse of such individual excellence, and whose record in the prize ring

Shows in England and Scotland.

According to promise I now give you my impressions of the Royal Show in England and the Highland Society's Show in Scotland, and how they compare with our Canadian exhibitions.

To anyone engaged in agricultural pursuits, and who is passionately fond of live stock, it is worth crossing the Atlantic to see the Royal Show of England. I do not think its equal can be seen in any part of the world. This year it was held at Warwick, the beautiful and extensive park of some sixty acres being thrown open to the public. The park itself is a grand sight, with its stately oaks interspersed all over, some of them three and four feet in diameter; and,



THE CLYDESDALE STALLION "BALGREGGAN HERO," PROPERTY OF ROBERT & JOHN A. TURNER, CALGARY, N. W. T.

owners, Robt. and John A. Turner, of Calgary, N. W. T. He was foaled in May, 1889, being bred by Mr. John Milroy, Balgreggan Mains, Stranraer, Scotland, and was imported in 1890, by Messrs. D. & O. Sorby, of Guelph, Ont. Individually he is a horse of well nigh perfect conformation, as his portrait shows; splendid action and life, carrying himself most gracefully; is developing wonderfully in substance and weight; has underneath him matchless legs, clean and well feathered; possesses a rare good temper, and is in color a beautiful light bay with a small white strip in his face, and white hind feet. Not having yet reached the acme of his development, his future is full of promise. Within a fortnight after his arrival on Canadian soil he took first prize in a remarkably good class

has been crowned with such success, might be inferred, and so it is, for Darnley, Farmer and Lochfergus Champion go to make up the sum of his pedigree. He was sired by Darnley's Hero (5697), by Darnley (222), whose triumphs and those of his progeny as well, are historic and familiar to the readers of Clydesdale lore. Mary of Balgreggan Mains (3784), the dam of Balgreggan Hero, was by Speculation (2426), by Farmer (286), by Merry Tom (536), by Rob Roy (714), and, besides being a mare of much substance, has proved herself a capital breeder. Farmer ranks among the most successful of Clydesdale sires, his progeny having a long string of well-merited honors to their credit. The future of the Balgreggan Hero and his get will undoubtedly be watched with very keen interest by those who are observing the progress of horse breeding in Canada.

with Warwick Castle in the immediate vicinity, added greatly to the enchantment of the scenery. It strikes a stranger from this side of the "herring pond" very forcibly when entering the grounds the entire want of anything of the mountebank character, which, to my mind, is ruining our agricultural shows in Canada. Nothing but agriculture, pure and simple, or something connected with agricultural pursuits, is permitted there.

On entering the ground my attention was at once directed to the beautiful building erected by the Dominion Government for the display of the products of the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba. And the gentleman in charge, Mr. Dykes, of Liverpool, made Canadians feel quite at home. Amongst other Canadians registered there, I found the names of Messrs. Millar, Jackson, Main, Ballantyne, etc., who were engaged purchasing some of the finest sheep they