

same year, Capt. Mansfield's brown mare trotted nine miles in thirty-one minutes. In 1832, on the 27th of April, Mr. Dixon, of Knightsbridge, trotted his mare Nonpareil, in a match cart, one hundred miles in nine hours, fifty-six minutes and fifty-seven seconds. The first twenty miles were trotted in two minutes less than two hours. At the finish she showed no symptoms of fatigue, and on entering the stable began eating hay as if nothing unusual had occurred. About the same time a broken-kneed, stone-blind mare of Mr. Woodcock's, East Harling, Norfolk, trotted forty miles on the London road in three hours and forty-nine minutes.

Our illustration represents three of these hardy, useful horses, owned by Messrs. Everest & Kerr, of Ridgemere Stock Farm, Reaburn, Man. At the left is the three-year-old stallion, Jubilee Chief 2122, sire Pilot 1323, he by Lord Derwent 418, by Denmark (Bourdass's) 177, dam of Jubilee Chief, Queen of the Forest 297, also registered as 1553, she by Fireway 249, dam by Sir Richard 1172. Queen of the Forest was a noted prize winner, having won fifteen first prizes and six second at the best shows in England. Jubilee Chief is a very promising young horse, three years old, with lots of style, action, and spirit. At the right is Conquest 1983, sire Anconeous 887, by Phenomenon 584, dam by Eclipse 191. This mare has a majesty of bearing that the artist cannot convey to paper, but must be seen to be appreciated, and if the expression, "An eye like an eagle and a neck like a swan" was ever applicable to an animal, the lofty bearing of the neat head, graceful neck, and quick penetrating eye of Conquest entitle her to it. In the centre and in front is Firefly 1779, now five years old, and by many considered to be "the noblest Roman of them all." Firefly is by Fireway 249 (Triffit's), he by Achilles 2, dam Nance 1291. Fireway won twenty-two first prizes, and Nance four. Jubilee Chief and Conquest were imported this season by Messrs. Everest & Kerr, in company with five other Hackneys, the remainder of which are mares. Firefly was imported by R. Beith & Co., Bowmanville, Ont., and was purchased over a year ago by his present owners. He has probably more admirers than any other horse in the Province. He has been shown in the roadster class on several occasions, invariably winning first in strong competitions. At the recent spring-stallion show at Portage la Prairie one of the judges remarked, "That it almost broke his heart that two such horses as Firefly and his leading competitor could not both win a first, as they were such grand animals." One of the points indicative of a long line of good ancestry in these horses is the similarity of gait, every one having grand knee action and trotting with mechanical accuracy and precision. On the evening prior to the Portage show Firefly was harnessed to a buggy, after weeks of illness, having been driven but four times in six months, and showed, what some of the spectators pronounced a three minute gait, with two men in the buggy; although three and a quarter was nearer the mark than three minutes. Even this was almost phenomenal under the circumstances.

From what can be learned of the past of these horses, and the evidence given of the usefulness by their appearance, they will become exceedingly popular here.

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Canadian Studs, Herds and Flocks.

MESSRS. A. B. SCOTT & SON'S CLYDESDALES.

Two miles west of the Ilderton Station, on the Huron & Bruce Railway, is the farm of Messrs. A. B. Scott & Son, Vanneck P. O. In 1886 these gentlemen laid the foundation of their present breeding operations, by importing and selecting, in person, the two mares Annie, by McGregor, and Kate 2nd of Congeith, also by McGregor. On the dams side of the pedigree of these mares we find such noted horses as The Laird, Farmer's Fancy, Lord Clyde, Lochfergus Champion, and other celebrated horses. The quality of the produce bears out the old adage, that "Like produces like," for the young things from both these mares show plenty of what Clydesdale men are just now after, that is, size united with quality. Kate 2nd of Congeith is a mare of beautiful quality, of very compact form, and good size, with just the sort of feet and legs that will stand wear. She was placed second at the London Provincial last year as a brood mare, with foal by her side, her foal taking first. She took 3rd at Toronto, the foal taking second. A colt rising two this spring bids fair to make a capital stock horse. His dam was Annie, by McGregor, and his breeding, combined with his individual excellence, should satisfy anyone who wishes to purchase a stallion of this sort. He is sired by Corporal Logan, a capital son of Belted Knight. This colt, called Red Cross Knight, is a bright bay, with plenty of size, good feet and legs clothed with just the quality of feather that denotes good flinty bone. He is very nicely turned, and when we say that at the Toronto Industrial he took first place in a ring of ten, all imported, some just fresh with ribbons won in the show rings of Scotland, proves him to be a colt of more than ordinary merit. He is a honor to his breeders. Some fillies of more than ordinary quality are also to be found on this farm, prize winners in the past, and very promising. Unlike many of our importers, the Messrs. Scott have centered their energies in breeding. It is an undoubted advantage of buying a stallion or filly that is bred here. You then have the opportunity of judging of the merits of both sire and dam, which cannot always be done in the case of the imported colts.

MESSRS. CARGILL & SON'S SHORTHORNS.

On the Wellington, Grey and Bruce branch of the G. T. R., and close to the station which bears their name, Messrs. H. Cargill & Son have founded a choice herd of Shorthorn cattle, and although among the last to enter this useful and interesting field, they, with a determination to excel that has marked their other business transactions have started in a line that should insure success. They first purchased from T. & A. B. Snyder, German Mills, the two cows, Duchess of Kent, of the imported Princess, by Lancaster sort, and the show heifer, Rose of Strathallen 3rd, herself a winner at the Toronto Industrial in 1884; and with her dam, the better known Rose of Strathallen 2nd, the sweepstakes cow of two successive show seasons, from the two strongest members of the herd that won in Ottawa and took second place in Toronto the same year. Several others of the useful sort have been added from time to time, until two years ago the present stock bull was purchased of Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, his importer, and along with him two imported heifers, bred by J. Campbell, Kinellar, viz., Ury, of Greenwood, by the Sittyton bull Gravesend, and

Ury Maid, by the same sire. These are two most promising heifers, being of the thick fleshed sort that are required, not only to grade up our feeding cattle, but also to strengthen the feeding qualities of many of our Shorthorn herds. The bull Albert Victor was also bred at Kinellar, and is of the Golden Drop family, that made such a reputation for themselves in the show rings of Canada and the Western States in years past. This bull is proving himself a most successful sire, as the large crop of growthy calves of more than ordinary quality testify. He is a bull that could easily be pushed forward for the showing, being particularly deep in the rib, smooth and stylish; he would make a hard beast to beat in the highest company; but he is still better situated at the head of this useful herd, and will be a great benefit to that section of country. This herd now numbers between thirty and forty of pure breeding, with an additional thirty or more capital grade cows, heifers, and steers. Many of these latter are good specimens, both steers and heifers having quality enough for show, should their breeders desire to push them for that purpose. The presence of such a herd as this should be of incalculable benefit to the section of country in which they are bred; and now that export steers, as well as stock cattle of all grades are again at such high prices, they will no doubt have a full share of the patronage not only of their own locality, but also from buyers from other parts.

MESSRS. RIVERS' DURHAMS AND SOUTHDOWNS.

Messrs. Richard Rivers & Son, the proprietors of Spring Hill Farm, near Walkerton, Ont., have been prominent breeders of Shorthorns for eighteen years. The herd was started by purchasing Jemima, of the Beauty family, by Snowball, and Cherry 7th, by imp. Baron Berkeley, bred by F. W. Stone, of Guelph, and being of his branch of the same family; after which Lady Strathallen 2nd, bred by Mr. George Keith, Toronto, of the Syme sort, was also added to the herd. These formed the basis on which the herd, now numbering twenty-five head, has been built. These cattle are of the useful sort, of which many more are required by our farmers. The bulls latterly used have been the Duke of Hamilton =3069=, bred by James Russell, Richmond Hill, and sired by imported British Statesman, Victory bred by H. Thompson, St. Marys, and sired by the Cruickshank bull, Baron Braith; the present stock bull is Silver King 4th, bred by F. Lowell & Son, West Montrose, sired by the Bow Park bull, Waterloo Duke 12th, by imported 4th Duke of Clarence. They also have a lot of high bred grade cattle of the class which produce the best quality of feeding steers, and for which just now there is such a demand from the Northwest. A flock of twenty-five Southdown sheep, of good quality, headed by a ram imported by E. & A. Standford, of Markham, also a choice lot of Leicesters are kept. Some wonderfully good lambs of both these sorts were being pushed forward to supply the demand for something extra good in these lines. Berkshire swine also find a place on this well-appointed farm.

The Messrs. Rivers are also making a specialty of seed grain of different sorts, which they are well enabled to do, their farm being well adapted for this purpose, the whole being in splendid order throughout. The appearance at once showing that close attention is given to details in both farm and stock departments, for which they are reaping a reward by extension of their business and demand for their products, both from the field and stall.