

GOSSIP.

IMPORTED PERCHERONS.

The town of Simcoe, in Norfolk County, Ont., is the great Percheron horse center of Canada. Two of the largest importations of these noted French draft horses ever made to Ontario were landed at their respective stables in that town a few days ago, totaling 31 stallions and 16 fillies, making the biggest range for selection to intending purchasers ever offered in Canada, and of size and quality, coupled with nice, springy ankles, clean, flat bone, big feet, and high, straight, trappy action, that has only to be seen to be appreciated. Robt. Hamilton & Son had 32 Percherons, 20 stallions and 12 fillies, and 3 German Coach stallions. In age, the Percheron stallions were: Three 5 years old, two 4 years old, eleven 3 years old, and four 2 years old. The mares and fillies were: Two 5 years old, two 4 years old, and the balance 2 years old. All of the mares and fillies were bred before leaving France, and believed to be in foal. They are an exceptionally choice lot, up to a ton in weight, with nice, clean bone, big feet and good ankles, ideal draft mares for Canadian farms, and should, and surely will, soon become most popular. Too much cannot be said in favor of the stallions, as they combine size and quality with smoothness, draft character and grand action. The numbers given denoting any individual horse are the numbers branded on their hoofs, although all are registered in the French Government Stud-book and the Canadian National Records Percheron book. No. 149 is a dark gray three-year-old, of grand form and faultless underpinning; a high-class horse. No. 128 is another gray three-year-old, up to 1,900 lbs. in weight, a massive colt of ideal draft character, and standing on the best possible kind of bone, ankles, and big, wide feet. No. 150 is a gray three-year-old, a high-class show horse. At the a la Ferte-Bernard Show this year, which is the leading show in France, in a class of 150, he won sixth place, which is his highest recommendation; he is an exceptionally choice colt. No. 140 is a gray five-year-old, an extra nice, stylish horse, of highest type and quality; he will weigh a ton, and is thoroughly broken to harness. No. 121 is a black three-year-old, a very superior colt, on a fine quality of underpinning. No. 120 is also a black three-year-old, winner of second prize as a two-year-old, very thick, smooth, and stylish, and has quality of bottom to spare. No. 125 is a gray two-year-old, big in size, and a grand show colt. These are representative of the entire lot, as all show a phenomenal growth, and have well-sprung ankles and good, big feet. All are for sale, at living prices, and with so large a number to select from, visitors from a distance can rest assured of finding what they are looking for. The German Coach horses are one brown 5-year-old, one bay 3-year-old, and one brown 3-year-old. The 5-year-old is a wonderfully stylish-topped horse, big, rangy, and prompt in his every movement, seen at his best when in action, which is high, straight and trappy. The bay 3-year-old is essentially a top-notch, beautiful in form, immensely stylish, and a high-class horse, a horse that will do honor to the section of country that gets his services. The brown 3-year-old is a big, strong horse, of ideal Coach type, a right good kind for crossing on the smaller mares of this country.

John Hawthorne's Importation.

The other importation of Percherons to Simcoe is that of John Hawthorne, a gentleman well known as an importer of high-class horses. His lot comprised 11 stallions and 4 fillies. The stallions are eight 4 years old, and three 4 years old. The fillies are two and 3 years old, an exceptionally choice lot; so good were they, that they were all sold within three days after arriving. Several of the stallions are well broken to harness; their quality of bone, ankles and feet, big size, and ideal draft character will be a revelation to many Canadians. Among the lot are show material of a high order, winners at the a la Ferte-Bernard Show, the most and most important horse show in France. Following is a synopsis of a few of them: No. 13 is a gray (Continued on next page.)

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