

Breeders' Notes

CRAIGIE MAINS CLYDESDALES

Few men have done more to foster the Clydesdale industry in Saskatchewan than Alex. Mutch, of Lumsden. For over a quarter of a century "Craigie Mains" has enjoyed a high reputation for the quality of its stock and for the integrity of its men. At the present time there is on the farm and in the barns one of the finest collections of good brood mares to be found in Canada, including among them names familiar to Clydesdale men both in Scottish and Canadian show rings.

For many years the head of "Craigie Mains" imported large drafts of the best blood money could buy from Scotland, but within the last two or three years these importations have been partly discontinued, and young stock is now being raised at home.

Last year there was a fair crop of foals by "The Bruce," owned by R. H. Taber, of Condie, whose progeny have done so well at the recent Chicago International, and this year the mares are mostly all in foal again to the same horse. Among the yearling and two year old stallion colts there are undoubtedly many of high quality and many of them will figure largely in future Canadian show rings, while the older horses, and there are none over six years old, will ably sustain the Craigie Mains reputation. The stock is all in good condition, the young stuff is kept coming right along, but they are not in any way "pampered" and it was just probably this admirable method of raising young Clydesdales that led the Breeders' Gazette to remark on the "thin" lot of youngsters from Saskatchewan at the recent show.

A. & G. Mutch, of Lumsden, have some good young horses for sale and will be glad to send a catalog with prices and terms to anyone who desires it.

MR. BREDT PURCHASES CLYDESDALES

P. M. Bredt, of Golden West Stock Farm, Edenwold, one of Saskatchewan's most progressive stockmen, and a man who has done not a little for the cause of good stock and good agriculture in his own province, is welcomed again back to the front ranks of the men who are building up Western Canada's live stock industry.

Mr. Bredt was a heavy buyer of choice females at the Turner-Wright dispersion sale at Calgary last month, and from the fact that he secured such good mares as the Alberta champion "Poppy," by the great "Baron of Buchlyvie," and "Geraldine," by the unbeaten "Everlasting," "Lady Kelvin," another noted "Baron's Pride" mare, and some others, is sufficient proof that Mr. Bredt means to again get into the lime-light as one of the foremost breeders and exhibitors in a province that has already a highly enviable record for the quality of its Clydesdales.

After his good long rest, Mr. Bredt returns to the live stock arena with a fresh reserve of health and strength, and on that account, just as much as for his influence in live stock affairs, he will be heartily welcomed back.

WOODLANDS AYRSHIRES AND BERKSHIRES

J. J. Richards, of Woodlands Stock Farm, Red Deer, Alta., is one of the pioneer stockmen of this celebrated dairy district in Central Alberta. Starting farming in a very modest way over twenty years ago, Mr. Richards early pinned his faith to this great Scotch dairy breed, and by dint of good judgment, perseverance and the use of the best sires he could buy, he gradually worked himself into possession of one of the finest herds of Ayrshires in Western Canada, and a herd whose prize ring records at Western Canadian fairs are known to all Ayrshire breeders. Mr. Richards is offering for sale a couple of very fine young bulls from Old Country prize winning stock, the dam of one of the bulls making 11,000 lbs. milk and 400 lbs. butter, while the dam of the other is also a heavy milker and an Old Country prize winner, their sire being Mr. Richard's stock bull "Netherhall Douglas Swell," probably the best Ayrshire bull that ever came to Alberta.

One of the 4-year-old heifers on Woodlands farm has already had four calves, a couple of singles and twins, and as a 3-year-old had a record of 7,400 lbs. milk and 322 lbs. butter, testing 4.3, in 312 days.

Mr. Richards sold lately a fine heifer and young bull to the Alberta government. He is just now making a special offer of his Berkshires. He has for sale one or two grand 2 year-old boars, and a bunch of young pigs of both sexes from 10 to 14 weeks old.

Mr. Richards' Berkshires are well known for their prize winning qualities and as prolific breeders, litters of 10 to 13 being quite common in this herd.

A. D. GAMLEY'S ROADSTERS AND LEICESTERS

A. D. Gamley, Griswold, Man., is now offering for sale 20 head of standard-bred stallions, mares, and geldings, of all ages.

The animals are well matched, of a good color, and weigh around 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. and would make good delivery horses. He has also some good teams of matched geldings. In Leicesters Mr. Gamley has been doing a good business lately. He has at the head of his herd a ram from the herd of John Kelly, Shakespeare, Ont., and is now offering a few choice young rams.

Among his recent sales are a shearling ram to Chas. T. Mason, Woodbay, Man.; a ram lamb to A. McDonald, Boissevain; 2 ram lambs to Simpson Shaw, Gainsboro; a shearling ram to J. W. Crawford, Pipestone, and a shearling ram to E. D. Kennington, Bredenburg.

STOCK ON FOREST HOME FARM

Andrew Graham, the well-known breeder, of Pomeroy, Man., reports business good. He is sold out of Oxford Down bucks. The demand for Yorkshire boars has been good, and he still has about a dozen good ones fit for service, as well as a number of young sows ready to breed.

Forest Home has one of the best herds of Shorthorns in the province; about forty head in all. Some choice heifers in calf are for sale, as well as some young bulls.

The Clyde stud consists of about 30 head, including 15 brood mares, 9 of which are imported, among them being three daughters of "Baron's Pride," and several granddaughters. Others are by such noted sires as "Prince Sturdy," "Prince Shapeley," etc. The young stuff in the stud are mostly the get of the famous stud horse, "Johnston Count," one of the best bred horses living, his sire, "Balmedie Queen Gerard," one of the best sons of "Baron's Pride," out of "Royalist," the greatest son of "Darnley," and his dam "Lady Freda," is by "Royal Favorite," that has stood high for years amongst Scotland's greatest sires.

"Lady Freda" is one of the most famous brood mares today in Scotland. One of her sons, "Johnston Victor," first at the Glasgow stallion show, has proved a wonderful sire. "Johnston Hero," another son, has a great record. "Johnston Count," the Forest Home stud horse, has a record as the sire of winners that has never been equalled by any stallion in the province. At the recent sale in Lanark, Scotland, a two-year-old filly, out of "Lady Freda," brought over \$1,500, and a five-months horse foal, also a brother of "Johnston Count," out of "Lady Freda," brought \$2,600, the highest price ever paid at auction for a foal. The Scottish Farmer, commenting on the sale, says, "Anyone owning any of the progeny of 'Lady Freda' should esteem them very highly."

"Johnston Count," while not a ton horse, is of large stock, and his get are developing plenty of size along with quality of a very high order. Mr. Graham has several young stallions by this horse, out of imported mares, as well as a number of fillies.

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