



THE IMP. CLYDESDALE STALLION PRIDE OF AVON.

The property of Mr. Wm. McKay, Morewood, Ont.

The Stud at Morewood.

Some years ago first-class heavy horses were confined to a very limited number of the counties of Canada, but that day has gone by for the present, and we trust for all time. Here, there, everywhere, we find enterprising men engaged in breaking fresh ground by introducing stallions of a superior order, into localities where they are much needed, which cannot but react beneficially in the general improvement of horse-breeding. In the front rank of these in his own county (Dundas), is Mr. Wm. McKay, of Morewood, the owner of the magnificent stallion which forms the subject of the above sketch. Not content with the introduction of a Clydesdale, Mr. McKay and his associate, Mr. Kinkaid, own a trotting stallion and a Percheron, each one good of its kind. They have made large provisions to meet the various tastes of lovers of the horse in that locality.

The Clydesdale stallion, Pride of Avon, is a dark bay. He is six years old, stands $16\frac{1}{2}$ hands high; girths 8 feet around the heart, and 8 feet 4 inches around the flank. He possesses great lung capacity, his quarters are well let down behind, and are very

muscular; with legs flat, short and cordy, and grand hoofs to carry his body; his skin is thin, indicating a good constitution. His disposition is gentle, with no inclination to viciousness; his action is good, and his weight is 2150 lbs.

He was imported by the Messrs. Innes and Horton, Clinton, Ont., and when one year old was sold by his breeder, Mr. Vallance, Greathill, Evandale, Lanarkshire, Scotland, for the sum of £230, and was afterwards sold by his buyer, Mr. Young, Netherwood Bank, Dumfries, at a handsome profit, to Mr. McCubbing, Drum, Lochrutton. He was sired by Cedric (1087), by Prince of Wales (673), by General (322), by Walter Scott (797), by Old Clyde (574), by Scotsman (754)—a strong chain of famous links. His dam, Jean, is by Premier (595), by Bob Burns (105), by Victor (862), by Farmer (284), by Gleaner (338), by Young Champion (973), by Bromesfield Champion, (65)—a chain almost as strong. In 1887 he was first at Ayr, in Scotland, against 57 competitors, and first at Dalbeattie in a ring of 26. In 1883 he took first at the Industrial, Toronto, competing against 27 colts, also the silver medal and diploma as best horse of any age on the ground, in a field of 97 entries. The same year he was first at the Provincial, Guelph, and at Clinton, Seaforth and Brucefield. From a Clinton exchange we learn that he has left exception-

ally fine stock in that locality, and his colts have won many prizes. It took \$2,025 to get him away from Huron County to the County of Dundas.

Mambrino Spangle, the high-bred trotting stallion, is a golden chestnut, stands $16\frac{1}{2}$ hands high, weighs 1,300 lbs., has strong bone, superior style and finish, and possesses in a happy equilibrium the qualities of substance, beauty, gentleness and purity of gait. He traces through the best class of speed producing trotting crosses to the thoroughbred, and is registered in vol. v. of the National Register. Foaled July, 1880, sired by Waldron's Mambrino, dam by Sranger; record 2.32. The 2d dam is by Sherman Morgan, with two performers in the 2.30 list. Waldron's Mambrino, foaled 1877, is by Fisk's Mambrino 2.14, which cost \$12,000 in cash, and has four performers in the 2.30 list. Mambrino is by Mambrino Chief, the founder of the Mambrino family, and stands next to Rysdyck's Hambletonian as a speed-producer. He traces back to imported Messenger. His dam is by Marshal Chief with two performers in the 2.30 list, and dam by Pilot jr., with nine performers in the same list, Pilot jr. is also sire of the dams of Maud S., 2.08 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Jay-Eye-See 2.10. The third dam is by Harris's Hambletonian, by Bishop's Hambletonian, by imported Messenger. The Percheron stallion Leonard 1102 (3208), foaled 1877, was imported from France 1882, is a dapple grey in color, and stands $16\frac{1}{2}$ hands high, weighs 1,885 lbs. and, like the Clyde and the trotter, has proved himself a serviceable horse.