

tinuance of pleuro-pneumonia, most of the best stock districts are not permitted to send out cattle from within them. There were, however, several consignments. Mr. Walter F. C. Gordon-Cumming sent out by the "Sarmatian," on the 9th May, 98 Polled Angus cattle of excellent quality, almost all young heifers. Their destination was his own ranche "The Quorn," near Calgary, in the North-West. He also sent out one Clydesdale stallion and three thoroughbreds by the same steamer. Mr. John Mackay also shipped by the "Sarmatian," on 25th June, a consignment of twenty Highland cattle, all young heifers, with the exception of one bull. These animals were also a very fine lot, and went to Mr. G. D. Mackay, "Izilic Farm," Qu'Appelle Station, Assiniboia.

The horses chiefly sent were Clydesdales, as usual, animals of this breed continuing to be in great demand all over the world, and the prices for them increasing from year to year. As formerly, I attended the spring Stallion show here, where I met with numbers connected with Canada. Prices were very high as a rule for those disposed of, the quality of the animals being considered better than at any former show. There was also a very fine display of these animals of all ages and sexes at the Highland Society's show at Melrose, and many changed hands at rates which were much beyond what would have been anticipated only a few years back, animals especially having the strains of blood of the celebrated "Prince of Wales" and "Darnley" being much sought after.

Sheep have also gone up very considerably in price this last season, the autumn sales of pure-bred ones realizing a good deal more than for some years back. Ordinary sheep have likewise gone up much in price, as mutton has been such a scarce article this season. There are still, however, good opportunities for our farmers and breeders to purchase pure-bred ones at reasonable rates, and I can only say, as in former reports, that I consider the cross with the Cheviot, or Blackfaced, would make a vast improvement in the sheep stock of our country in the districts suitable for them. There is no difficulty about pleuro-pneumonia with them as with cattle. The appearance of all breeds was excellent at the Highland show.

There were sent out from the Clyde to Canada last season:

Horses.....	1,672
Cattle.....	125
Sheep	5

From the above, it will be seen that including ponies there has been again a considerable increase in horses, chiefly Clydesdales, also more cattle, notwithstanding the prevalence of pleuro-pneumonia, and very few sheep.

I herewith give the statistics of the arrivals of live stock from Canada to the Clyde and Aberdeen during 1889 and the previous year:

	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1888.....	49	26,696	3,491
1889.....	104	37,705	2,381

As will be seen by the above, horses are more in number than the previous season, and cattle largely in excess of any previous year. Sheep are fewer in numbers, they not standing the passage so well as cattle. The percentage of losses was again very similar to former years.

As regards the trade generally, so far as I can judge, it has been a fairly prosperous year for all concerned. There was, however, a sad falling off of quality in the animals as the summer advanced, although there were some very fine shipments for the first couple of months. The great bulk, in fact, of those arriving after July, were simply store cattle, but are very much appreciated by feeders of stock for the rapidity with which they lay on flesh with good treatment. Much improvement should still be made in the breeding of the animals sent over in the great majority of cases, by our farmers using pure-bred males more extensively than they have yet done. The sheep which came over, as a rule, were of very fair quality. A considerable number of ranche cattle were sent to this port, and of superior quality