

PURE-BRED STOCK

NOTES AND NEWS FROM THE BREEDERS

These columns are set apart exclusively for the use of breeders of pure-bred stock and poultry. Any information as to importations made, the sale and purchase of stock and the condition of herds and flocks that is not in the nature of an advertisement will be welcomed. Our desire is to make this the medium for conveying information as to the transfer of pure-bred animals and the condition of live stock throughout the country. The co-operation of all breeders is earnestly solicited in making this department as useful and as interesting as possible. The Editor reserves the right to eliminate any matter that he may consider better suited to our advertising columns.

Some Early Canadian Clydesdale History

(Continued from Exhibition number.)

The year 1857 saw the first Clydesdale importation into Quebec when Thos. Irving, of Montreal, brought out Roy Roy, sired by Young Fancy. Very little has been ascertained of this horse, and the lower province has never achieved prominence as a horse breeding district.

We now come to a period when that

VETERAN HORSEMAN.

Mr. Joseph Thompson appears on the scene as an importer. All his life an enthusiastic horseman, he had been in a smaller way identified with the business previously, having traveled, Merry Farmer and other stallions, but he now decided to import for himself. His early attempts were rather disastrous, two successive trips he was able only to bring back two empty halters. It should be remembered that in the days of long voyages on sailing vessels, the vicissitudes of the importing of live stock were a hundred fold greater than in modern times. When Mr. Eady, in the year 1871, imported Campsie Jock #2, the first importation into the Ottawa district, he encountered rough weather on the voyage, and the horse was for part of the time suspended in slings, and it was nearly two years before the wounds caused by the heavy ropes around his chest were healed. However, when Mr. Thompson got home with the horse he wanted, alive and vigorous, he had achieved a service for the horse interests of Canada which has never been surpassed. This was the famous horse, *Netherby*—#8—, bred in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, sired by *Mossrooper*, dam by *Lord Byron* (#75). He was only two past at the time of importation, and was an upstanding, rangy horse, rather leggy, and, with very little else to recommend him as an individual to the modern horse fancier, but he possessed full measure of all the evidences of power, vigor and virility, which marks most of the successful sires. Perhaps no horse ever proved more successful as a sire, and it has been stated on an undoubted authority that in one season he was bred to 365 mares and from these he left 250 or more foals. His stock were eagerly sought after, and went to all parts of America. About this time the stallion, *Young Comet*—#178—, was imported by P. R. Wright, of Cobourg, Ont. A nice dappled grey with white face and fetlocks, he was easily the handsomest horse of his time, of the up-to-date type in smoothness, sweetness and quality. He was sired by *Grey Comet* (192), dam *Grey Sally*, by *Pope*. He was afterwards owned by the late John H. Miller, of Brougham. He was not a large horse, but his colts were often large and always smooth, hardy and serviceable.

It was in the fifties that Mr. Andrew Harvey, whose death from injuries received from the vicious stallion, *Walpole Chief*, many readers will remember, made his first importation, the *Pride of The West*. He was considered a good stallion in his day, had no white marks of any kind, was a good

getter, but later importations into that part of the country seem to have had little opportunity of crossing on his stock, for we can find but little trace of him in the herd books. About 8 years later *Champion* was imported by the same gentleman. This horse seems to have been a little more of the modern Clyde type. He was bred in Ayrshire, Scotland, was a bay in color with white marks, four white feet and strip in face, a fine toppy fellow, good mover, with the best of feet and underpinning. But he and "King of the West" died old horses. *Champion* was exhibited a good deal, and was a prizewinner of some note. The only other importation made by Mr. Harvey was *Ontario Chief*, who came to this country about '73. He was a light bay in color with two white hind feet, was a nicely turned horse with fine carry head and neck. He stood for service nearly ten years. Mr. Harvey only imported three, and never sold one of them.

About this time importations into Ontario County and other parts of Ontario became more frequent.

The year 1869 saw the importation of *Old Lord Haddo*—#9—, by Messrs. Brooks and Colquhoun, Mitchell, Ont., into Perth County, Ont. A big and rather roughish horse, bay in color, with star on face, off hind leg white, sired by *Lord Haddo* (486), a get of *Old Clyde*, he proved of the greatest benefit to the country, was the sire of a large number of colts. At the present time there is to be seen in the town of Mitchell a gelding, the get of *Old Lord Haddo*, still at work on the streets, though now nearly 30 years of age. In the year 1874 Mr. D. Fisher imported the stal-

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