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overcome, to a great extent, the injuries of last  
winter, and, by the way, there are many orchards  
needing this treatment.

In the West, reports indicate that over the  
whole wheat belt the crop will average well. In  
some sections, bordering on the ranch lands of  
North Dakota, Montana and Western Assiniboia,  
the rainfall has been light and the crops will  
not be heavy; but toward the eastern side of  
the prairies the grain has grown to a good  
height and is filling very well.

Altogether, the year will no doubt be consid-  
ered a satisfactory one from the farmers' stand-  
point. Help, though scarce, has still been avail-  
able, and the greatly increased use of the hay-  
loader and manure-spreader has made it possible  
to accomplish a great deal with a comparatively  
small force.

## Help Yourself and Others.

Two weeks ago we published our very  
liberal premium offers to those who secure  
new subscribers to the "Farmer's Advocate  
and Home Magazine," and already a large num-  
ber have sent us new subscription lists and have  
received their premiums. Our friends consider it  
a pleasure to induce their neighbors to become  
readers of the "Farmer's Advocate," and are  
more than pleased with the premiums secured for  
such services. The esteem in which the "Farm-  
er's Advocate" is held by all classes is evidenced  
by the number and variety of testimonials con-  
tinually being received at this office. From now  
until December we are prepared to liberally com-  
pensate everyone who sends us one or more new  
subscribers. By utilizing a few spare moments  
now the inducement of a special exhibition num-  
ber and the magnificent Christmas special will  
make it easy to secure new names.

F. Hamlin, Juddhaven, Ont., says: "I think  
your paper one of THE BEST."

Alex. Anderson, Walkerton, says: "We think  
a very great lot of the "Farmer's Advocate."

## THE FARMERS ADVOCATE.

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### Bonds of Empire.

A subscriber to the "Farmer's Advocate and  
Home Magazine" in the Island of Jamaica, B.  
W. I., who has taken a course at the O. A. C.,  
in sending his renewal for another year, encloses  
the subscription of a brother agriculturist and  
stockman to whose attention he had called the  
merits of the paper. He considers that the read-  
ing of such a paper would be a great boon to the  
"upper classes" there, as well as to the Jamaican  
peasantry. He trusts that we will lend our in-  
fluence to promote closer trade relations between  
the British West Indies and Canada—"your great  
and lovely Dominion"—and that farmers will  
learn more about other parts of our great empire,  
and that those in one portion will learn to re-  
gard with greater esteem and treat with greater  
courtesy those living in another, even though  
members of a different race."

## HORSES.

### Clydesdale Stallions at Winnipeg Fair.

The chief feature of the big horse show to  
Western stockmen and farmers in general was  
the grand exhibit of Clydesdales. Those who follow  
the best shows of America were free to admit that  
never before on this side of the Atlantic has there been  
a better exhibit of the famous Scottish draft horses.  
It was not that the number was very much greater than  
in previous years at Winnipeg, but the quality in gen-  
eral was admittedly of a superior character. Fortu-  
nately for the horse-breeding interests of Canada in  
general, and the West in particular, several importa-  
tions of high-class stock have found homes in the  
stables of the prairies within the last few years, and  
this year it would appear that those who had good  
ones were ready to bring them to the front. The  
greatest interest of this class, and, in fact, of the en-  
tire show, was found in the aged stallions, the first  
ring to be called. It included no less than fourteen  
animals, representing the first and second prizewinners  
at the International Show at Chicago last December,  
and two others that won similar places at Winnipeg  
last year. It is not an easy task for a judge to  
satisfy every exhibitor at any time, and there is, per-  
haps, more difference of opinion among stallion men  
than among exhibitors of any other class of stock.  
Robt. Ness, Howick, Que., was the horseman selected  
for the arduous duty at this important show. So well  
has he filled similar positions in the past, that it was  
considered that no more satisfactory selection could be  
made, and while his decisions were not always entirely  
popular, it is not likely that anyone could have been  
selected who would have given better general satisfac-  
tion. Notwithstanding that this class of aged Clydes-  
dales included a large number, many of which were ex-  
pected to reach the king row, it did not take long to  
select the five best from the bunch. Over these, how-  
ever, the judge deliberated for some time, and finally  
settled down on Pleasant Prince, the Chicago winner of  
last year, shown by J. A. S. Macmillan, Brandon, Man.  
This horse was in the pink of condition, and enjoying  
that particular bloom which compels admiration. He  
is a clean-limbed fellow too, and moves off well. Not-  
withstanding all his good qualities, however, he had a  
very close second in Baron's Gem, by Baron's Pride, a  
second-prize winner last year, shown by Mutch Bros., of  
Lumsden, Assa., and, in fact, had this worthy son of a  
worthy sire been allowed to carry away the red, and  
later the sweepstakes for best stallion any age, the  
honors would have been well bestowed. He is an animal  
possessed of a wealth of Clydesdale character, with  
beautiful bone and excellent quality and style of action  
that commends itself to lovers of this particular breed.  
Since one year ago he has improved considerably, and  
is already showing his ability as a sire. The  
third place in this class went to Concord, the  
champion of last year's show, a Clydesdale of no mean  
order, being possessed of a choice conformation and  
ability to move, such as characterizes high-class horses,  
although he was not in as good show condition as when  
exhibited in 1903. Woodend Gartley, owned by the  
Napinka Clydesdale Horse-breeders' Association, had to  
take fourth place, notwithstanding that he was second,  
at Chicago last year, and also has to his credit the  
siring of the champion filly at the Royal in England  
this year. He too is a horse of splendid quality, and  
moves well, but owing to a somewhat heavy season was  
not in the same show condition as some of the other  
horses exhibited. The fifth in the row, Prince Niddrie,  
came from Sir Wm. Van Horne's farm at East Selkirk,  
and is a horse of great scale and strong bone, and  
came out in splendid show condition. Among those  
that went unplaced was Prince Delectable, a big, thick  
fellow, of good points, owned by J. B. Thompson,  
Hamiota, Man.

Six three-year-olds responded to the call in the  
second section. Mr. Ness looked them over, but hav-  
ing been at one time interested in one of the entries,  
he finally decided to withdraw from the ring. Wm.  
Graham, Claremont, Ont., was, therefore, called upon  
to do the placing, which he soon did. Trooper, a  
strong-backed, thick horse, owned by the Westwood

Horse Co., Westwood, Man., got first, and Alex. Gal-  
braith & Son's Briardale second. The latter is a  
young stallion of splendid quality and Clydesdale char-  
acter, but at present somewhat lacking in depth of  
body, owing to recent sickness. Third in this ring  
went to Black Guide, a get of Baron's Pride, owned by  
Thos. Elliott, Regina; a good specimen too, but not  
shod to go in good company. Galbraith's Reliance was  
fourth.

From the two-year-old class the judge saw fit to  
choose the stallion championship, Baron William, also a  
Baron's Pride, a big, strong fellow, of good quality,  
that was first in his class at Chicago last fall and at  
Toronto Spring Show of 1904, being the lucky number.  
Wm. Moodie, De Winton, Alta., got the blue on "Son-  
sie's Best," a representative Clydesdale, that does  
credit to the territory from which he hails. He moved  
away in good form, showing style and quality of the  
right kind. Had he had a little more size, the placing  
might have been different. Tully Elder, Brandon, had  
also a good one, and Jas. I. Davidson, Balsam, Ont.,  
a choice son of old Macqueen, that stood fourth.

When yearling stallions were called there were five  
responses. Jas. I. Davidson, Balsam, Ont., had a get  
of old Macqueen that showed rather more maturity of  
form than his years would indicate, but he took the  
red. Mutch Bros., Lumsden, came next, on a sweet  
young horse, with the best of feet and ankles, and by  
Prince Stanley. Solitaire's Matchless, owned by John  
Turner, Calgary, had to be content with third, although  
possessing splendid quality and breed character. Had  
the order in the placing of this row been reversed, no  
very great mistake would have been made. J. B.  
Thompson had two very nice colts that had to go un-  
placed.

Stallion and three of his get found Mutch Bros.  
Baron's Gem in the lead, and G. & W. Bennie second.

### SWEEPSTAKES MARES.

Usually there is a big battle for the association  
prize for mare any age, owing to its carrying with it, as  
it generally does, considerable honor and money value  
as well, in the form of the Canadian Clyde Associa-  
tion's sweepstakes, and the gold medal for best female.  
This year the competition was between Mutch Bros.  
Imp. Montrave Geisha, a prizewinner across the Atlan-  
tic, and the champion at London, Ont., in 1902, and  
John A. Turner's Sonsie Lass, the champion of many  
contests, and the dam of several prizewinners. They  
were truly a splendid sight, as they moved in the big  
ring, by that imposing white structure, the facade. It  
was not an easy matter to decide; they were both  
good, exceptionally good. Sonsie Lass had grand bone,  
choice quality, and splendid action, and all these had  
her worthy competitor, but she had also style and a  
wealth of Clydesdale character, and these, if anything,  
enabled her to win.

### Work for the Horsemen.

In the prize list sent out for the Canadian  
National Exhibition (Toronto Industrial), prizes  
are offered for breeding classes of roadsters and  
Standard-breds, the latter to be registered in  
the American Trotting Register, while roadsters  
need not necessarily be recorded in any studbook.  
Here, it would seem, is work for the Canadian  
Horse-breeders' Association. Road horses are a  
most useful class, but it seems utter nonsense to  
encourage the keeping of stallions for breeding  
purposes that are not eligible for registration in  
one of the recognized studbooks. The giving of  
prizes to carriage or coach horses not eligible for  
registration may be justified on the ground that  
the class is not as numerous as its usefulness  
might warrant, but with Standard-bred stallions  
so plentiful, even though, perhaps, the basis for  
registration is not, strictly speaking, founded upon  
purity of blood throughout several generations,  
yet, withal, it is a recognized breed of horses,  
the individuals of which are specially adapted for  
driving and other road work, there should be no  
necessity of encouraging the keeping of stallions  
without any claim to purity of blood. What the  
horse-breeding industry in Canada requires to-day  
more than anything else is a thorough cleaning  
up of the registration of light horses and the  
establishment of a studbook, in which only un-  
doubtedly pure-bred stock shall be registered, and  
as a preliminary to such work, the Horse-breeders'  
Association might use its influence to eliminate  
from show-yard competition stallions that cannot  
show purity of blood, whether it be in the road  
class or in the carriage and coach sections. Al-  
together, some \$800 is offered in prizes at the  
National for breeding stock that does not require  
a certificate of registration in any studbook;  
while, at the same time, there are classes for pure-  
bred horses of exactly the same type.

### The Ten-horse Class Exhibit.

At the Toronto Exhibition this year a prize  
will be given for the best string of ten heavy  
draft horses owned by one exhibitor, and a similar  
prize for the best ten horses other than heavy  
draft, the property of one exhibitor. This ar-  
rangement removes the incongruity of heavy  
drafter and light horses competing in the same  
class, as was the case last year. It also makes  
it less probable that breeding stock shall be shown  
against utility entries.