

The New Importation of Clydesdales to South Park.

A notice of the good work that R. Beith & Co., of Bowmanville, Ont., had been carrying on for some years past, appeared in the December number of the JOURNAL of last year, when a lot of fine horses were then described, that had mostly been brought from Scotland in that year. What was our surprise on re-visiting South Park again in the waning days of October, to find, with three or four exceptions, these had all been sold; and we were much gratified to learn that all of them but one had been sold to remain in Canada to reproduce their kind, and thus to multiply the number of good Clydes for which this country is already noted.

Our attention had been called to the present importation by a paragraph in that reliable and splendidly conducted paper, the *North British Agriculturist*, which, in describing this importation, characterized it as "the finest lot by one buyer for some time." So we determined to see for ourselves, and were well repaid by the sight of the handsome and useful lot of horses which the importation contained. It consisted of 2 four-year-old stallions, 2 three years, 6 two years and 3 one-year-olds, and 1 two year and 2 two-year mares. The last three have already been sent on to Mr. Babcock, Ionia, Mich. Two two-year-olds, Masterton, Vol. IX., by Adair (3367), dam Nell of Gillespie (3257), by Viceroy (1357), and Marshallton, by Garnet Cross (1662), dam Sal (882) by Lochfergus Champion (449), arrived sometime after the main contingent.

The four-year-olds are Glinns (3665) and Roslin (3967). The former, a good type of a cart-horse, is indeed the worthy son of a noted sire, and more like him it is said, than any other of his get. That sire is Druid (1120), the most noted horse of Scotland in his day, and which was imported by Col. Holloway, where his death was soon after so much regretted in Chicago, having been first both at the Highland Agricultural Society and Royal shows. His dam is Rose (1167), by Scotsman (759). Glinns, who stands well on his pasterns and has plenty of bone, and is short and clean in his limbs, was one of the best horses at the March stallion show in Glasgow. The latter (Roslin), sired by Young Salesbury (1893), dam Maggie Lauder (3560), by Rantin Robin (685), is a powerful, fine-looking horse, with a good deal of size, and that weight that is sought for by the purchasers of dray horses.

The 2 three-year-old horses, Corvisel (4307), and Roger (4671) are both of that strong, well-ribbed, neither over nor under grown type, which this company alone care to handle. Corvisel, by Viceroy (1307), dam Kate (3396), by King Galdus (2197), brown in color, is a well-proportioned horse with plenty of limb, and is large. Roger, by Nelson (1493) dam Chançery Ward alias Jess (1716), by Prince of Kirkfean 1269, traces back through good ancestry, and was the Hawick premium horse for this season, for Roxburghshire. He is a horse of much substance rightly put on, and carries a beautifully arched crest.

The two-year-olds were exceedingly well chosen, and their retention in this country cannot fail to result in much benefit to this class of the live stock interest, if such can be brought about. Of this lot Lord Dalkeith (4517), by Belted Knight (1395), a noted prize-winner in his day, contesting with such horses as MacGregor and Lord Douglas—dam, Mall, (1235), by Monkland Farmer 543, was first at Kircudbright as a one-year, and second this year at the Provincial, Guelph. He is certainly going to make a grand horse, having a strong back and quarter, and is uncommonly

well ribbed; he stands firm on his feet, is oblique in the pasterns, has much breadth of leg, and more quality, and is a fine mover. Glenythan (4413), is by Lord Erskine (1744), thought by many to be the most famous sire in Scotland at the present time. Many of our readers are doubtless aware that Boydston Boy, (111), once owned by John Miller & Sons, Brougham, and now owned in the county of Waterloo, is the sire of Lord Erskine; Dalkeith's dam is Sally of Udny (4209), by Pope (593). This mare was also the dam of Glengarry, 1st at London last year. Glenythan, a really good horse with good quarters well filled in the flank, was fourth at the H. A. S.'s show, 1885, and first at Sterling same year, and first at Aberdeen, 1886. Ranger (Vol. IX.), sire Newman (2305), half brother to Daroley (222), and to Newsted, dam Lily of the Valley (3233), by Prince Charlie 629, though not large, has something more than ordinary attraction in his make up and carriage, which improves rather than otherwise when he is moving. He was quite a prize-winner at local shows in Scotland, where oftentimes the reds are hard to capture. Lord Borthwick (4513), by Garnet Cross (1662), dam Jean of Machar Stewart (1647), by Canny Tom (117), a horse that sold in 1885 for £700, is a horse of good quality and style, and good where all goodness in a horse begins and ends—in the feet and limbs. He has plenty of size without coarseness. The last of this lot is Norseman (Vol. IX.), as Prince of Annan, one of the best of them, died at Guelph at the time of the exhibition there. Norseman is a short coupled horse, whose legs and feet and pasterns and body and chest and spirit, are all in keeping. His sire is Duchal (2737), and dam Sally of Millhouse (4781), by Heather Jock (1185), and he, too, has been a winner at local shows.

Although the three one-year-olds are not yet developed, there is no difficulty in forming conclusions as to the nature of that development that will one day fill out a framework so fine in its adjustment. Their names are Self-Esteem, Chief Constable, and War Cry, all to appear in Vol. IX. Self-Esteem, one of the best horses in the stud, is by Lord Erskine, winner of the silver cup at Glasgow in 1882, and has for dam Topsy (509), by Topman (886), g. d. Jess of the Earn (114), by Tintock; g. g. d. Maggie, by Blackleg (71), a noted horse, which went to Australia. Jess of the Earn won 18 firsts in her day, and Topsy 16 firsts, not including 12 sweepstake prizes. This grand young horse was fourth at both the Glasgow and the H. A. S.'s show at Dumfries in 1886; second at the Toronto Industrial and second at the Provincial at Guelph, and is half brother to Cairnbrogie Stamp, first both at Glasgow and Dumfries this year. His strong points are weight of bone, the way he stands on his limbs and uses them, and the high character of those limbs, the nature of his musculature, and, above all, his quality. Whoever gets him gets a gem. Chief Constable by McCammon (3818), dam Tibby of Kirranrae (4783), one of those outlandish Scotch names reminding us of the barbaric jargon out of which the musical language of that country has evolved. McCammon was first at H. S. S., at Edinburgh, and was sold to a company in Aberdeen for £1,000. Chief Constable is strongly built, grand in the hock, and well feathered, and so full of life that he can't keep quiet on the halter. Warrior the third, a one-year, is by Warrior (902)—first at Glasgow in 1873—dam Jess of Glentriplock (682), by Duke of Edinburgh (246), is a horse of fine breeding, and promises to be one of the largest in the stud.

Chief amongst the other horses in the stud is the majestic five-year-old Peer of the Realm, whose colts were invincible at Newcastle and at Bowman-

ville this year, and who himself won second in Guelph and third in Toronto, is truly a peer amongst horses. Prince George, also a five-year-old, is a good and tried stock-getter—a pretty horse, and Man o' War, by Warrior (902), three years old, has added largely to his utility since last year; and Forward (2773), by What Care I (912), of medium size, is far from being a second rate horse.

A number of the importation of this year were from the studs of such noted Scottish breeders as Peter Crawford, Burnfoot, Killearn; James Crawford, Brydick Mains, Annan; Mr. Ferguson, Renfrew, and Alex. Scott, Greenock, but full particulars may be had in the catalogues referred to in the advertisement of this issue, which will no doubt be forwarded to any address when applied for.

The Ontario Central Exhibition.

This exhibition was held at Port Perry, October 5th to 8th, and was, on the whole, a good solid exhibition, one which in the main carried out the true objects of an agricultural show, by concentrating its energies more on the encouragement of the exhibit of *solids*, rather than on that which pampers to the vitiated taste of the giddy multitude. Like the man who had it in hand, the exhibition made no great ado, nor undue fuss, and yet it was a truly successful exhibition. The grounds are happily chosen, the part where the buildings stand looking quite down on the speeding-ring, which has been made a good one by dint of much labor. The main building faces Sagog island; that gem of fertility looking over the wide fen of the mainland shore. From the balcony a fair view of the island is obtained, with its beautiful groves of forest and cultivated fields sloping down to the waters of the Scugog lake. Everything about the show had an air of newness, as not many months ago nursery grounds and farm fields were, where the present substantial structures and neat enclosures now are. Port Perry, both on the highland and in the hollow, took the affair very much as a matter of business, and there was a noticeable scarcity of noisy showmen and clamorous vendors of eye shoddy. The president, James I. Davidson, of Balsam; the vice-president, John Adams, Port Perry, and the 2nd vice-President, Peter Christie, Port Perry, and indeed the officers generally, were abundant in labors to make the show a success, and it must be gratifying to those gentlemen to reflect that on these four October days, when the heavens and the earth vied with each other in their attractiveness, so many people gathered, each one a living witness of his approval by his presence of the work they had undertaken.

The exhibit of horses was very good indeed, more especially in the heavy classes, as was also that of Shorthorn and grade cattle. The Aberdeen-Angus Polls were well represented by M. Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon, but there was no exhibit of Herefords, Ayrshires and Holsteins, and but few Jerseys, ominous of some rumble of dissatisfaction somewhere.

HORSES.

The strongest exhibitors in draught horses were Jas. I. Davidson, Balsam; John Davidson, Ashburn, and Graham Bros., Myrtle, although many others were out with good horses, though not so numerous. In heavy draughts, imp., Graham Bros. were 1st in aged stallions, with Macmaster (3823), which also won silver medal for best draught stallion any age, and a \$50 sweepstakes for best horse on the ground. They were first and third in one year, and first and second in 2-year colts. W. Foster, Epson, was first with a grand 3-year stallion; David Annan, Pickering, 2nd, and Jos. Thompson, 3rd. James I. Davidson came 2nd in one-year stallions, 1st with brood mare with foal, 1st with 3-year filly, and 1st with colt of 1886. This brood mare, Maid the 6th is a twin,