

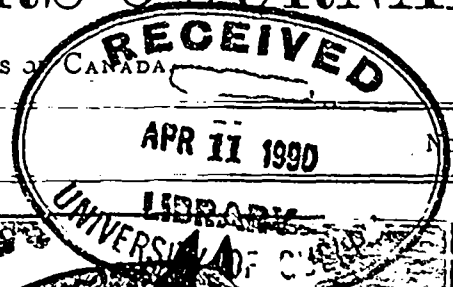
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PERCHERON STALLION PRODUCTEUR.

Imported by Messrs. T. & A. B. Snider, German Mills. Recently purchased by S. S. Dixon, Cedar Hill, Ont.

German Mills.

This national epithet, calling up visions of the at Fatherland, is now almost synonymous with the Canadian home of the Percherons. The place is so named from the flouring mills in the valley, that have been run by the Messrs. Snider since 1871. These are situated on a running brook, the personification of liquid beauty. Type of the endless onward movement of the life of every earthly pilgrim, it sings and sighs as it journeys ever on. The crystal waters thereof may come again, in different combinations, to run the self same race; but mortals *never* can. Beautiful rivulet! Half concealed by the arches of accumulated snows at the time of our visit, it has been hitherto even more nameless than was the hero of the Odyssey in his answer to the giant Cyclops, who had him a prisoner in the ancient island cavern of the unknown seas. Henceforth we shall have to name thee the *Little Rhine*, in keeping with thy surroundings. The mills, two or three residences, and a set or two of barns, all in the valley, with a cooper's shop in the distance, and a house or two looking down from high hills, are the sum total of German Mills, which, like many other places in this new country, owe most of their

presage to the enterprise of a single family. The branch railway, running from Galt to Berlin, has a flag station here, while in the mills themselves there are both postoffice and telegraph office.

The importers of Producteur, so accurately sketched above, came here in 1871 and 1874 respectively. Mr. Tilman Snider in 1871, his brother, A. B., joining him in 1874. The family originally came from Pennsylvania. The father, Mr. Lias Snider, ran a flouring mill for many years in Waterloo village. The old patriarch is still alive, watching over the rare heritage of an unbroken family of nine sons and three daughters, all married and living in homes of their own. One son, E. W. B., of St. Jacobs, is now serving his second term in the Ontario Legislature, as the representative of Waterloo, while the senior member of the firm of T. & A. B. is at present reeve of Waterloo. Many men may become valued public officers, however, while the number who have hitherto become distinguished breeders of pure bred stock is comparatively rare. It is not that Mr. Tilman Snider is reeve of Waterloo that we dwell upon his story, but that he and his brother brought the first Percheron stallion into Canada from the Oaklawn stud of M. W. Dun-

ham, and that they are the largest importers of those French horses into our country at the present time. It is because they are the possessors of the beautiful sweepstakes cow, Rose of Strathallan II., and of many other valuable animals in the Short-horn line. Wisely concluding that in conjunction with their flouring mills and farm, they might grow stock profitably, they commenced a herd of Shorthorns in 1873 by purchasing from Mr. James Cowan, of Clochmore Farm, Galt, Queen, of the Princess family. The next purchased was a three-year-old heifer, Dairymaid, from James Brown, of Galt, and the third a one-year heifer from Mr. Peter Stauffer, named Lady Aileen. In 1878 they purchased Athelstane 6th, and Duchess of Gloucester 21st, of Cruikshank blood, from Mr. James I. Davidson, of Balsam. Athelstane 6th was sold to the Antigonish Agricultural Society, Nova Scotia, in 1879, and was replaced by Baron Booth—376—, bred by J. and R. Hunter, of Alma, Ont., which was sired by Lora Aberdeen, the great show bull of "Sunny side" at that time.

In 1880 the Messrs. Snider took their show herd to the Michigan State Fair, received first prize in every class in the female line, and sold them all there at good