

**Axland (6693).**

The accompanying illustration is one of the well-known standard-bred trotting stallion, Axland, now at the head of Mr. J. C. Dietrich's stud at Galt. Axland is a seal brown horse, standing 16 hands high and weighing about 1200 pounds, bred by Chas. Backman, Stony Ford, N. Y. To say that he is royally bred is not an exaggeration, his sire being Leland (1300), he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by American Star, and, therefore, a full brother in blood to the famous Aberdeen, this being in the opinion of the well-known driver, Hiram Woodruff, the most successful nick that has ever been made with two strains of trotting blood.

Axland's dam, Axis, was by Princeps, sire of the fast mare Trinket, and so many other good ones. Second dam by the old Goldust horse; third dam by Pilot, Jr.; and fourth dam by Orphan Boy, a son of American Eclipse.

While Axland has never been trained for more than a few weeks at a time, he has shown a wonderful turn of speed, having covered a quarter in 35 seconds on the Woodstock track—a 2.20 gait. His action is almost perfect—a long, open stride, easy and frictionless—while he wears neither boots nor weights, and only carries a very light shoe. His breeder, Mr. Backman, is well known to the trotting-horse world as the breeder of the world-renowned Electioneer, the premier stallion at the Palo Alto stud in California.

When in Galt a few weeks ago we had an opportunity of looking over Mr. Dietrich's stud, which comprises some sixteen brood mares, headed by Axland. Among the mares we especially noted a pair of browns, got by the thoroughbred horse Terror, each of whom had a very likely foal at foot by Axland.

Another good one is the bay mare Maud Cranston, by Crown Imperial 2.27½, dam by Whitely's Old Clear Grit—a slapping big mare, with any amount of quality. This mare also has a foal by Axland. In another box stood the Kentucky-bred mare Nellie Goldust, by Dorsey's Goldust, dam by Green Mountain Morgan—a stylish, breezy-looking matron; while running in a paddock near by was a two-year-old stallion by Axland out of a mare by Harper, a son of Lexington—a very promising colt, with capital action. One thing that struck us very much was the uniformity in the foals got by Axland, all being apparently cast in the same mould. Mr. Dietrich tells us that he is making a point of breeding just as much for style and finish as for speed, while trying to obtain the maximum amount possible of these points combined, and he is certainly to be congratulated on his choice of a stallion.

Good, stylish, well-finished road horses always sell well, and we wish Mr. Dietrich every success in his undertaking. His advertisement of a sale of young stock will be found in another column, and we would draw our readers' attention to the fact that it will be a rare chance for farmers to secure brood mares of the highest individual excellence, combined with the choicest strains of blood.

Single judging is being adopted at a great many exhibitions. Those who have seen it tried at larger shows claim it is a success. At the spring show at Douglas Mr. James Elder, of Virden, undertook the task of judging the animals exhibited, and did it thoroughly, and, it might be said, to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Elder, though, is one man in a great many, and it would be a difficult matter to find many so well qualified to perform these duties as he is. —[Brandon Sun.

**Among Scottish Horsemen.**

SPRINGHILL, BAILLIESTON.

Among the names enrolled as winners in the Clydesdale classes at the famous Highland Society's shows in the last twenty years, we more than once find those of Messrs R. & J. Findlay, owners of the well-known Springhill stud at Baillieston, a few miles out of Glasgow. Here was bred and owned one of the best known sons of the famous Old Darnley; we refer to Springhill Darnley, sire of more than one stallion that is to-day doing good work in a new home across the Atlantic; and here was bred, and is still owned, the grand Darnley mare Chrystal (5387), winner of so many premiums at the Highland and other shows.

At the time of our visit the oldest stallion in service at Springhill was Springhill Victor (7280), a son of Springhill Darnley, and out of a half-sister to the well-known mare Flashwood Sally (60), the dam of Macgregor (1487), by Young Prince of Kilbride (3327). This is a big, useful, good colored horse, and bred on such lines as he is, he cannot fail to leave his mark. In a stall adjoining we found the three-year-old colt, Caledonia (8503), by Cairnbrogie Stamp (4274), and out of Chrystal (5387). This colt took our fancy very much; a nice bay with very little white; he combines size and quality with nice

victories in the show ring would take an endless space. At the time of our visit she was carrying a foal to Mr. Kenwick's champion colt Prince Alexander, and if all goes well we may expect to see in the near future a youngster that will carry back to Springhill the honors won in a hotly contested show ring.

**BLAIRTUMNOCK'S CLYDESDALES.**

From Springhill, through the kindness of Mr. John Findlay, we were driven over to Blairtuminock, where we spent a couple of hours looking over the stud of Clydesdales owned by Prof. McCall, of the Glasgow Veterinary College. Among the first shown us was the brown mare Queen Anne 2nd, by St. Lawrence, and out of Queen Anne 1st, by Knight of Keir. This is a very nice type of mare, short-legged and thick, with plenty of quality, a grand back and ribs, and wonderful nice feet and pasterns. At the time of our visit she was carrying a foal to Mr. Riddell's Gallant Prince, to whom the young Lorne mare Abby has also been bred. This last, a grand, big mare, with any amount of substance, is the dam of a very promising colt by the same horse. This youngster, whom we found in a box close to the mare, is a black, with some white markings, and shows a grand set of legs, hard, flat bone, nice silky hair, and really capital feet and pasterns. Besides these two, the Challenger mare Lofty of Blairtuminock, has also been stinted to Gallant Prince, while the four-year-old mare Strawberry 2nd, by Cairnbrogie Keir, and the five-year-old mare Duchess of Blairtuminock, by the Lord Erskine horse, Duke of Flemington, have both been bred to Messrs. Findlay's Springhill Victor. Here before leaving the brood mares we must mention a very nice filly foal which we found in a box adjoining its dam, the aged mare Strawberry. This foal we were told was got by the Prince of Wales' horse Queen's Own, now owned by Messrs. Graham Bros., of Claremont, Ont. But the most interesting sight shown us perhaps were five fillies, all rising two years old, and all got by Prince of Fashion (a son of Prince of Avondale) purchased by Sir



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flat bone, and silky hair, while in spite of the fact that a hard frost the night before had made the ground very slippery and bad for travelling, he showed nice, true action. Another very useful horse is the bay colt Elliot (8606), by George Elliot (5301), and out of Forest Queen, by Springhill Darnley (2439). This is a thick, short-legged colt, and should make a useful horse for the American or Canadian trade, while his half-brother, the yearling colt Barm's Heir (Vol. XIV.), out of the same mare, by Sir Everard, a champion horse at Glasgow, promises to grow into a big upstanding horse with clean, flat shanks and nice feather. A somewhat different type is the chestnut two year-old, Springhill Sampson, by Top Knot, a son of Top Gallant, his dam also being by Springhill Darnley. This is the making of a very heavy horse, with any amount of timber, and very heavy feathering. He struck us as being a horse that would do a great deal of good in those parts of Canada where size has been somewhat neglected, being calculated to breed just such geldings as the Old Country market is calling for. Although we have not time or space here to describe the many other animals shown us, we cannot leave Springhill without mentioning again, the well-known mare Chrystal (5387), a daughter of old Darnley, and out of the mare Skerblin, by Lorne, for whom the senior Mr. Findlay paid what was in those days a long price. Chrystal is a full sister to the famous Springhill Darnley. To enumerate her many

James Duke, from Mr. Riddell for the handsome sum of £1,700. These were a very even lot, all showing a remarkable likeness to each other, although out of mares of very different stamps. Of these a very sweet, smooth filly, a nice rich bay in color, was, we were told, out of Strawberry 2nd, while another was a half-sister to the Gallant Prince colt already referred to; this latter, also a black, is a very sweet, though rather undersized filly, with beautiful pasterns, and good feet. Of the other three, a chestnut out of old Strawberry, and a black out of Lofty Lass, by Prince of Wales, promises to make very large mares, while the fourth, a bay out of Duchess of Flemington, we found running out in a paddock in company with a thick, useful looking filly, out of the Challenger mare, by the Cumberland horse Gartaherrie, a son of Old Darnley. The only stallion that had been kept for use at Blairtuminock last season was, we were told, the St. Lawrence colt Mains of Blairtuminock, a compact, deep-ribbed horse, with clean, flat legs. A notice of Blairtuminock would, however, be incomplete without an allusion to Cedric, Col. Holloway's famous stallion. This horse was bred by Prof. McCall, and sold by him to Col. Holloway, in whose hands he has turned out one of the best, if not the best, breeding horse in America. Prof. McCall's card will be found in our columns, and a visit to Blairtuminock, should be in the order of the day for all Clydesdale men who visit Glasgow.