

GOSSIP.

THE GREAT SALE OF CLYDESDALE MARES.

Having had the privilege of seeing, since their arrival, the grand importation of 60 Clydesdale mares and fillies brought out by Mr. W. D. Flatt, and to be sold by auction at Hamilton, Ont., on Wednesday, August 23rd, the representative of the "Farmer's Advocate" has no hesitation in describing them as the biggest and best lot ever offered for sale in this country. The first thought which occurred to the writer in looking down the long line in the stables was that it has been a mistake to describe these big, buxom mares as fillies, as this may have left the impression that they are mostly babies that will not come into use for two or three years, while the fact is that fifty of them are over two years old, fifteen of them over three years, four are four years and five years old, and all of these fifty are big enough to go to work and to breeding now, a number of them having been already bred to high-class stallions before leaving Scotland. It may have been thought that some of Mr. Flatt's former importation were lacking in size, though all of first-class quality. But, it is safe to say, no one who sees them will say there is a lack of size in this lot, for they are all big for their age, and big enough to suit any reasonable taste, while the quality is up to the highest standard. It is, indeed, marvellous after such large drafts of mares have been made from Scottish studs to supply the demand from so many countries that so grand a lot of the number could be got together as is seen in this importation. It could only be done by the Messrs. Montgomery, who have made this selection and who know just where the best ones are to be found, as they have scores of first-class stallions let for service every season in various districts and keep their eye on their produce.

A number of these fillies have been prizewinners at district shows, and an experienced importer and expert judge, who saw this importation and who had attended the Royal and Highland Shows this year, gave it as his decided opinion that there are at least five or six mares in the lot that, with a little more fitting, would compare favorably and possibly beat the champions at those shows this year.

Such uniform excellence of feet and legs and pasterns, such well-rounded conformation, strong constitutions, complete absence of coarseness, and such free, true action as is found in this importation is a genuine pleasure to see, and is a splendid tribute to the skill and judgment of the Clydesdale breeders of old Scotland in evolving a class of draft horses big enough for any work, yet free from any tendency to meaty legs or greasy heels, and that can walk fast and show up their shoes and flex their hocks at a trot after the manner of a Hackney, and do a journey or a day's work without showing worry or weariness.

Those who have seen the catalogue will have some idea, but necessarily an imperfect conception, of the richness of the breeding of these mares, as it is only in the light of the record of the studbooks that one can see in how many lines they trace to the most noted sires and dams of the breed. Most of them are sired by sons or grandsons of such notable sires as Baron's Pride, whose get have won more prizes than any other in the history of the breed; of Sir Everard, the sire of Baron's Pride; of Prince of Wales; Darnley; Macgregor; Maines of Airies; Prince Thomas, sold for \$4,500; Prince of Albion; Up-to-Time; Lord Lothian; Wood-end Gartley; Prince of Carruchan, etc., a succession that has stamped its excellence on their progeny in indelible lines, and will repeat its influence indefinitely in coming generations.

Mr. Flatt's only anxiety as to the success of this sale is lest the public may not get to know how grand a lot of mares is to be sold, and that some who need or could do well with some of them may be kept at home by the harvest or other reasons. The harvest will be nearly over in most districts, and the oats will take no harm for a day or two, so that all may come and see this grand selection of mares and take chances of getting one or two at their own price, for all will be sold without reservation. And Mr. Flatt desires us to say that while the terms are cash, no responsible farmer may stay away or stop bidding

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Capt. T. E. Robson, Ilderton, Ont., has negotiated the purchase from Mr. Geo. Little, Neepawa, Man., of the Winnipeg champion Shorthorn bull, Scottish Canadian =86100=, for the executors of Chas. E. Ladd, North Yamhill, Oregon. Scottish Canadian is regarded as one of the very best bulls of the breed in the Dominion. He was born in February, 1899, bred by Mr. G. Shepherd, Shethin, Aberdeenshire, and imported in dam by Mr. Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont. His sire was Violet Boy (75838), and his dam, Crocus 24th (Imp.) =81198=.

It is announced that at the Winnipeg Exhibition, Messrs. R. A. & J. A. Watt, of Salem, Ont., added to their show herd of Shorthorns by purchase at long prices from Sir Wm. Van Horne's herd at Selkirk, Man., the champion cow, Mayflower 3rd, sired by imported Royal Sailor, long and successfully used in the Watt herd. They also secured from the same source the senior yearling heifer, Spicy Marquis, bred by Mr. W. D. Flatt, and shown by him at Toronto last year, where, as a senior heifer calf, she was placed first, over Messrs. Watt's Queen Ideal, who turned the scales on her rival at Winnipeg this month, winning first in her class, the junior female championship, and reserve grand champion female.

There were many farmers and others last spring searching the country for work horses, and paying \$150 to \$300 each for them. What better investment can be made than in the purchase for breeding purposes of a good Clydesdale mare, such as will be offered at Mr. W. D. Flatt's sale on Wednesday next at Hamilton, where 60 imported mares and fillies will be sold, some bred to first-class sires before leaving Scotland. The demand for big work horses for many years is assured by the settling of the West and New Ontario, by the growth of our cities and the building of new railways.

Messrs. Henry Arkell & Son, Arkell, Ont., write: "We have just had imported by John Milton, of Michigan, ten Oxford Downs, five rams and five ewes. Mr. Milton considered in his selection both size and quality, and in so doing he has bought for us sheep which, we judge, are almost perfect. They are practically the best that England could produce, many of them being Royal winners. Besides these, we have twelve superior yearlings and two-year-olds of both sexes, which were imported last year by the same adroit judge. These have wintered splendidly. We also have a great many of our own breeding of first-class quality and size, and we think it will be a difficult matter to find many that will surpass them. We intend to exhibit at Toronto, London and Syracuse."

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Mr. James Dalgety, of London, Ont., writes from Dundee, Scotland: "I am shipping from Glasgow, per S.S. Lakonia, on August 5th, ten very good Clydesdale stallions from two to five years old, which, on arrival, will be advertised for sale in the "Farmer's Advocate."

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