

which would be the means of turning the money given for speed trial prizes in the proper direction, and into the quarter where it would do most good. Let the money now devoted to these speed trials be given in added money to a series of stakes to be opened for two, three, and four-year old trotters. In the case of any fair whose ground boasted a good safe half mile track, with turns well thrown up and wide smooth stretches, stakes of this kind would be sure to become popular, while they would add materially to the market value of young home-bred trotters. The objectionable "crooked" element would be entirely absent from contests of this kind, as it is well known that breeders are too tender of the reputation of the youngsters they raise to allow them to be beaten if they can help it. Such races, though they might not be as fast as those between veterans of the trotting turf, would be quite as interesting and infinitely more instructive. In these contests youngsters would meet other youngsters on equal footing, which would be vastly preferable to pitting them against some old campaigner that would fairly break the heart of the baby trotter in scoring and have him as good as beaten before the word was given.

Whether the same principle could be applied to thoroughbreds or not remains to be seen. At present this latter class has so few representatives in Canada that it is difficult to fill a stake respectably either in Ontario or Quebec. There is no doubt, however, that something of the kind might be done that would place the breeders of trotters and thoroughbreds on an equal footing so far as the exhibition associations are concerned.

CANADA'S THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS.

No. I.—MILESIAN.

That Canada has not nearly as many thoroughbred stallions as she should have is very certain, but whether she makes the most of what she has, or not, is quite another question. Indeed there are, doubtless some thoroughbred stallions in Canada that are not earning their oats in the stud, but it is just possible that this may be partly owing to the fact that they are scarcely worthy of patronage. But while there are some useless thoroughbred horses in this country it is quite certain that there are some valuable ones, and at this time it may be seasonable to bring a few of these under the notice of breeders through the agency of a series of short articles.

Milesian, the property of Mr. St. George, of Oakridges, is without doubt a horse well deserving of patronage. Whether he should prove successful in getting racehorses or not he can hardly fail to be a valuable sire. As will be seen by his pedigree, which is given below, he is brimful of staunch staying blood besides having a rich inheritance of speed. Besides this he was a grand performer over hurdles and in the field, and the rougher the country, the stiffer the jumps, the longer the journey, and the heavier the weight up the better the race suited the gallant son of imported Mickey

Free. But so far as the general improvement of the stock of this country is concerned the best is yet to come. Milesian is a horse having plenty of size and substance, magnificent style, high quality, and a grand constitution. In breeding a half-bred or cold-blooded mare to such a horse the breeder can hardly fail to get something that will bring a good price, whether for the turf, the hunting field, the dog-cart, or the family carriage. Milesian stands 16½ hands high, and is of a deep rich chestnut. His pedigree is as follows:—

MILESIAN (1867) Imp Mickey Free (1841)	Sir Hercules	Whalebone by Waxy
		Peri by Wanderer
	Griccioli	Rob Booty by Chanticleer
		Flight by Escape
Anne (1817) Irish Birdcatcher	Wanderer	Gohannah by Mercury
		Catharine by Woodpecker
	Caroline	Whalebone by Waxy
		Marianne by Mufti
Maria Hampton	Wagner	Sir Charles (1816)
		Sir Archy by Diomed
	Maria West	Imported Citizen Mare
		Marian by Sir Archy
Cornelia	Imp. Priam	Ella Crump by Imp. Citizen
		Emilius by Orville
	Bay Maria	Cressida by Whisker
		American Eclipse by Duroe
		Lady Lightfoot by Sir Archy

SEED CATALOGUES.

We have received the catalogue of Mr. J. A. Simmers, seedsman, for 1885. It is a beautifully printed and copiously illustrated book of nearly 100 8vo pages, and will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to retailers, gardeners, and farmers.

CANADIAN PIGS AT NEW ORLEANS

It is satisfactory to note that Canada is coming to the front in the breeding of pigs as well as that of other live stock. A recent New Orleans despatch brings the intelligence that Mr. Joseph Fetherston, of Credit, Ont., has scored a brilliant success at the World's Fair, securing no less than \$1,120 in prizes, which is distributed as follows:—

Essex boar, 2 years and over, 2nd prize.....	\$25
do do 1 year, 1st prize.....	50
Sweepstakes on boar any age.....	50
Essex sow, 2 years and over, 1st prize.....	50
do do 1 year, 1st prize.....	50
Sweepstakes, best sow any age.....	50
Suffolk boar, 1 year and over, 1st prize.....	50
do do under 1 year, 1st prize.....	30
Sweepstakes boar any age.....	50
Suffolk sow, 2 years and over, 1st prize.....	50
do do 1 year and over, 1st prize.....	50
do do under 1 year, 1st prize.....	30
do do do 2nd prize.....	15
Suffolk sow with litter, 1st prize.....	40
Sweepstakes, sow any age.....	50
Small Yorkshires, boar 2 years and over, 1st	50
do do do 1 do do 1st	50
do do do under 1 year, 1st.....	30
Sweepstakes for boar.....	50
Small Yorkshire sows, 2 years and over, 1st	50
do do do 1 year and over, 1st	50
do do do under 1 year, 1st.....	30
Sweepstakes for sow.....	50

Also three first prizes for breeders' rings of \$40 each.

THE STALLION SYSTEM OF ENGLAND.

In referring to a stallion show to have been held at Hatfield (Eng.) on the 23rd of February the *Mark Lane Express* gives the following facts which will serve to illustrate to the Canadian reader a system now in vogue in England for the employment of stallions:—

"There are two classes scheduled; one for horses foaled previous to 1882, in which the prize money will be £20, £10, and £5, and one for horses foaled in 1882, in which the prize money will be £10, £5, and £2 10s. In connection with this show, which is to be held under the auspices of the Herts Agricultural Society, stallions will be chosen to travel the country, under a code of conditions of which the following form the most important part:— (3) The society to have the power of claiming any of the horses exhibiting, for service in the county of Herts or within the jurisdiction of the society, to serve not more than 100 mares, if chosen from class one, and not more than 60 mares if chosen from class two, 70 being guaranteed by the society in the first instance, and 50 in the second. Service fee 30s., and 2s. 6d. groom's fee, per mare, and £1 extra for each foal. (4) The money for fees (except groom's fee) will be guaranteed and collected by the society; one half will be paid on June 19th, the remainder, with prize money (if any), on August 2nd; the extra money for foals on June 2nd, 1886. (5) Service not to be given to mares except those having the society's ticket, under a penalty of £5, payable by the owner of the stallion for each mare so served. The names of members with the number of mares allotted to each horse will be given by the secretary. (6) The owners of the stallions must, at the end of the season and before the prize money is paid, hand to the secretary a complete list of mares served during the season. (7) The owners of any stallion chosen by the society shall, immediately after the show, enter into a written agreement with the committee and secretary of the society for the fulfilment of the contracts, and the stallions shall thereafter be at the orders of the committee until the 1st of July next, and shall be stationed at Hatfield, or some other place, as may be specified from time to time, and shall only be withdrawn from their work under certificate of the veterinary surgeon appointed to report thereon by the committee. Should the owners remove them from any appointed station without the written sanction of the committee, they shall forfeit a sum of £50 besides the prize money and service fees. Horses withdrawn from service, with the sanction of the veterinary authority, will only receive fees for the number of mares served up to the date of such withdrawal. (8) The society shall appoint a committee to decide whether any of the horses be chosen for service in the county, and the decision of such committee shall be final."

PURE JERSEYS ON LIGHT FEED.

Mr. Fuller, of Oaklands, sends the following letter to the *Chicago Breeders' Gazette*:—

"In a late issue of your paper Jonathan Talcott asserts that there are in or near his district cross-bred cows in dairy herds which will, with feed and care, rival any of the pure breeds, not excepting even Mary Anne of St. Lambert or Mercedes, on same feed, if any other cow can be found to eat as much as they did on their trials, especially Mary Anne of St. Lambert."