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## Holiday Greetings.

However much one may be busied with the cares and turmoils of an active life, or however hard encased his heart may be, he is but a semblance of a man who cannot fling aside the most burdening business exactions, and open freely his heart to benevolence and good fellowship, for the brief space of a few short days that come but once a year. It is a season that should be marked with a stronger brotherly feeling of man to man, when enemies should forgive, and friends draw nearer to each other. Of all classes of people, to the honor of the husbandmen be it said, that no one has a more hospitable or more honorable heart than they, out of the enjoyments of the holiday season now upon us, perhaps no other of the classes that go to make up our industrial world partake less: not to the frivolous foam of our existence do we refer, but to the pure pleasures and enjoyments of gift-giving and family and friend reunions, that refresh the lagging energies and give life a brighter and happier appearance. The old year is now setting, the new will soon dawn, and when the latter auspicious event occurs, let it be welcomed with good resolutions, and the mind girded to carry them out.

We have endeavored to make THE JOURNAL in keeping with the season, and we hope its bright appearance in holiday attire may add, at least in some degree, to the enjoyment of our readers. In these brighter pages we hope our friends may find an acknowledgment on our part of the sustained interest they have manifested in our welfare, and the many earnest efforts they have put forth in our behalf. Individual independence is only possible in the rudest state of barbarism, but mutual dependence is the outgrowth of civilization—then let us be civilized to the highest degree. You should have us feel that our success is dependent on you, and we would have you feel that your success is dependent on us, so that each may work for the other with the greatest of pleasure and profit. The new year is entered upon by us with every promise of a term of greater usefulness to our readers, and we hope as each year comes and goes we may be permitted to welcome it each time with an issue of THE JOURNAL brighter, more interesting, and more instructive than its predecessors. This number will enter many thousands of country homes, Canadian and foreign, and to all we offer our heartiest wishes for holidays of the greatest enjoyment, and a new year brimful of prosperity and happiness.

## The Clydesdales at Woodlands.

About four miles from Guelph, Ont., in a southerly direction, and not far from the Waterloo road, is one of the most extensive horse-breeding establishments in the Dominion; we refer to the Woodlands, owned by the Messrs. D. & O. Sorby, whose P.O. is Gourack, or Guelph.

The Messrs. Sorby made up their minds to go into this business four years ago, and with characteristic energy and forethought they set to work and put up the most commodious and most complete set of horse stables to be found in all Canada.

In addition to the animals that are bred in the stud, a fresh importation is brought over every year, which are selected by Mr. O. Sorby in person. The uniformly high character of the animals chosen amply demonstrate the fitness of Mr. Sorby for this department of the work. He aims at securing specimens of the first order individually, and bred from the first sires in Scotland, and steadily refuses to be tempted to purchase what is inferior because it may be had at a low price.

During the summer of 1889, no fewer than twenty-one, or twenty head were imported. In speaking of this importation as it sailed for Canada, the *Farming World* says:—The shipment of horses made last week by the Messrs. D. & O. Sorby, Guelph, Ont., is without question, one of the best selections of Clydesdales ever shipped. Mr. Oswald Sorby, who selected these horses in person, has much credit by them. They formed one of the best cargoes that ever left the Clyde.

The stud numbers some thirty-six or thirty-seven head of pedigreed horses, of which the greater portion have been imported. A large majority of them are stallions. They include animals of different ages, but much the largest number are one-year olds. A number are two-year olds, some are three, and a few individuals in the stud are older. Of the one and two year olds, both sexes are well represented.

Many of the animals in the stud are noted prize winners in both Scotland and Ontario, and judging by the great promise of the one year olds, which are an exceptionally fine lot, further and greater honors are awaiting at coming exhibitions.

Like all successful breeders of horses, the Messrs. Sorby have their ideal type. They give individuality much prominence, but reject it altogether if not accompanied by pedigree of the first order. A guarantee of the first order is thus furnished to purchasers that the horses in which they invest will prove prepotent, which is an essential of the very highest value in any breeding animal. Such famous sires as Lord Erskine (1744), Boydston Boy (111), McCamon (3818), Darnley (222), McGregor (1487), Prince of Wales (673), and Druid (1120), figure freely in the ancestry, and the blood of whom is freely blended with that of many others of the best horses in Scotland. They reject ponderous overgrown specimens, and equally shun those of the pony build. They place much store on strength of muscle, without clumsiness, and give close attention to a strong coupling, so closely associated with ability to endure; most of all, they seek for cleanness of limb, and quality of bone, accompanied with that spirit which so much enhances the value of either horse or man. When selections are thus made, with a proper and clearly defined ideal in mind, there cannot fail to be a striking resemblance in the general outline of the animals chosen, and so we find it in the Woodlands stud.

Our illustration this month represents a group of stallions selected from the Woodlands stud. The sketch, which is true to life, does credit to our artist, and is worthy of a frame and a place in every farmer's home in the land.

Standing in the lower right corner of the group is

Bold Boy (4257), by Lord Erskine (1744). As his name implies he is horse of most wonderful courage and spirit, which, combined with gigantic strength and a most wonderful activity, renders him a peer amongst his fellows. Lalla Rookh (3757), his dam, was a famous prize-winner. Bold Boy, now 5 years old, is noted as a stock horse, and along with many other prizes won second at Glasgow in 1885, and since coming to Canada was only placed second at London and Toronto to Sir Morris, also by Lord Erskine. In the opposite left lower corner is a picture of Craigevar (6639), foaled in 1887. He is brown in color, with white legs and white ratch; sired by McLellan (4564), by Macgregor (1487); he has for dam Rosebery, by Prince of Wales (673). He is two years past, possesses good shape and action, is particularly good on his feet and legs, and would probably have done well in any show had he been exhibited. The Granite (Vol. XII.) stands just opposite Craigevar on the left side. He was foaled in March, 1888, and sired by the famous Highland Society prize-winner, The Granite City (5397). He is bay in color, and beautifully formed in frame. His head and feet are particularly good, and his quarter is neatly turned. He was a prize-winner in Scotland, and was placed second at Toronto and London in 1889.

Homeward Bound is the uppermost in the right corner of the group, was foaled in May, 1888, and is a brown in color; has for sire, Knight o' Lothian (4489), and for dam, Gipsy (3630), by Young Lord Lyon (994). He is a shapely colt, with excellent limbs, which carry lots of hair, and has a nice, easy, and yet spirited gait. Placed first at London Provincial and second at Toronto, he is likely to grow into a wonderfully good horse.

Fitzmaurice (Vol. XII.), represented in left corner, opposite Homeward Bound, has for sire Sir Maurice (4721), a light bay in color. He is comely in all his parts, and though at five feet, he gives excellent promise of much muscular power. He also is a one-year-old.

Placed between Bold Boy and Homeward Bound in the picture is Leivir Gordon (Vol. XII.), brown in color, and foaled in May, 1888. He is sired by the famous McCamon (3818), and, as was the case with his sire, his shapes are of the best. He has a sufficient head, a full broad breast, a deep shoulder, and a round and nicely curved body.

Altogether they form an admirable group, and are possessed of quality that it would be difficult to match in any single stud on the continent.

Some of the young mares in the stud are equally good with the stallions, but those desiring to know more about them, and about the stud generally, should write for a catalogue. The firm have just issued one, very full and accurate in its descriptions, and it will be forwarded on application.

Visitors are always welcome at the Woodlands, and every pains will be taken by the proprietors, whose sterling integrity and square dealing are bringing to them a large trade, to give all necessary information. It may be of some benefit to visitors coming from a distance to be reminded that Woodlands is but four miles from the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm.