

Messrs. Sorby's Clydesdales.

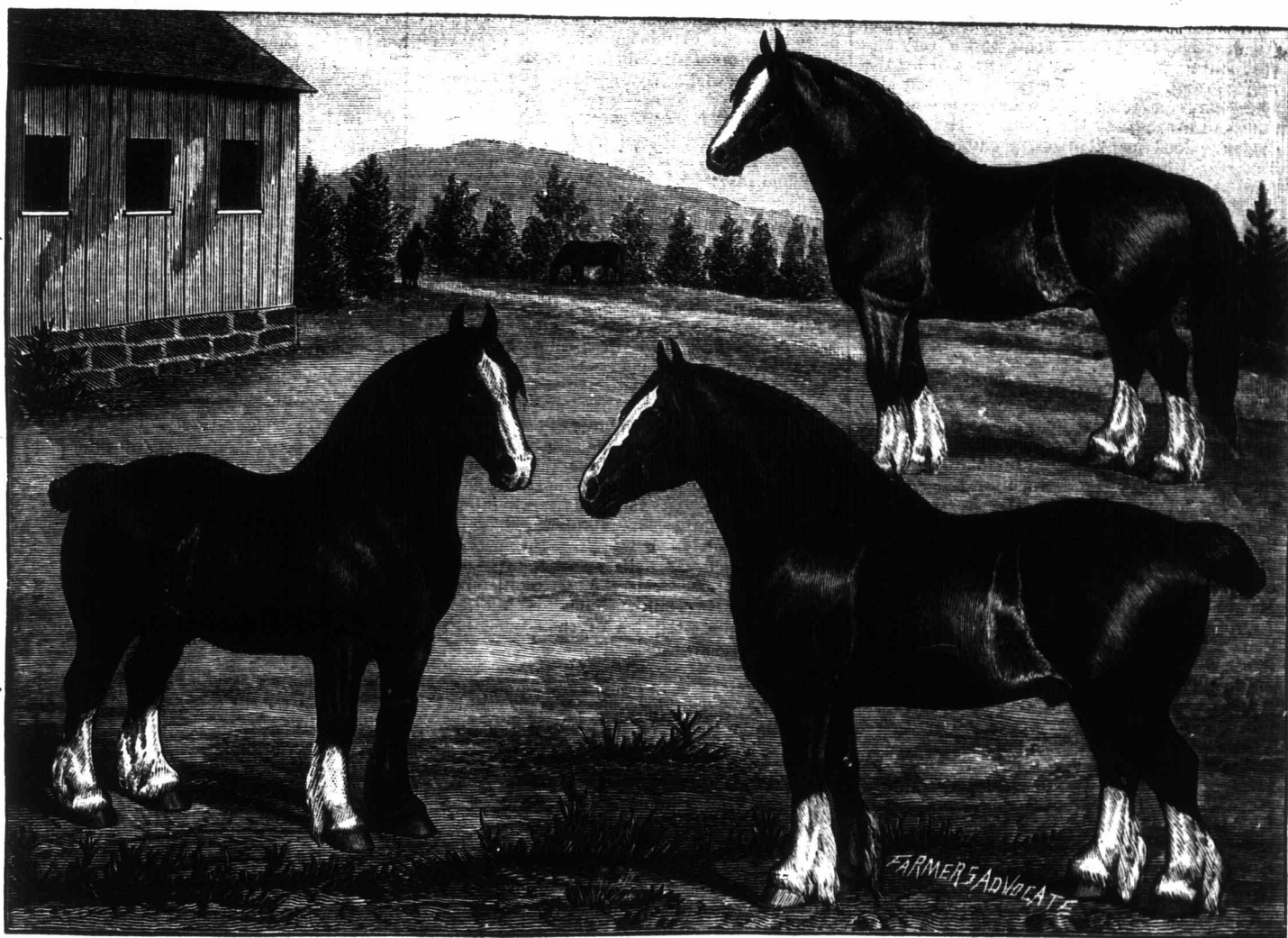
Recently we had the pleasure of inspecting Messrs. Sorby's last importation of Clydesdales. Their stables now contain twenty-three stallions and fourteen mares, all of which were imported or bred by themselves. The entire number are registered, or eligible to registry, in the best Scotch and American records. Twenty-one were imported this year, viz., thirteen stallions and eight mares, among which is the famous horse Bold Boy (4257), one of the best Clydes that has ever crossed the Atlantic. Some may call him off in color, but he is a handsome horse in every particular; his back action is grand, and his carriage noble.

Mr. MacNeillage, the Secretary of the Clydes-

and the same year, at Glasgow Summer Show, he was awarded first prize and champion cup, as best Clydesdale colt exhibited. The produce of Lord Erskine have distinguished themselves at all the large shows in Scotland. At Glasgow, in 1885, he gained the first prize as the sire of the five best yearlings in 1886 and 1887—first each year as the sire of the five best two-year-olds; in 1887, second as the sire of five best yearlings, and in 1888, first as the sire of the five best yearlings.

The dam of Bold Boy is Lalla Rookh (3757), which has greatly distinguished herself in the show yards. She has taken the leading position at Formartine, Inverurie, and the Royal Northern Agricultural Society's Show since 1880. Her sire, General (323), gained many prizes and premiums, including second at the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show at Aberdeen, in 1876. The second dam of Bold Boy is Lady

1888; bred by James Crawford, Annan; imported August, 1889. This is a very promising growthy, bright bay colt, and gives promise of growing into a large and good horse. He much resembles his sire, The Granite City (5394), of which so much has been said and written. His first dam, Lily Agness (4524), gained many prizes in Annandale and Cumberland, and is altogether a very superior mare. The Granite won second prize at Dumfries Union Show in 1888, and was one of the best foals in Scotland that season; he was also a winner at London Provincial and Toronto Industrial in 1889. The Granite City, by Lord Erskine, gained third prize at Aberdeen Spring Show when a yearling, in 1886; second at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show, at Newcastle, on Tyne, and first at Glasgow, and at the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show at Perth, in 1887, after which he was imported to Canada by R. Beith



CRAIGIEVAR (6639).

A GROUP OF MESSRS. SORBY'S CLYDESDALES, GUELPH, ONT.

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dale Stud Book of Great Britain and Ireland, in writing of him, said: "He is a horse of great strength and substance, fine quality of bone and good action." He gained second prize in Glasgow, in 1885, as a yearling in a class of nearly forty, beating the champion two-year-old of 1886. He was second in the Derby at the same show; and wherever afterwards shown, as a yearling, he was placed first. In 1886, he gained the fourth at Glasgow, and fifth at Edinburgh; and in 1887 he was drawn in the lead at the Glasgow Stallion Show. He has proved himself an exceptionally sure stock-getter, leaving upwards of sixty foals in 1887. His sire was the famous Lord Erskine (1744), which is one of the best breeding stallions in Scotland. He has gained many prizes and premiums, including the Glasgow premium, when a three-year-old in 1882;

Lyon (584), got by the famous breeding horse Lord Lyon (489); 3rd dam Kier Nelly (198), by Lochfergus Champion (449), which is too well known to need any comment.

Craigievar (6639) foaled June, 1887; bred by R. Sinclair; imported August, 1889; sire Macclellan (4564); dam Rose. This is a well-bred colt, a beautiful bright bay, active and compact. He is a typical Clydesdale, having good feet, legs, hair and bones, though not as large as some, he has much quality throughout.

Triumph (7362) dark brown, white stripe on face, foaled May 4th, 1877; bred by David A. Hood; imported August, 1889; sire MacPherson (3825). This is a more rangy colt than the last, having a long, clean-cut neck, and nice head; smooth and even throughout, with good arms, thighs, feet and pasterns. His dam was the dam of the noted prize-winner, Oliver Twist (3043); imported in August, 1885, by R. Beith & Co., Bowmanville.

The Granite, Vol. XII., foaled March 15th,

& Co., Bowmanville, Ont., where he won many first prizes, including first in his class, and sweepstakes for best horse any age, at the Spring Show of the Clydesdale Horse Society of Canada, held in Toronto, 1888, and first at the Portage La Prairie, Man., Exhibition, 1889.

Homeward Bound is a brown, foaled May, 1888; bred by Mrs. Hyslop; imported 1889; sire Knight O'Lothian (4489); dam Gipsy (3630). He is a thick, massive colt, of good proportions, having good feet, pasterns, legs and hair, a good rib, short back, and a nice quarter. He took first at the Provincial Fair, London, and second at the Toronto Industrial, 1889.

Fitzmaurice, Vol. XII., light bay, foaled May, 1888; bred by James Grey, Sterling; imported August, 1889; sire Maurice (4721); dam Rosie of Berkenwood (4650). This is a very neat, sweet colt, with plenty of range, fairly good legs and feet, and good arms and thighs. At the time of writing he looks more promising than the last colt, but in reality he is not as good. Sir