

Thorncliffe Stock Farm.

This farm contains four hundred acres, which was purchased by Mr. Robert Davies, the present proprietor, a little over three years ago. It is most conveniently situated, being within two miles of the eastern boundary of Toronto, and is particularly well adapted for the site of a stock farm, being well watered by the River Don, which runs through it, the flats adjoining the river affording capital grazing land. The proprietor is aiming to get the whole of the upper arable lands into as high a state of cultivation as possible. Already a large amount of labor has been expended in stumping and fencing, the fine, large, level fields testifying to this fact.

stud of Clydesdales was begun in 1890 by purchasing of Messrs. Graham Bros., Claremont, the beautiful pair of imported mares—Harriet by Harold, and Sally by McArthur—which were shown in harness that season. A further addition closely followed by the purchase from the same firm of the three-year-old prize-winning horse Gilroy, by Master of Blantyre, and a beautiful string of show mares, including Bessie Bell, Lady Dunmore, Pride of Dunmore, Barr Bell and Edith. All frequenters of the last two seasons show rings recognize how highly these mares were admired by visitors of the shows of 1890, when they were in the hands of their importers, and again in 1891, when they represented the newly-started Thorncliffe Stud

last saw her. Altogether the stud of Clydesdales is in a most flourishing condition.

Thoroughbred mares, yearlings and filly foals are each displaying what the best breeding and care will do. The well-known horse Mikado, we understand, has lately been purchased as a thoroughbred sire.

In cattle the imported Cruickshank bull, Northern Light, together with a goodly array of choice cows and heifers, were purchased of Messrs. John Miller & Sons, Brougham, while from the same party an exceedingly choice flock of Shropshire sheep were obtained. These are headed by the very capital shearing ram Barrnone. Both flock and herd made a successful tour of the shows of 1891.

The neatly executed illustration of the mare Bessie Bell, one of many good ones to be found at Thorncliffe, gives only a faint idea of the



THE IMPORTED CLYDESDALE MARE, "BESSIE BELL," PROPERTY OF MR. ROBERT DAVIES, THORNCLIFFE FARM, TORONTO, ONT.

Mr. R. J. McLean, the farm foreman, has a staff of men under him, each competent in his department, by which means the work is performed in the most efficient manner, particular attention being paid to good plowmanship and thoroughly cleaning the land. Last year's crops were most abundant, a large quantity of fall wheat being sold; about 3,000 bushels of oats were produced, while the root crop was very fine, upwards of 10,000 bushels being grown. A magnificent new barn has been built, 150 feet long by 75 feet wide, with every modern appliance, with a view to saving labor and increasing the comfort of the stock. Thus equipped for carrying on the work department, Mr. Davies has launched out freely in several lines of pure-bred stock. The

of Mr. Robert Davies. Energy, the sweep-stake horse at the last Industrial Exhibition, was added to the number last spring, and is now at the head of the stud. He has steadily improved since he attracted attention as a winner in his class at Toronto, London and Ottawa shows, and will be a strong competitor for future honors wherever he may appear. Perhaps the greatest attraction at Thorncliffe to-day is a lot of four weanling foals, including a filly, from Pride of Dunmore, winner of first at Toronto; another filly from Lady Dunmore, and one from the imported mare Sally, the fourth being a horse colt by Lord Walter. For early development and quality, we consider these foals alone are worthy of a trip to Thorncliffe, and are a credit to the stud groom, who is well known as a successful feeder. The yearling filly Candor, second at Toronto and first at London and Ottawa, has also developed well since we

superlative beauty and quality of this grand specimen of the Clydesdale. She is, without doubt, one of the most perfect representatives of the breed yet imported. A writer in a prominent Old Country exchange who is well qualified to judge, mentions her among five of the most noted mares of Scotland, and in the same article laments the loss her exportation occasions to the breed there. However, what is Scotland's loss is Canada's gain. The mare, we understand, is safe in foal, and the possession of one such mare is of more value to the country at large than a score of ordinary specimens. Bessie Bell is sired by celebrated Darnley (222), her dam being Mature (649), by Time of Day, the first prize-winner at Glasgow A. S. Show in 1874, and again at R. H. S. S. at Glasgow, 1875. Bessie Bell has won the sweepstakes for mare at all the leading shows of 1890-91, never having been beaten in Canada.