

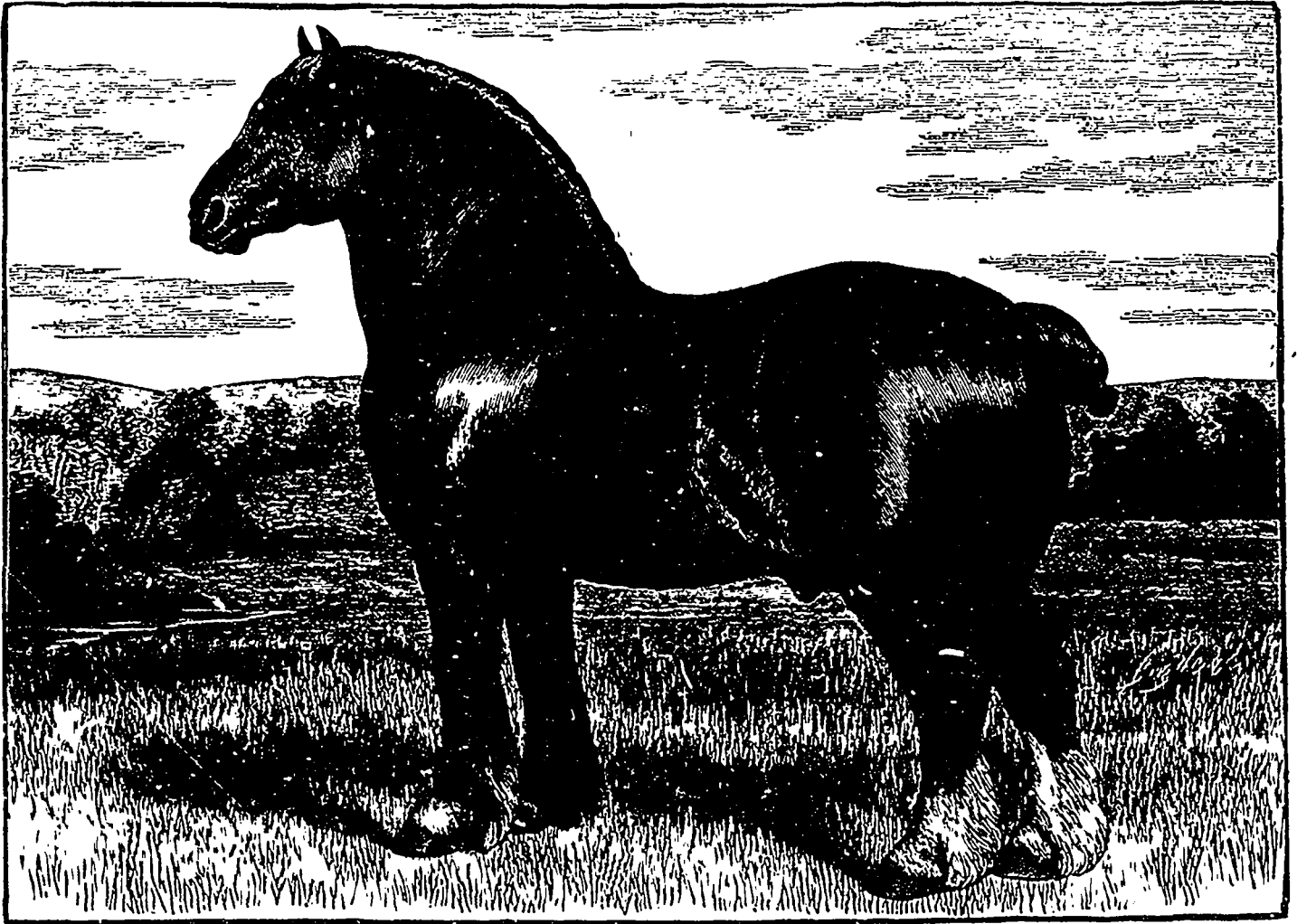
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THE CLYDESDALE STALLION MACMASTER (3823)

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## MacMaster.

This truly royal horse was purchased from Mr. A. Montgomery, Nether Hall, Castle Douglas, Scotland, by the Messrs. Graham Bros., Cairnbrogie, Claremont, Ont., and imported in September, 1885. As depicted by our artist he is a strong, massive, low-set horse, with plenty of bone and any amount of muscle, covering it rightly where required. He is the embodiment of solidity, and there is something in his appearance that impresses one at first sight with the idea of tremendous power, and yet when he moves, every limb is as cleanly and rightly placed as though done with but little effort. He is admittedly one of the best draught horses ever brought to Canada. He was foaled May 27th, 1882, and is a rich bay in color. His breeder was Mr. Adam Gray, Ingleson of Borgue, Kirkcudbright, Scotland. He was sired by the great MacGregor (1487), dam Dora (1292), by Young Ross (1370).

At the Glasgow Stallion show in 1885, Macmaster pressed the winner closely in a class of one hundred and twenty. At the Toronto Industrial the same year he was first in a keen competition, and first at Markham, Brougham and Goodwood shows, where firsts are

hard to win. In 1886 he was first at the Ontario Central Exhibition at Port Perry, in the aged class, where he also bore away the silver medal for the best draught stallion any age, and a \$50 sweepstakes for the best horse on the ground.

MacGregor (1487), the sire of Macmaster, was not so much set by when a yearling, only carrying the red ticket at Dalbeattie and Damfries shows, but, to the consternation of his opponents, when a two-year-old, he was placed first at Ayr, and won first and silver medal at the Glasgow summer show, first at the Royal at Carlisle, and first at the H. and A. S. show at Kelso. When a three-year-old he was first at Glasgow summer show again, and at the Royal at Derby. Next year he was first at the Highland and Agricultural Society show at Glasgow, and the following year was first at Glasgow as sire of the five best yearlings exhibited. Indeed, his worth as a sire even overshadowed his value as a show-horse, for when six years old he was first at Glasgow as sire of the five best yearlings, and five best two-year-olds exhibited, and at the Highland and Agricultural Society's Centenary show, first and second, as sire of the five best yearlings; and first as sire of the five

best two-year-olds exhibited. Horses got by MacGregor have been first at a great many of the other shows of Scotland during recent years, hence there is little wonder that the owners of Macmaster are very anxious to fill their empty stalls, so far as they possibly can, with the blood of the great Macgregor.

Dora (1292), the dam of Macmaster, is a very superior mare, though never exhibited. Her sire, Young Ross (1370), was exported to Australia when young, but one of his get, Kate of Banks (2612), was second at the Centenary Show, as mare with foal at foot.

Although Macmaster is one of the best horses in the stud of this young firm, we do not feel safe in saying that he is the best, as other specimens (more fully described on another page) also the get of MacGregor, and brought over this year, may yet put him aside.

The Graham Bros., have already shown much spirit in the work they have in hand, as they have imported no less than 61 horses since 1882. They have an ideal type, and they cling to it very closely in their selections, every horse that we have seen about their establishment having short and clean limbs, short and muscular bodies, and strong shoulders that will fill the collar well. It is also very gratifying to know that the major portion of them have hitherto been retained in this country.