

Gossip

Mr. Fred Richardson, of Columbus, Ont., has just erected a splendid and spacious barn and horse stable on his farm for the accommodation of his large stud of Clydesdales, the property of the firm of Smith and Richardson. The barn is the ideal thing. The stables are built of concrete blocks, with a wall 11 feet high, and the outer dimensions of the main barn are 100x50 with an extension of the pattern 100x40 feet. The latter will give 100 feet of box stalls and stabling for horses. The barn is to be covered with Pedlar metallic shingles and is one of the biggest and handsomest in the country.

Messrs. Smith and Richardson, Mr. John Bright Myrtle, and Mr. John Boag, of Ravenshoe, sailed for Scotland on July 12th.

Mr. Peter Christie, M.P., of Manchester, Ont., left for the West on July 11th. He will extend his trip as far as the coast, taking in the leading shows in the course of his duties.

Mr. Thos. A. Graham, Claremont; Mr. E. C. H. Tisdale, of Hodgkinson & Tisdale; Mr. Jas. Torrance, of Markham, and Mr. J. W. Sangster, Sec'y, Clydesdale Horse Association, are visiting the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

Mr. W. E. Butler, of Ingersoll, Ont., is taking his champion Clydesdale stallion, Baron Kitchener, to Winnipeg Exhibition to compete for honors with the western men. He is also shipping a carload of choice-bred fillies for sale and exhibition purposes.

Mr. G. Pepper is shipping his string of high school, saddlers, hunters and highsteppers to Winnipeg this week. This will add an interesting item to the bill at the Industrial there.

It is rumored that the six grand Clydesdale geldings exhibited in the east by the Dominion Transport Company will also parade the ring at the Winnipeg Industrial.

Hon. Mr. Adam Beck vindicated Canadian horses and horsemen at London in a rather sensational way. To defeat the champion saddle and hunter horses of both England and Ireland at their own show is something to be proud of. To defeat such a well-subsidized fancier of harness horses at his own game as Mr. Vanderbilt anywhere, in a feat of which few can boast. And the splendid, breed, trim and graceful Kakabeka and Kennebec, as well as the flashy, stylish, dandy little steppers, Sparkle and Splendor, were all bred in Canada.

The Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada has received from Ottawa a report for the first six months of 1907, which can be taken as a fair indication that Canadian horsemen and horsebreeders in the Dominion are fast awakening to what their true interests are in the horse business. During the first six months of the current year, better than one thousand dollars more has been received for registration of Clydesdales than was received during the year 1906 altogether. Of all farm animals, horses are the most profitable, and of

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