

years old. His sire was Danegelt (174), and his dam Lightsome, by Fireaway (249). They got a fine lot of mares. Stella was the first at London last year, and won the champion cup at the recent London Hackney show. She is a fine show mare, and is in foal to Danegelt. Others brought were Kathleen, by Danegelt, a champion in 1893 and 1895, and Applause, a three-year-old filly, a winner this year and last. She is by Saxon. Last year Mr. Stevens brought over Langton Performer 242, said to be the highest priced Hackney that ever left England. This year's lot will add much to the reputation of Maplewood.

ON most farms in Aberdeenshire, a few young horses, mostly with a good dash of Clydesdale blood, are bred. During winter they are housed at night, and get a feed of shillocks, turnips, and straw, while they have the range of the lea fields during the day. A great many of the farms are fairly large concerns, running from three to six pairs of horses. Such a thing as a double cart—that is, a cart with one horse in the shafts and another in the traces—is not to be seen in Aberdeenshire. In all cases work is conducted with one horse in each cart, one man always being in charge of two carts. The carts are very much less than those used in Forfar and Perth shires, the weight of each running from 7 to 8 cwt., whereas in the latter counties the weight of the cart is rarely under 10 cwt. Consequently, the loads are much less, and the horses have not the same chance of being strained; but, though the loads are less, as each Aberdeen plowman with his pair of horses has two carts instead of one, the Aberdonian has the best chance of doing the most work. As a whole, Aberdeenshire farmers and plowmen are much more attentive to the welfare of their horses, and treat them with more kindness and humanity, than is the case in most other districts, and this, doubtless, is the reason why so many genuine, good-working, fault-free horses are to be obtained in Aberdeenshire.

Echoes of the Horse Show.

Toronto Horse Show this year was a decided success. It was well managed, and the animals brought out to it were a credit to the show and the province. The judging generally was very satisfactory, and there was no suspicion of anything underhand, and the greatest care was taken that the best animals should win.

The visitors from the United States, both guests and exhibitors, expressed themselves as

delighted with the show and with their treatment thereat. Many of the judges were from the land of the stars and stripes, and yet joined with right good will to help to sing "God Save the Queen" at the stewards' luncheon to the Earl of Aberdeen. It was pleasant to have our friends from over the border, and have them take an interest in our Horse Show. We would be pleased to see more of them, both visitors and exhibitors, and hope that they may always enjoy themselves and carry away pleasing recollections of Canada and Canadians.

There might be some changes in the prize list. It does seem strange that the same horses should come time and again before the judges in quite different classes. If such a classification as permits this be necessary and desirable, it would seem to some that the judges might be changed; otherwise there is always a tendency to confirm previous awards, and, as a consequence, the same animal comes in a winner time and again. Harness and saddle classes are better kept separate. Saddle horses are a distinct type, and should be judged as such. They should not be eligible to show in the harness classes.

THE time given for judging is altogether too short for a close and critical class. The programme has to be carried out on time, and the judge should have ample time to do his work well. Instead of having all the work done in the ring, an opportunity should be given to the judge to look the horses over and carefully handle them before they are brought into the public ring for final awards. This time might also be taken for an examination by a veterinary surgeon for soundness of the short leet made by the judge. This preliminary work done, the exhibition in the ring and the putting on of the ribbons could be made popular and attractive, and put through on schedule time without slighting the class.

TAKE, for instance, the class for aged stallions, Clydesdales. With the large number of entries and the closely-matched animals to be judged, no one could give them justice in the time allotted. To look over and critically examine every animal would take more time than is allowed for the class. Very naturally, the judge took pains to see most of the animals before they came into the ring, and was able to give several hours of close attention to the work before they paraded.

WINNERS of two years in succession should be dealt with in some special way. The British shows act on this rule and make a champion class. Former winners are debarred from the