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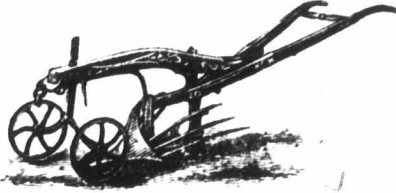
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Mr. Alex. Galbraith, Secretary of the American Clydesdale Association, is to act in the capacity of judge at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

Mr. John Arthur, proprietor of the Canadian Sale Stables, New York, on his return from a trip to Canada and the West, reported high-class trotting-bred animals to be very scarce and prices correspondingly high.

HON. H. M. COCHRANE'S HACKNEYS, SHORT-HORNS, SHROPSHIRE AND DORSET-HORNS.  
The very extensive breeding establishment of Hon. H. M. Cochrane is located at Hillhurst, P. Q.; and the half day of our visit there passed all too quickly; inspecting the Hackneys (of which there are some forty head), high-class Shorthorns, Shropshire and Dorset-Horn sheep, and driving over the farm, which comprises some one thousand acres of choice farming and grazing land. The hay crop was just about housed at the time of our visit, and a heavy crop of fine quality had been stored. The oat crop was looking magnificent, and gave promise of a very heavy yield; and the corn (of which there was a large acreage) was very rank, and would furnish an enormous amount of fine ensilage. The elegant buildings, beautiful lawns, lovely hothouses, and flower gardens and fine pastures, will create pleasant memories for the writer for many a long day to come.

Hackneys.—As already mentioned, some forty head of Hackneys were seen, consisting of imported stallions and mares, and young stock. A number of the stallions and mares were led out on the rein, and a proud, high-stepping lot they proved themselves to be. The first to come under our inspection was Royal Dane, an imported three-year-old stallion, sired by Canny Man, his dam being the prize winning mare Princess Dagmar; he is an exceedingly nice-turned horse, and able to handle his front feet in good style, following them up with a good clean lift of the hind feet, showing the shoes well up from behind. He was a winner of 1st in Toronto as a yearling, and 2nd as a two-year-old. Hayton Shales is a big, strong four-year-old imported stallion, a good mover, and should prove a valuable sire, as he has plenty of size; and the Hackney with plenty of size and good knee and hock action is, in the writer's estimation, destined to rank deservedly high in popular esteem for many substantial reasons, newspaper chat concerning the coming "horseless age" to the contrary notwithstanding. Barthorpe Performer (imp.) is a fine two-year-old, high-spirited, and a fine actor, and he could show himself off to wonderfully good advantage for the amount of training he has had as yet. He is the first son, as yet, of Garler Duke of Connaught, imported into this country, and his sire is looked upon by Yorkshiresmen as one of the best stallions in England. Gentility is a yearling, imported in dam. He is the first Gentility colt ever brought to America, and is a right good animal, and if he matures as he promises at present, something extra good may be looked for. These two colts are sons of two of the most favorably known Hackney stallions in England. Another fine yearling was seen, Danish Duke, by Fordham, and out of Princess Dagmar. Among the mares, probably the imported bay mare Charwoman is one of the very best. She was sired by Matchless of Londesboro, a horse for which Dr. Webb paid \$15,000. Charwoman is descended from Fireaway. She was a winner of 1st money at Toronto as a three-year-old. She is of grand conformation and a remarkably fine actor with both knee and hock, and her graceful movement on the rein would certainly have evoked enthusiasm and admiration from the most fastidious horse fancier had they been there to witness. Princess Dagmar, an imported bay mare, was the next one led out. She also could handle her feet in right good style. This mare was sired by Danegelt, a horse that cost Sir Walter Gilbey 5,000 guineas. Miss Baker (imp.) is a beautiful brown mare, the dam of the yearling colt Gentility. She was good enough to win three 1sts in one afternoon in Toronto, and also won a 4th place at New York last fall. Matchless Maid is a fine two-year-old, by Fordham; dam Nancy, by Matchless of Londesboro. This is a nicely-turned colt and a good mover. She was winner of 1st as a yearling at Toronto, and no doubt good things will be heard of her this season, as well as from a number of others. Remeo, one of the brood mares, with a beautiful foal at foot, by Hayton Shales, was a winner of 1st at Toronto as a yearling, and 2nd at New York the same year. A number of very fine youngsters and some good yearlings were seen on the pastures; a strong-boned, growthy and stylish lot that speak well for the reproducing qualities and high breeding of the sires and dams.

Shorthorns.—Riverside Hero 2nd, by Sultan Selim, and from the imported prize-winning cow Bracelet 2nd, heads the herd. He is a massive, deep, sappy three-year-old, and a winner of 1st at Toronto as a yearling. Some of the best young animals in the stable were: Alvira 20th, a yearling roan of grand quality and evenly fleshed, a winner of 1st last year at Sherbrooke. In the next stall was a good bull calf, from a heifer purchased from Messrs. John Miller & Sons, Brougham. Another fine calf was seen, out of Rose of Strathallan, a cow purchased from Simmons & Quirie, Ivan, Ont. In the next pen was a very fine heifer calf, a daughter of the 1st prize cow in Toronto last year. This cow was got by Mr. Arthur Johnston's celebrated Indian Chief.

A large flock of Shropshires are kept, and also a good flock of Dorset-Horns. Mr. Cochrane having purchased the entire flock of Mr. T. W. Hector a year or two ago, drafts had been made from the flocks, and were under flat at the time of our visit; and it is unnecessary to add that many remarkably good individuals were seen.

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