

although written over a hundred years ago:

"He was a gash and faithfu' tyke,
As ever lap a sheugh or dyke.
His honest, sonsie, baws'nt face
Ay gat him frien's in lika place:
His breast was white, his tousie back
Weel clad wi' coat o' glossy black.
His gawsie tail, wi' upward curl,
Hung owre his hurdles wi' a swirl."

In form, color, marking and general appearance the collie is a handsome dog. His build is lithe, graceful and elegant. He has a very abundant coat of a peculiar texture, which enables him to withstand the hardest weather and also adds greatly to his beauty. He is very sagacious, quick and agile, and can act and think for himself. He has a peculiarly wise and cunning expression, and is very engaging and full of fun. His friendship is lasting. A good collie presents nearly everything desirable in a dog.

The following is the standard of the rough-coated Scotch collie, as adopted by the Scottish Collie Club. This standard is also adhered to in the Canadian Collie Club:

Head moderately long in proportion to the dog's size, covered with short soft hair. Skull flat, moderately wide between the ears, and gradually tapering to the eyes. There should be a very slight elevation of the eyebrows, and very little stop.

Muzzle of fair length, tapering to the nose, which, whatever the color of the dog, should be black. The teeth, which are white and of good size, should not be over nor undershot. Both are faults the latter the greater of the two.

Eyes of fair size, but not prominent, are placed rather close together, and set obliquely in the head, which gives that cunning foxy expression so characteristic of the breed. Color, any shade of brown, the darker the better, yellow eyes being a great fault. Dogs of a mixed color should have a mixed or china eye, and sometimes both eyes are of this color.

Ears small, placed rather close together at the top of the head covered with short soft hair, and carried semi-erect when at attention, at other times thrown back, and buried in the frill.

Neck long, arched, and muscular.

Body rather long than short, ribs well rounded, chest deep and narrow in front, but of fair breadth behind the shoulders, which should be oblique. Loin rather long, and slightly arched, showing power.

Legs.—Forelegs straight and muscular, with a fair amount of flat bone, the forearm moderately fleshy, the hind-

legs less fleshy, very sinewy, and hocks well bent, pasterns long, and light in bone. Feet oval in shape, the soles well padded, and the toes well arched and close.

Tail moderately long, carried low when the dog is quiet, gaily when excited, and almost straight out when running.

Coat.—This is a very important point. The coat, except on the head and legs, should be abundant, the outer coat harsh to the touch, the inner coat soft and furry, and very close, so close that it is difficult on parting the hair to see the skin. The hair very abundant around the neck and chest; this is termed the frill. The mask is smooth, the fore-legs slightly feathered, the hind-legs below the hocks smooth. Hair on the tail very profuse, and on the hips long and bushy.

Color.—Any color.

Size.—Dogs 21 to 24 inches at shoulder, bitches 2 inches less.

Weight.—Dogs 45 to 60 lbs., bitches 40 to 50 lbs.

General Appearance.—A lithe, active dog, with no useless timber about him, his deep chest showing strength, his sloping shoulders and well-bent hocks speed, and his "bawsint" face high intelligence. The face should bear a sharp, doubtful expression. As a whole, he should present an elegant and pleasing outline, quite distinct from any of our other domesticated breeds, and show great strength and activity.

Faults.—Domed skull, high peaked occipital bone, heavy pendulous ears, full soft eyes, heavy feathered legs, short tail.

One result of the great popularity of the collie has been to create a market, where enormous sums are paid for the best specimens.

Champion Ormskirk Emerald, the present champion of Great Britain, and in Colliedom that means the world, was sold for the sum of £1,200 sterling, and a £500 dog to boot; or over \$5,000.

A few remarks on some of the most noted collies of the last 12 or 15 years may be interesting.

Champion Charlemagne, born in 1877, was perhaps one of the first collies to create a sensation on the bench. Such a magnificent stamp of dog was he that when 13 years of age he won a championship. He was a sable with broad white collar. He had an abundance of coat seldom met with nowadays.

Champion Metchley Wonder, born in 1886, won everything in his line until defeated by his own offspring. There is hardly a collie of any importance on

the bench to-day whose pedigree does not trace back to Metchley Wonder. He was sable and white and was the first collie to sell for £330, this price being considered folly at the time.

Champion Christopher, bred by Rev. Hans F. Hamilton, in 1887, and sold for £1,000 sterling, was Metchley Wonder's most noted son. He was a small dog, beautifully marked, and did a tremendous amount of winning. He was imported to America.

Champion Sefton Hero, bred in Aberdeen, in 1890, was another dog who, for a time, vanquished all comers and was finally imported to America for £500 sterling. He was described in his day as the finest specimen of a collie that ever graced the show-ring.

Amongst the most noted sons of Champion Christopher are Edgbaston Marvel and Ormskirk Chriss, both £500 dogs, that never secured many prizes on the bench owing to slight defects, but each being the sire of many notorious winners.

Champion Southport Perfection, sold for 1,000 guineas; Gold Dust, sold for £500; Portington Bar None, who defeated Perfection, and Southport Pilot, are all crack winners, and sons of Edgbaston Marvel, who, through faulty ear carriage was never very successful in the ring.

Champion Rufford Ormonde, son of Champion Ormskirk Chriss, was imported to America for £700.

Exorbitant and fictitious though these prices seem, nevertheless, at the most important dog shows in Great Britain, such as Liverpool, where the best dog wins, irrespective of whether the owner is rich or poor, the collie that can capture the Challenge Trophy, and vanquish the cracks at such a show, is sure to claim an enormous figure.

Mr. Motherwell, from Ayrshire, Scotland, who happens to be in the city at present, was called upon to give a criticism of the specimens exhibited, which he very kindly did. Mr. Motherwell is a noted breeder of the collie, with a hankering after the smooth-coated variety, and his remarks showed that he had a keen appreciation of the merits and demerits of both breeds. What he said, however, gave much pleasure to those present. Votes of thanks to Messrs. Roy, Motherwell and the Chairman brought a very interesting and instructive meeting to a close.

The directors of the Canine Association have decided on holding a general bench show in April and have chosen a small sub-committee to go on with the