

horse which has won a good many prizes in the best of company and races across country. He has also been breeding well in the chief hunting district in England. The other Thoroughbred is a thick, strong-boned horse, like breeding horses which the market has always in demand. The Hackney is a stylish nag whose career at the stud should be highly profitable to breeders in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Thomas Mercer, of Markdale, Ont., a new shipper, took away eleven colts and fillies. Like Professor Cumming, he purchased most from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, but he had also stock from Mr. Peter Crawford, Dumfries, and Mr. A. W. Law, Mains of Sanquhar, Forres, an eminent Shorthorn breeder who also goes somewhat into Clydesdales. Mr. Mercer chose good breeding and well-bred stock. Three Glasgow premium horses are represented among those shipped, viz., Moneycorn, which was thrice awarded the coveted Glasgow premium; Royal Carrick, which not only won it, but also stood second at the Highland; and Clan Chattan, the sire of Royal Chattan, the H. & A. S.'s champion horse of this year. Mr. Mercer is a new shipper, and not many new shippers make as good a start.

Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., are old hands at the export trade, although not by any means old men. Mr. Tom Graham was with us for the best of six weeks, and sailed with sixteen Clydesdales, of which ten were stallions. One was a filly foal, champion at Kirkcudbright the day before he sailed, and five were fillies, one of these being the second-prize two-year-old filly at Castle-Douglas in spring, and got by the H. & A. S.'s champion horse, King of the Roses (9927). Another filly of the same age was got by that noted breeding horse, Woodend Gartly (10663), first at Ayr when a three-year-old, and sire of many prizewinning animals. One of the yearling fillies is a daughter of Baron's Pride and own sister to the first-prize yearling filly at Ayr three years ago. Still others of the fillies were a two-year-old by Rozelle, which stood second at Dumfries two years ago, and a three-year-old by Baron's Pride which stood first at Kirkcudbright the day before they sailed. Nothing more need be said to indicate the high excellence of the fillies selected by Mr. Tom Graham for the Canadian market. The stallions are quite as noteworthy. One of the best is Baron Wallace, a Baron's Pride two-year-old, own brother to the H. & A. S.'s prize horse, Baron's Chief. This colt has not been shown on this side of the water, but he is one that will make a stir in any show-yard. Others in the shipment are Reformer, the champion stallion at the Royal in 1904; Baron Alister, and the first-prize three-year-old stallion at Ayr in the same year, while quite a number are by noted breeding horses like Woodend Gartly, Pride of Blacon and Baron's Pride.

Dalgaty Bros., London, Ont., shipped eight stallions, seven useful Clydesdales and one Hackney, and Robert Beith, Bowmanville, Ont., a veteran shipper, had four extra-well-bred fillies.

This week, so far as I know at present, the only shipper is Mr. William Colquhoun, Mitchell, Ont., who is a host in himself. He has three thick, blocky, big horses, well-bred and good useful breeders. You can always depend on Mr. Colquhoun taking the kind of horse which Canadian farmers believe in.

"SCOTLAND YET."

Canadian Trotters at Buffalo.

In looking over the money-winning stables at the Buffalo races in the week ending August 12th, says the Horse World, one cannot but be impressed with the fact that at the head of the list stands that comparatively young breeding establishment, Cruickston Park Farm, of Galt, Ont.

This establishment is owned by Miss K. L. Wilks, a lady who loves the American light-harness race-horse for the sport that may be derived from breeding and racing him. Her success in this field began when she secured for a trainer that straightforward, hard-working young trainer, Harry Stinson, to take charge of the racing department of her farm, and to whose selection she is indebted for the ownership of her two Buffalo winners, Sadie Mac, 2.06½, and Katherine L., 2.14½.

Sadie Mac is, by many of the best judges, regarded as the equal if not the superior of any trotter that has been or is now on the turf. She was naturally great as a two-year-old, was greater as a three-year-old, and last season as a four-year-old demonstrated her capacity for training on by going a mile in 2.08½ to wagon.

When Mr. Stinson began casting about last fall for a high-class trotter, Sadie Mac was his choice, and Miss Wilks sensibly told him to go and buy her. The daughter of Peter the Great cost her present owner \$15,000, and how well that amount of money was invested is shown from the fact that a few days ago an offer of \$30,000 was refused for her.

There was at the time of Miss Wilks' purchase of Sadie Mac some criticism as to her course in placing the great mare unreservedly in Stinson's

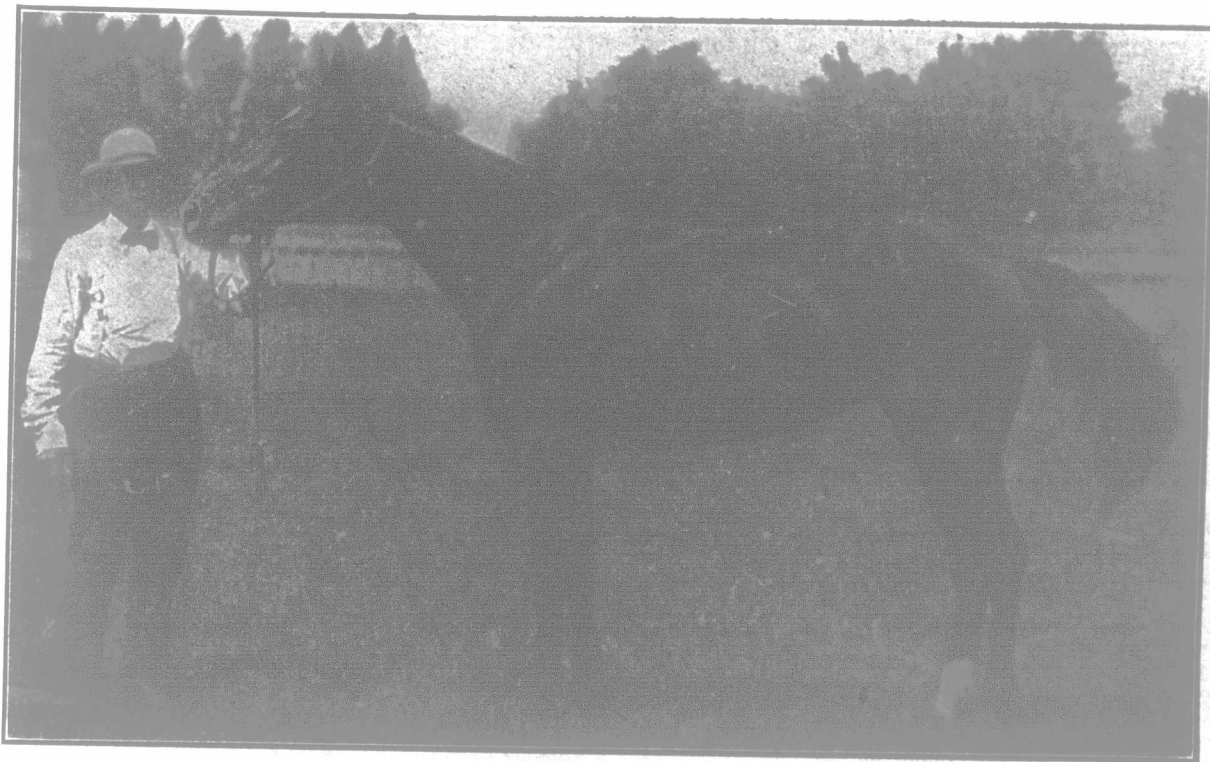
hands. No one could say a thing against him from any viewpoint, but in the peculiar way horse-men have of regarding only the trainers of wide repute as proper persons to train and drive a horse that has attained an extraordinary reputation, they seemed to think the new owner of Sadie Mac ought to turn her over to some of the trainers whose name is known from one coast to the other.

Miss Wilks, however, had faith in Mr. Stinson's skill as a trainer and driver, and it has already

was won by Katherine L., another great young trotter that Stinson selected for Miss Wilks.

This race was won by Stinson by a drive that would have done credit to any driver the turf has known. After winning the first heat Katherine L. was beaten in the second by Susie N. in the fastest heat trotted by a three-year-old in a race this year, and she looked to be good only for second money.

In the third heat Stinson and his baby trotter were subject to an ordeal such as only a game,



Sadie Mac, 2.06½.

Owned by Miss K. L. Wilks, Cruickston Park Stock Farm, Galt, Ont. Winner of the Empire State \$10,000 purse in the 2.10 trot at Buffalo, August 8th. Also the Massachusetts \$10,000 at Reading, Aug. 23rd.

been fully justified. In her first race in Stinson's hands Sadie Mac showed herself a greatly-improved mare, not alone as regards speed, but it was plainly seen that her gait and action had been improved. In that race she lowered her record from 2.11½ to 2.06½, and stamped herself as one of the really great trotters thus far produced.

At Buffalo Sadie Mac was in the Empire State \$10,000 purse, and the many favorable expressions of opinion heard from horsemen on the mare's magnificent condition and her faultless gait may be taken as indicating that no trainer could have brought her to the starting post in any better form to demonstrate her greatness than Stinson has her.

She did not, it is true, have to show a tithe of her racing ability to beat her field at Buffalo, but in another race Mr. Stinson showed what may be expected of him when his skill as a reinsman shall be demanded when Sadie Mac is called upon to meet some of the faster trotters. That race was in the class for three-year-old trotters, which

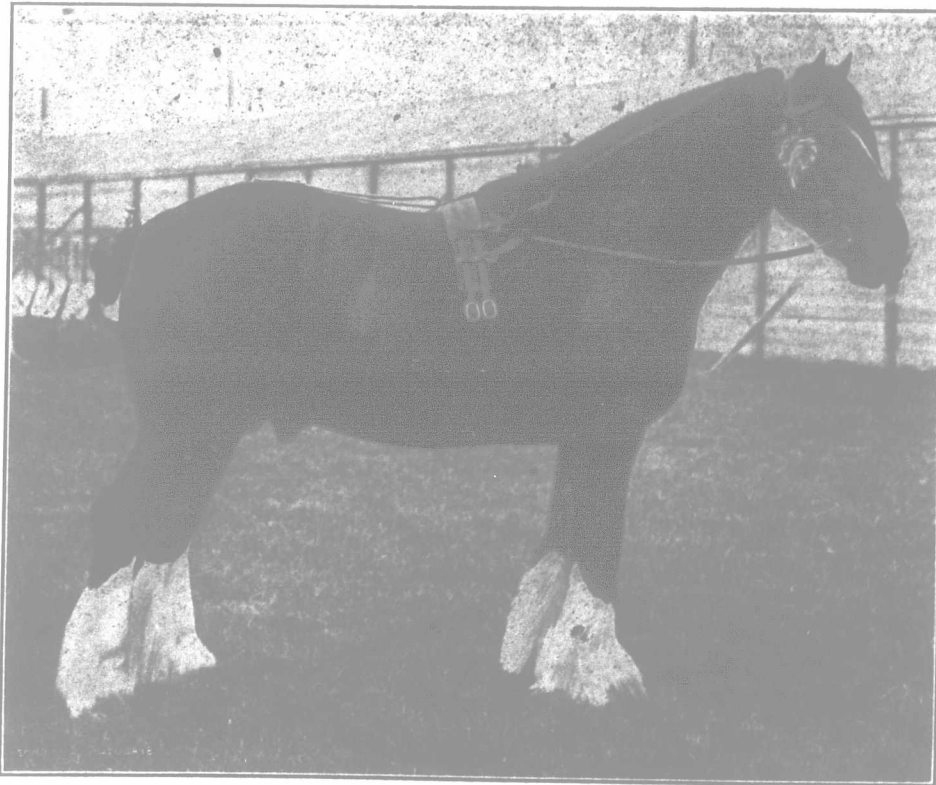
courageous trotter and a driver of the utmost skill and coolness is capable of standing, and it is only doing Stinson justice to say that he won the heat with Katherine L. by simply outdriving the driver of Susie N., himself a driver of high merit.

The two winning races of Sadie Mac and Katherine L. made Stinson the largest money-winning driver of the Buffalo meeting, and the magnificent condition he had them in and the way he handled them must have convinced others besides Miss Wilks that in Stinson's charge her horses will be handled and driven in a manner entirely satisfactory to those who want to see them win.

The Improved Shire Horse.

"Practically all dray horses in our English cities and towns and at our railway stations," says a writer in the English Live-stock Journal, "have always been Shires, and are to-day. The Shires of to-day may best be described as 'the improved Shire,' when compared with the class

of horses mentioned, some of which were doubtless very helpless in the way of action, but the improved Shire of to-day—the typical dray horse—can move fast enough and with ease enough to please the most fastidious, and he has not lost weight by gaining action. The best of them to-day are quite as big and heavy as dray horses have ever been, and have gained their better movement by being bred with care and judgment, good flat, clean bone being a great consideration as well as the formation of the joints and shoulders, which affect the action more than the actual weight of the horse. The helpless class



Delamere Chorister (21328).

(Photo by Reid.)

Shire stallion. First and champion, Royal Show, London, England, 1905.