

been placed second, in the spring stallion shows; neither have we shown the same horse twice in any show between the two letters.

This is a record which no other importer in Canada to-day can claim, and I claim to have won more first prizes and championships than any other importer from the Atlantic to the Pacific, having won first prize and the championship over all ages in the Clydesdale class held in New Westminster in 1905, where we beat the world champion horse from Portland, Oregon, at the Lewis & Clark exhibition. In 1906, at the same show, we were awarded first in our class and the grand championship for the best Clydesdale stallion any age to be recorded in the Clydesdale Stud Book, at the provincial fair held in the same place. And a letter from Mr. W. H. Keary, manager and secretary to the secretary of Clydesdale Association of Canada, Parliament Building, Toronto, dated October 11th, 1906, says: I am very much pleased to be able to inform you that Mr. Ness, who was the judge of heavy draft horses, reports to me that, the exhibit of Clydesdales at this year's exhibition excels that of the Dominion Exhibition." I might say to conclude that as I am only a young man in the business and knowing that there is only one way for me to come to the front, and that is in handling nothing but the best obtainable in the Old Country, this has been my motto, and I assure you will be while I am in the business. A cable from my foreman, Mr. Patterson before leaving Scotland, says: "I am sailing by 'Athenia,' Donalson Line, with fourteen of the best Clydesdales and Hackneys we have ever handled"; also a letter from Mr. Peter Crawford of Gargavel, Dumfries, Scotland, confirming the statement by saying he thought my man Mr. Patterson had made a reputation for himself; that he considered he was taking the best lot of horses that he had ever seen leave that country, consigned to one man. Now, as we expect these animals to land in a few days at the home stable in Ontario, we would ask those intending to buy or thinking about buying to write for prices, as I am prepared to give better value and better terms than any other firm in the importing business to-day, and all horses guaranteed breeders.

I have done little or no business in Manitoba, but have done considerable at both sides of it. I am now going to solicit a part of the Manitoba horse trade. I have sold two-thirds of the stallions in B. C. in the last three years, and I have only sold one horse, a Hackney, that has not proved himself a success. I am now bidding for the business in Manitoba and any party

that wishes to accept the opportunity will do well to write T. Mercer, at Markdale, Ont. All horses are tried and proved right before leaving my farm.

Just as I write, and before going to post, I have word that our consignment of Clydesdales and Hackneys have landed in good form. Among the stallions are Hallmark (12592), bay, with white markings, foaled May 16th, 1903, sire Hiawatha, dam Princess Mary by Baron's Pride, dam Brogie, by Cairn Brogie Stamp. This is without doubt one of the best draft horses that I have ever handled.

No. 2, The Deemster brown, foaled in 1904, sire Sir Anthony by Sir Everard by Top Gallant, by Darnley, dam Fanny of Ballovahave by Duke of Britian by Gregor McGregor by McGregor by Darnley. This is a grand sized colt, with good feet, legs and ankles that everybody is so eagerly looking for.

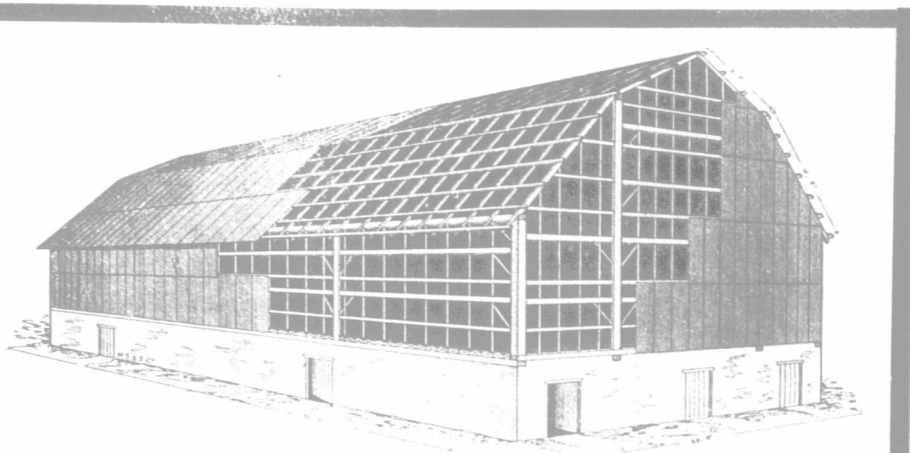
Balmedie 11251, brown, foaled in 1899, sire Balmedie Prince Charming by Prince of Albion by Prince of Wales. His dam is by Topsman by Wonderful by Old Clyde by Scotchman.

Our Hackney Ryedale King 9406, foaled in 1903, is a lovely chestnut with white markings, standing 15 feet 2 inches; sired by Duke of Connaught, dam Lady Hanley by Rimus, grand sire Connaught by Denmark.

We might give the breeding of several others but on account of time and space we are unable to do so, but some 20 Clydesdale fillies are of the large draft kind with the best legs and feet and good breeding. Parties desirous of anything in our line will do well to write for prices as I am certainly going to give some bargains in Manitoba to introduce my business.

Thos. Mercer, Ont.

A purchase of a stallion that should prove profitable to the buyers and of immense value to the district is that of Sturdy Macgregor (4105). This horse has been secured from J. D. Traynor, Condie, Sask., by Messrs L. McKenzie and J. Gray of McLean, Sask., where the mares are of a good type and scale and where a horse if given a chance can work big improvements. By what we know of Sturdy Macgregor the McLean district should be benefited. He is bred by N. P. Clark of Minnesota, is by his great stock horse Torpedo (imp.) and out of the good breeding mare Lady Macgregor (imp.) who was by the sensational sire of winners Macgregor 1482. The second dam is Lady Bailler by Points Mac, third dam by Garebaldie 3rd, and fourth dam by the Hamilton prize horse. When we get a horse with such strong blood lines as these and know him to be a good individual there should not be much demand for half-bred horses, even if they do look pleasant to the eye.



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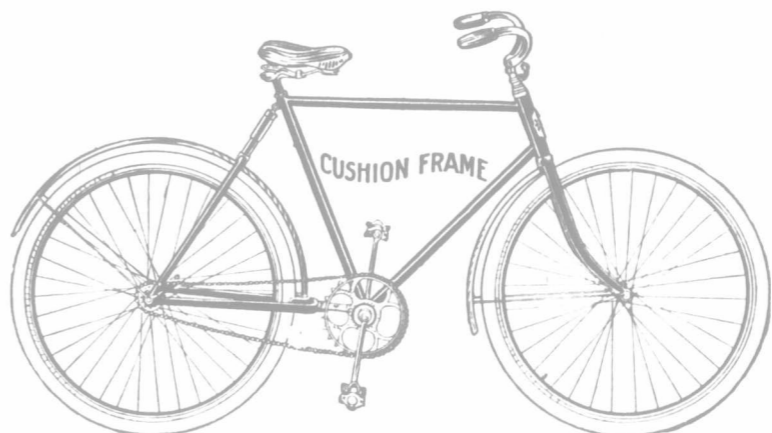
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