

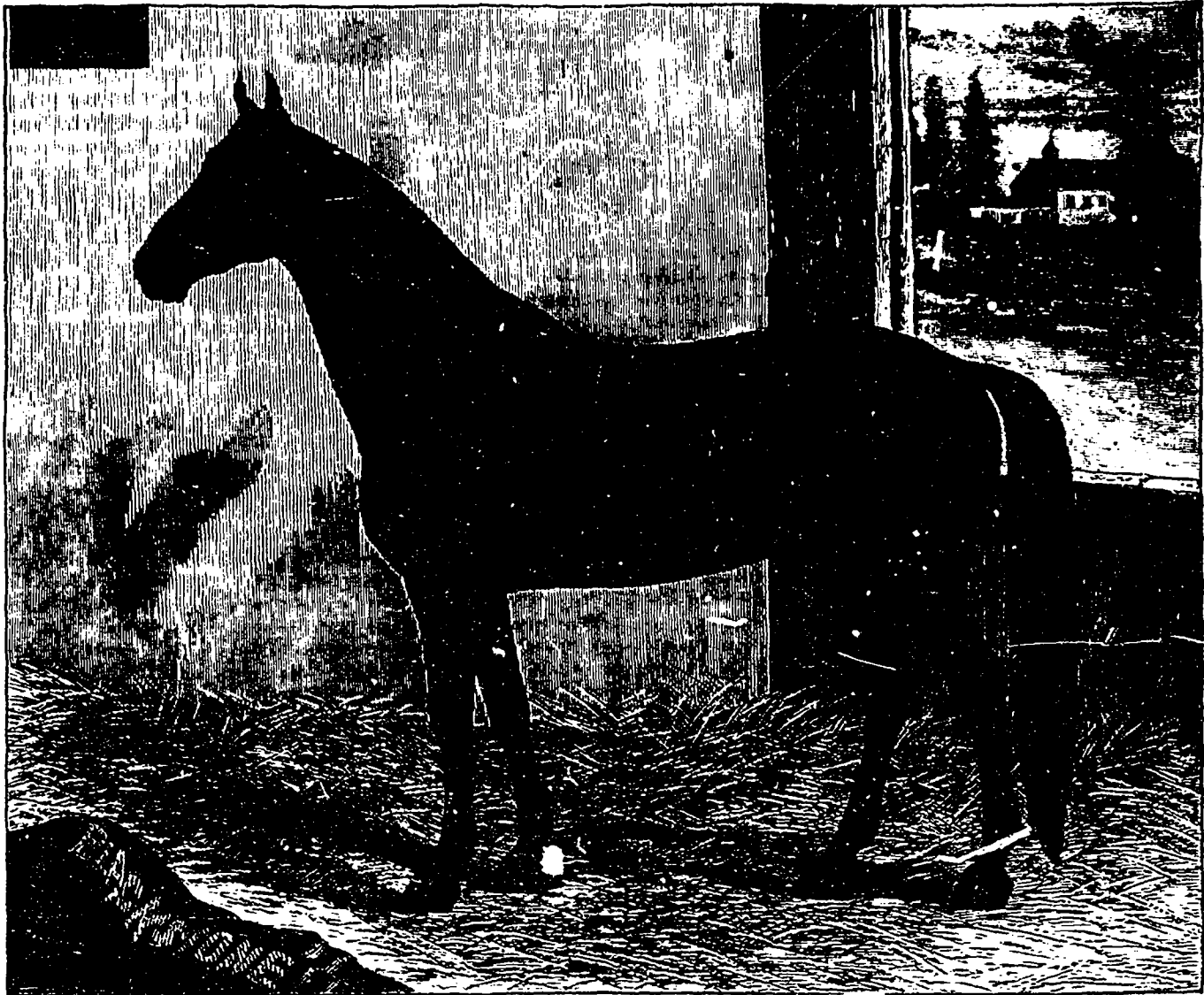
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NOTED GELDING PRIZE-WINNER, "BLACKSTONE."

Owned by Mr. St. John, Toronto, Ontario.

Our Illustration.

The subject of our sketch this month is a handsome gelding owned by Mr. St. John, of this city. This horse, in general conformation, is one of the highest type of what a good horse should be, and those of our readers seeking an ideal cannot do better than indelibly stamp on their memory the beautiful, yet true, sketch, that our artist has made. Blackstone is a fine, up-standing horse, stylish in general appearance when standing, but when in action beauty radiates from every feature. He is a horse that would at once catch the eye of the most careless observer, and, though at first appearance he may not make a thoroughly satisfactory impression, he never fails to do so when carefully examined, and his conformation noted and qualities weighed in the balance. He is a beauti-

ful black in color, with small star on forehead. His countenance is frank, and every lineament of his features is distinct. A beautiful junction takes place between the clearly chiselled head and well proportioned neck, which carries his head so gaily. The depth of chest is a striking feature that at once attracts notice, and may in part account for the squareness and rapidity of his fore action. His body is strong below, and strongly coupled and firmly ribbed. A loin swathed in muscle, and a slightly drooping rump, gives him that sweeping stride behind that counts for so much in a roadster horse. He has the best of limbs, clean and fine, with tendons prominent and large. This gelding was sired by the well-known Blücher, a thoroughbred that achieved the high honor of winning first as a two-year-old at the Centennial at Philadelphia. He was exported to Australia and

is now in Scotland. Blackstone's dam was by Black Hawk Morgan. Blackstone has won many laurels in showings where competition was not wanting. He and Mayflower (now owned by Dr. Morgan, of Peterboro'), won the team race at the Toronto Industrial, '88, and again he and Tennyson won the team race for horses 16 hands and over, at Toronto Industrial in '89. At the Industrial last year he won first prize as gentleman's road horse, doing the mile on a heavy track, before a 250 lb wagon, in 2.44. In conclusion we would say that the gauging of the worth of this horse cannot be done by proxy, but must be done by a personal view of him as he splits the wind before his genial owner, Mr. St. John, on Dufferin Park drive.