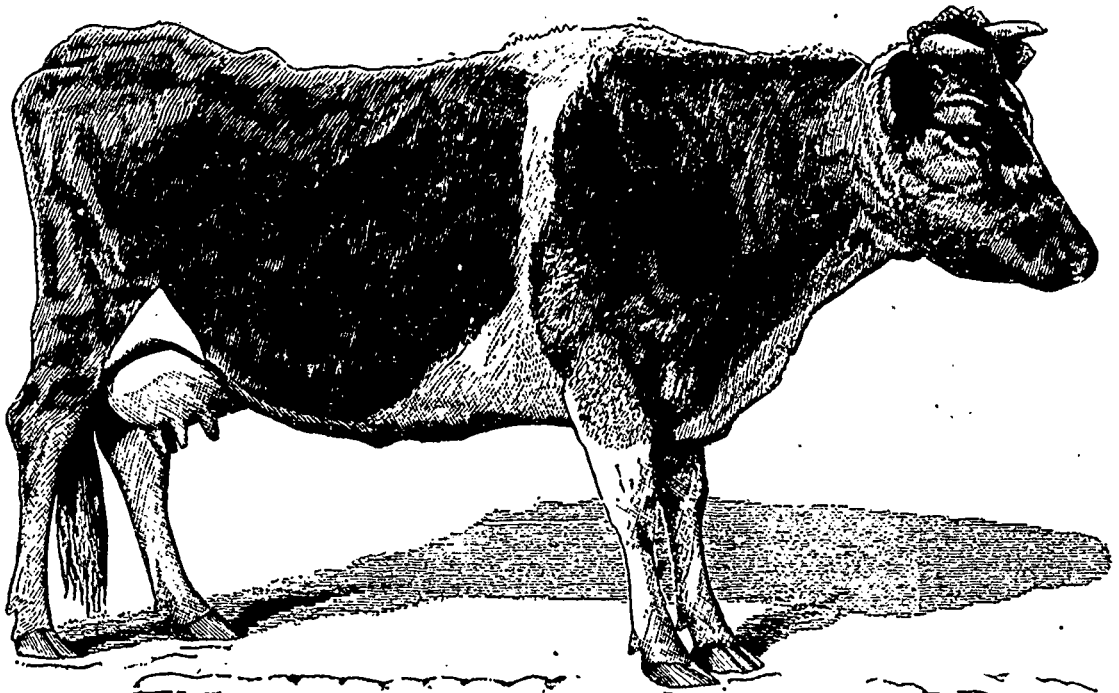


and long, from below the knee and hock, forming a large tuft at the fetlock and long and thick, round and overhanging the coronet. The feet medium, inclining to large, quality of horn good. The action usually high, bending the knee well and bringing the foot firmly down in the manner usually admired by horsemen. They are invariably intelligent and active, but with a spice of temper and determination of character that renders them invaluable in heavy draught. They will usually bring their load with them, unless something gives way. Jibbers are seldom met with in Clydes.

They are usually good feeders and readily fatten if well fed; are hardy and long-lived, sure breeders, and will produce an average of six foals per mare. The stallions are easily managed, and are sure foal getters. They readily accommodate themselves to any climate or circumstances, and no horses show a better return for extra care and food.

It will thus be seen that while many animals of comparatively little value are found in the stud-book of Clydes, many of the best bred-horses are not entered, and thus, under the existing state of affairs, the Clyde stud book is of hardly any value, as a guide for purchasers of Clydesdales in Scotland, and we have had some sorry illustrations of this fact in some worthless animals which have been imported into this Province, the only recommendation they possessed being their being registered in the stud-book.

It must not be inferred from this that we undervalue registration and pedigree: far from it. We regret exceedingly that the starting of this stud-book, which was very much needed, was not done more judiciously so as to include all the breeders, and prevent what is so much to be deplored, a division and want of co-operation, which are injurious to its success and usefulness—and, while we would recommend any



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Within a few years, an abortive attempt has been made to start a stud book for Clyde horses in Scotland. From what has been explained above, it will be seen that, of necessity, many worthless pedigrees had to be admitted, and many of the best horses in Scotland were not eligible. The fact is, that two of the most extensive breeders and owners of Clydes in Scotland, who usually carry all before them in the showing for horses and mares of all ages, do not recognize the stud-book, as they do not believe that the breed is incapable of improvement, and they know, too, that many of the best horses in Scotland have shire blood in their veins, and although they own and breed large numbers of colts and fillies eligible for entry in the studbook, yet they do not enter them.

society or individual who propose to import Clydesdale horses to secure if possible horses registered, or eligible for registration, yet we would not advise them to reject a good animal of good pedigree even if he is not in the stud-book: many such are to be found in Scotland.

We would strongly recommend that a standard of pedigree of some kind be laid down by the committees of agricultural exhibitions, so as to avoid the disputes on this subject so common at both local and provincial shows.

The value of Clyde blood as a cross with the Lower Canadian mares is now so well known that we need scarcely refer to it. The increase in size and in bone, without lessening their activity or hardiness, is well known to the carrying