GOSSIP.

W. D. FLATT'S CLYDESDALE SALE.

That there is a great scarcity of good breeding draft mares in Canada is admitted by all. During the depression of ten years ago, horse-breeding was largely abandoned and good mares were sold for the reason that only good ones would bring anything like a decent price, common horses being almost unsalable at any figure. The South African war made a market for many of that class, and that, with the improved export trade of the last few years, has left this country exceedingly short of salable horses of all classes, and especially of good drafters, while the settling of our Northwestern Provinces and the building of new railways is bound to create an unusual demand for strong draft horses for many years to come, and the only way open to increase this class of horses to meet the demand is by breeding them on the farms of the country. Many of our farmers, owing to the scarcity of satisfactory help, are seeding their farms largely to grass, for the purposes of pasturage and raising hay. What more profitable stock is there, with the present and prospective market prices, than good young brood mares, and with the abundance of feed in the country, what better investment can a man make at the present time than by the purchase of one or more of the sixty imported Clydesdale fillies advertised in this paper by Mr. W. D. Flatt, of Hamilton, Ontario, to be sold by auction in that city on August 23rd. These fillies have been selected by one of the best of judges of this class of horses from leading studs in Scotland, with a view to suiting the need of the Canadian breeder and farmer, size, quality of bone and good action being required as essential. Much difficulty has been experienced in getting together a suitable lot of this number, for good ones are not any too plentiful, even in the Old Country, and this is the last importation Mr. Flatt intends to bring over this year.

SHORTHORNS AT WINNIPEG EXHIBITION.

The show of Shorthorns at Winnipeg last week was probably the largest ever seen there, and the quality up to a high standard. Capt. Robson, of Ilderton, Ont., was the judge. The principal herds represented were those of Sir Wm. Van Horne, J. G. Barron, John Graham and W. H. English, all of Manitoba, and that of R. A. and J. A. Watt, of Salem, Ontario. In the aged bull class, with such noted entries as Imp. Spicy Marquis and Prince Sunbeam of the Van Horne herd, Toronto champions of the last two years; Scottish Canadian, imported in dam, owned by Geo. Little, of Neepawa; Imp. Nobleman, of the Barron herd, and Watt's Valasco 40th, the honors went, first to Scottish Canadian, second to Prince Sunbeam, third to Valasco 40th. In three-year-old bulls, Watt's Royal Mildred was first, R. McLennan's Bouncer second, and Bennie Bros. third. In two-year-olds, Barron won first, English second, John Graham third. In senior yearlings, Barron's Meteor was first, Adams' Ambassador second, and Ayearst's Royal Prince third. In senior bull calves the Watts won first and third, with sons of Imp. Scottish Beau. Scottish Canadian was senior and also grand champion bull, and Barron's Meteor junior champion.

Mayflower 3rd, the first-prize cow and grand champion female at Toronto last year, was out again in splendid fit, and repeated her victories, winning first in her class, the female championship and the grand championship as best Shorthorn in the show. Watt's Olga Stamford was second to her in the cow class, and they were also first for three-year-old cow; Van Horne's Mildred 12th, bred by the Watts, being second, and Barron's Louisa Cicely third. The Watt herd supplied the winning two-year-old heifer, who was followed by Collynie Bashful and Spicy Wimple, of the Van Horne herd. In senior yearlings the Watts had an outstanding winner in Queen Ideal, own sister to the St. Louis World's Fair champion, defeating the Van Horne heifer, Spicy Duchess, placed before her at Toronto last year, not without the protest of many good judges.

In aged herds the rating was Van Horne first, Watt second, Barron third. For young herds the Watt entry was first, Van Horne second, Barron third. For three animals, the get of one sire, the progeny of Spicy Marquis won, with Watt second for the get of Scottish Beau. For cow and three of her produce, the Salem entry was first.

Before marriage a man is generally greeted by his sweetheart with, "My darling, is it you?" But after marriage she generally rushes to the door and shouts, "John Henry, wipe your boots!"

A professor of natural history, who was delivering a lecture to his class on the rhinoceros, noticed that the attention of the students was wandering. "Gentlemen," he said, sternly, "if you expect to realize the remarkably hideous nature of this beast you must keep your eyes fixed on me."

Robert Clarke, the artist, tells this story:

One day, while out walking with a friend of his, this friend complained of a toothache, and asked Mr. Clarke what he could advise him to buy, as they were in front of a drug store.

"Why," said Mr. Clarke, "the last time I had a toothache I went home and my wife kissed it away for me." After a moment's pause his friend said: "Is your wife at home now?"

An Arab method of ascertaining the value of a horse by his proportions is to measure him with the hand from the extremity of the dock to the middle of the withers, and take note of the number of palms. They then begin again from the middle of the withers to the extremity of the upper lip, passing between the ears. If, in the two cases, the number of palms is equal, the horse will be good, but of ordinary speed. If the number of palms behind is greater than in front, the horse will have no "go" in him; but if the number of palms between the withers and the extremity of the upper lip is more considerable than in measuring from the tail to the withers, rest assured the horse will have great qualities.

On a recent visit to Alexandria, Va., the late General Fitzhugh Lee was approached by an old darkey, who respectfully introduced himself as a Confederate veteran. To test the accuracy of the old fellow's statement, General Lee put to him several searching questions, all of which the negro answered promptly and truthfully. Then the General asked his new friend where he had seen his best time in the old days.

"At Chickamauga, sah," glibly replied the darkey, "'cause I run jest as soon as de firin' begin."

"But in such a hot battle as Chickamauga," asked the General, "how did you know which way to run?"

"Oh, Gin'ral," answered the old man, "dat's easy to tell. I runs to de safest place, o' co'se; de place where de gen'rals was."

Professor W. C. Hayes, of the Geological Survey, was talking in Washington about the trials of geologists.

Did you ever hear of the geologist in New Hampshire? he asked. Well, there was a geologist who spent a long, hot summer day in Croydon, gathering specimens of the very odd New Hampshire rock formations to be found there, and late in the afternoon he hired a boy to carry his heavy bag back to Newport for him. This boy exhibited to a friend that night a half dollar, and the friend said, enviously:

"Where did you get that?"

"I made it," was the answer.

"How did you make it?"

"You know that there man that was working all day with a little hammer hereabouts, chipping off pieces of rock and putting them in a leather bag?"

"Yes."

"Well, he asked me to carry his bag for him to the Newport hotel, and he gave me 50 cents for the job."

"Well, it was worth it. Must have been pretty heavy, carryin' all them rocks four miles."

The other boy smiled.

"Do you think I carried them rocks all that way?" he said. "No, sir. I emptied the bag before startin', and just filled it again outside the hotel."

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