

Studs, Flocks and Herds.**WOODLANDS CLYDESDALES AND HACKNEYS.**

The proprietors of this stud are Messrs. Sorby Bros., of Guelph, their stock farm being conveniently situated four miles from the city, while Gourrock, a flag station on the W., G. & B. branch of the G. T. R., adjoining the barns gives convenient access to the farm.

The stud here consists of thirty-five head, of which a goodly number are mares and fillies of great merit, bred in the most popular lines. The fact that several winners have been bred in this stud when shown in company with imported animals attest the high producing qualities of the original stock imported. Among the mares that are particularly attractive is Evening Star, which, in 1889, the year she was imported, won first at London Provincial and Toronto Industrial shows. She was then carrying the filly Venus, a very handsome brown mare by Queen's Own, spoken of elsewhere in this issue, and now in the stud of Messrs. Graham, of Claremont.

Another filly from Evening Star, by Boydsen Boy, is also a right good one. We were particularly impressed with five fillies rising two, one of which is Venus just mentioned; young Lilly, imported last season and took first prize at Toronto, sire McCammon; another by the McGregor horse Henry Irving, also recently imported; and two others by Bold Boy, forming a quintette that would grace any stud, or get to the front in any show. In stallions recently imported, Grandeur adds one more to the list of Clydesdale stallions with which Canada is so well favored. He is a horse that deserves more than a passing notice, sired by that great horse Darnley, who as well as his sons has done so much to improve the Clydesdale breed. Grandeur's dam is by Farmer (286), celebrated alike in show ring and breeding stud. In color Grandeur is a rich dark bay; his legs and feet both in form and material leave nothing to be desired. In size he ranks amongst the largest, while in back, quarters and rib, together with stylish finish in head and neck, he is of a type that is most popular amongst Clydesdale breeders.

Another new comer is Culzean, rising three-year-old. He is a lofty, attractive colt that should develop into a show yard winner. He was sired by Lord Erskine, his dam Jewel by Prince of Wales, therefore is full brother to the well known horse Lord Ailsa.

A number of others, such as McNab's Heir, by the McGregor horse McNab; Lord Flashwood, by the Highland Society winner Flashwood; Prince of Ayr, bred in the stud, sired by Boydsen Boy, and winner at the Industrial Show at Toronto last fall. He is a stylish horse of great quality. Besides these there are a number of others mentioned in the last report of this stud. The past season Messrs. Sorby imported two Hackneys. The stallion Mid Norfolk Swell (2595), by Young Redout (2787), has improved in form since he won third at the last Toronto Industrial Show. The mare Mabel, by The Gun (344), is very pretty; she has an exceedingly promising foal at her foot. Taken as a whole, the stallions are of a class that are wanted. A visit to this breeding farm is likely to finish with a purchase by those seeking anything in this line.

TOP GALLANT STOCK FARM,

the proprietor of which is Mr. T. W. Evans, Yelverton P. O., who has yearly brought out some of the best specimens of Clydesdales. The beautiful horse Royal Salute deserves premier position in mentioning this stud; he is of splendid breeding, sired by the world-renowned Darnley, while his dam is by that successful breeding horse Lord Lyon. Royal Salute has thickened out immensely since last seen in the show ring, he is in point of excellence among the best stallions of the breed imported into this country, while as a sire both his colts that have been imported as well as those sired here in Canada are exceedingly fine. A horse of this stamp is sure to be of untold benefit to this breeding industry. An importer who is courageous enough to bring out such high priced horses deserves the patronage and good wishes of his countrymen.

Glenlee Chief, by McGregor, now rising three, is a tight built, attractive horse of the right stamp, he has the best of legs and feet, and moves in the most improved style, and, doubtless, will soon find a purchaser.

Island King, another rising four, is by the Top Gallant horse Cumbræ, his dam being the prize-winning mare Victoria, by What Care I, thus his breeding runs in the most popular line. Island King is a most promising young horse, he is of large scale and lofty, with abundance of bone, and should turn out a most desirable investment.

To supply the demand for horses of a lighter sort, Mr. Evans has lately purchased in Illinois the trotting bred horse Starlight, which for beauty of form and size is an exceedingly good one. He is a whole colored bay with black points, standing fully 16½ hands; he has flat, clean bone, capital feet, and at once strikes the eye as a horse of exceptionally fine appearance. He also is bred in the most popular line, sired by Starlight Hambletonian, a son of Hambletonian 10; first dam by Lexington, second dam by Green Mountain Morgan. This horse is a striking contrast to a host of useless weeds that have been brought into this country under the name of standard-bred horses, too many of which are propagating unsoundness and puny offspring, which is sure to have a bad effect hereafter.

Chatty Letter from the States.

There are a good many cattle being fed for April markets. Practical feeders say that "fall feeding" to maturity does not pay the beef raiser at present prices for cattle and corn. He thinks that if ripe beeves realize less than 6 cents per lb. gross weight, it pays best to take fair fleshed "feeders" and give them corn for a month or two, and sell for what they will bring.

Some fancy 1,500 lb. cattle sold at \$5.25 lately. The top price a year ago was \$5.40.

One day recently dressed beef men paid \$3.25 @ 4.45 for 1,050 @ 1,450 lb. steers, including rough 1,245-lb. steers at \$3.00 @ 3.75; good 1,188-lb. steers at \$4.10; choice 1,314 @ 1,350-lb. steers at \$4.35 @ 4.45; shippers and exporters paid 3.50 for 1,706-lb. bulls, and \$4.10 @ 5 for 1,278 @ 1,533 lb. steers, with 1,618-lb steers at 4.70. Native cow sold principally at \$2.30 @ 2.75, and bulls largely at \$2.75 @ 3. Texas cows and steers mixed sold at \$2 @ 2.60, and Texas steers at \$3.10 @ 3.60.

J. C. Kenworthy, of Nelson & Sons, Jersey City, was among the visitors. He was en route to Truman's place at Bushnell, Ill. Mr. J. H. Truman, he says, is now making a trip through Wyoming, Montana and Washington taking notes on the horse business. Mr. Kenworthy has an idea there will be plenty of good fat cattle ready to come forward within a month or two. Very few good ones are going into the Jersey City market.

Mr. Truman, in connection with Nelson and Sons, of Liverpool, has already exported two shipments of well-bred Montana horses, and he thinks quite a business can be developed.

The British markets for American cattle have lately been on the mend, best States steers making 12 cents, sinking the offal, at London.

The live cattle exporters are making a little money, as cattle here are cheap now.

Horses are selling very low unless of fine quality, and the trouble is there are very few of that kind coming. In every state there is a deluge of common and inferior horses.

Hogs lately have been hogs, or, to spread, selling at \$4.50 @ 5.05, or \$1.25 per 100 lbs. higher than a year ago.

Sheep are selling readily this spring at \$5.00 @ 5.40 for "fed" westerns, averaging 110 @ 130 lbs., and \$5.50 @ 6.60 for lambs.

Mr. F. A. Folger's Stock Farm.

Within a five minutes' walk of Kingston Junction, on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, the above farm is most favorably situated, both for visitors from a distance as well as for convenient transit of any animals that require shipping by rail. Standard-bred trotting horses and Holstein cattle are both extensively bred, the aim from the outset being to procure the best in both lines of breeding. Holstein cattle were first introduced some six years ago, when the best families and individuals were selected with a view of forming a herd second to none in the Dominion. The three families that produced the best results are Jamaicas, Lutske and Aiggies. As an example of the sort of individuals introduced, such cows are imported:— Ismaline, whose dam has a milk record of 85 lbs. per day, and a butter record of 17½ lbs. per week. Ismaline herself gave 74 lbs. per day as a three-year-old. Another good one is Nixie L. (imp.), always a winner wherever shown, winning two first prizes at Toronto Industrial and first at the Provincial at Kingston. She has since become celebrated all over the province. Her record is 84 lbs. of milk; butter record, 18 lbs. in seven days. The last addition to the herd by purchase is Ethelkas Prince, No. 13637, bred by the estate of the late John Mitchell, Meadowbrook, New York. He was sired by Jamaica's Prince 3143, whose dam Jamaica's three-year-old milk record was 112 lbs. 2 oz. per day, and 12,830 lbs. in five months and nineteen days. The dam of Ethelkas Prince had a three-year-old record of 101 lbs. per day. Thus it will be seen how exceedingly strong in producing lines this bull is bred, and he therefore can scarcely fail to produce great results in still further improving the herd, the calves sired by him already showing great promise. A number of the older cows now in the herd were originally imported from North Holland. These have been carefully bred to bulls of the best possible breeding, in order to produce cattle that would be equal of those brought from their native land, with the result that two-year-old heifers are producing upwards of 50 lbs. of milk per day; three-year-olds have records of 70 lbs. per day, while matured cows yield over 80 lbs. per day. These figures give pretty conclusive evidence of the success attained. In point of numbers, probably this is one of the largest herds of the breed in Ontario, including all ages of both sexes, upwards of 80 head of cattle being in the stables at the time of our visit. In horses equal care has been exercised in selecting from the best performing families. Mr. Folger in both lines of breeding evidently pins his faith to the offspring of great producing dams. Such is the handsome young stallion Palm-Leaf 7634, who has size and an attractive way of going to back up his excellent breeding, his sire being Pancoast, also the sire of Patron, 2,144, while his dam Augusta is also the dam of Chanter, 2,203, and Shallcross, 2,214, the dam of Augusta being Dolly Mills, who is also the dam of Orange Girl, 2,20, and Ajax, Artimas, Sir Walkill and Walkill Chief, all sires of speed from 2.18 to 2.30. Another good one is Dr. Carver 7369, whose two-year-old race record is 2.40, he also having won the Woodbine three-year-old stakes and medal at Toronto, August 20th, 1888. He is a son of New York Dictator 5200, dam Kitty Morgan, who is also the dam of Nancy Talbot, whose four-year-old record is 2.29. Among the brood mares is Augusta, the dam of Palm-Leaf; she is now in her 22nd year, having recently landed from Kentucky; is now in foal to Jaybird, sire of Allerton, 2,094. Another capital good one is the handsome bay mare, own sister to Dr. Carver, also recently arrived. She is a large mare of grand proportions, and is in foal to Eaglebird, the sire of the phenomenal Monbars, 2,164. Eaglebird is, as most of our readers are aware, a son of Jaybird. The number of medals won by representatives of this stud and herd are tangible evidence of the high prominence they have attained.