

**Coach and Army Horses.**

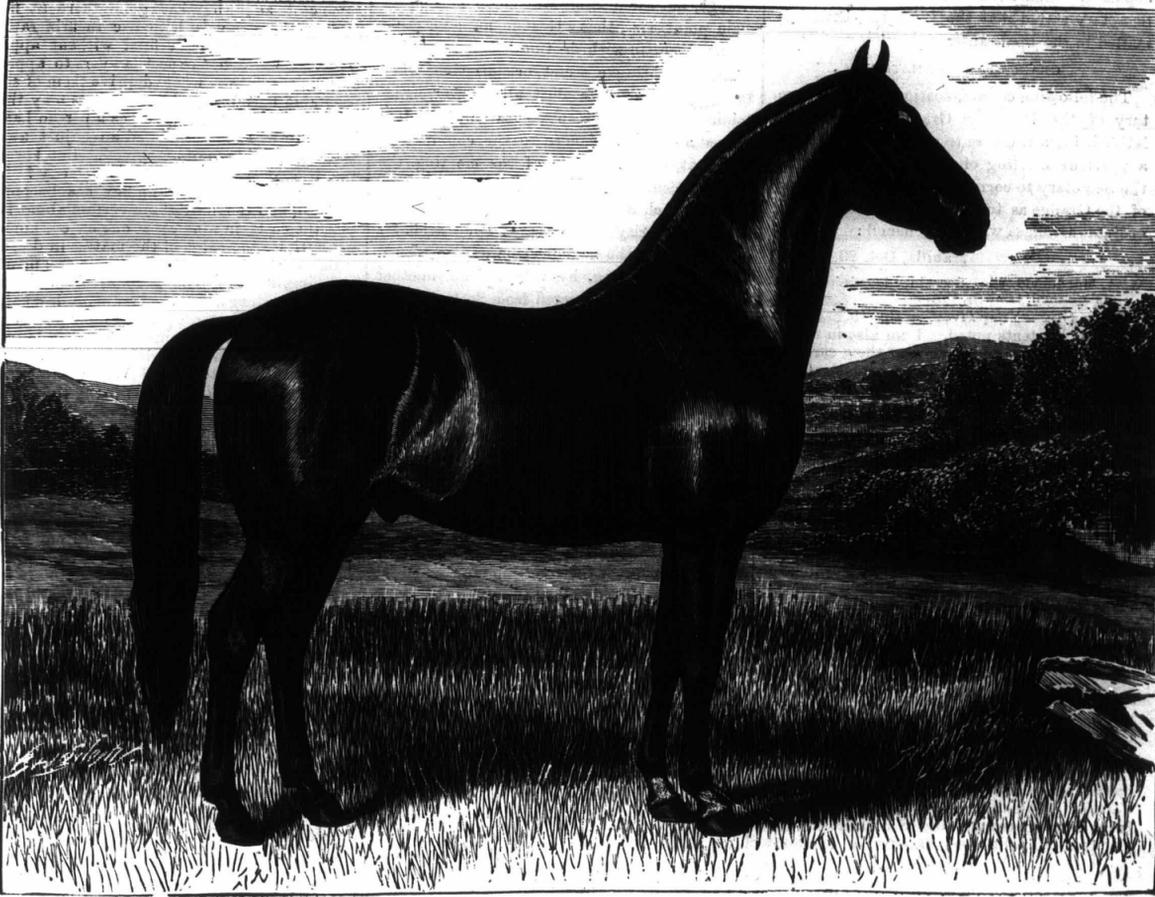
In our last issue we published an article from Col. Ravenhill describing the stamp of horses required for the British army, and gave illustrations of specimen horses purchased in London for this purpose. As this trade is likely to develop, we shall encourage it all we can, and present the necessary details to our readers from time to time.

In the breeding of these classes of horses many animals will be produced which will excel on the turf, and consequently bring much higher prices than those offered by Col. Ravenhill, but whether such speed can be developed or not, the breeding of such horses cannot fail

action of the Thoroughbred predominating, for use upon our heavier and more sluggish mares, and the other a heavier stamp, muscular, compact and of great endurance, for use upon lighter and more spirited mares. There is still another stamp which combines all these qualities in a remarkable degree.

The accompanying cut gives an illustration of "Lord Sudley," the property of Mr. T. D. Hodgens, of Elmwood Stock Farm, who is also Mayor of the city of London. Mr. Hodgens' farm was described in our May issue, 1884, in connection with his celebrated road and carriage horse "Albion." The farm is situated in London township, 2½ miles from the city limits.

"Lord Sudley" is a beautiful bay with black points, excepting a little white on the coronets of the front feet. He has an intelligent head, a good length of neck gracefully set on his sloping shoulders; has a good length of body with ribs well rounded, giving a smooth appearance, which is so much admired in carriage and saddle horses; his legs are extra clean and cordy, indicating fine quality throughout; his feet are sound and faultless; his style and action are superb, and his motion is rapid and graceful for a horse of his size. He stands 16 hands 2 inches high, and weighs about 1,400 lbs. According to the mare used, he is suited for producing coach, general purpose or army



"LORD SUDLEY," THE PROPERTY OF T. D. HODGENS, ELMWOOD FARM, LONDON, ONT.

to be profitable. Many useful coach, carriage, general purpose, and road horses will be the result, which will bring higher prices than for army purposes. Very little skill is required in breeding horses for the Imperial army, as the tests are only for soundness and conformation and not for speed. The proper mating of sire and dam having sound constitutions and the requisite size, shape and weight, will invariably produce the desired results. But farmers must abandon the practice of attempting to produce such animals by using draft stallions upon light mares, or light stallions upon heavy mares. A medium course should be adopted both in the selection of the sire and the dam. There are two stamps of stallions which may be advantageously selected, the one with the spirit and

Since this time Mr. Hodgens has greatly enlarged his sphere of usefulness as an importer and breeder. For the past ten years he has made a specialty of breeding trotters from the best strains of blood, namely, Hambletonian, American State, Royal George, and pacing crosses, of which he now has over 50 head, most of which are for sale. He made a large importation last summer, and has recently imported seven coach and Cleveland stallions. "Lord Sudley" was bred by the late Lord Sudley, Todington Park, Exeter, England. This magnificent stallion was sired by Lord Sudley's coach horse, Young Dexter. His dam was Lord Sudley's carriage mare, by Wild Tommy. He is registered in vol. 2 of the English Coach and Hackney Stud Book.

horses. He was exhibited at the Western Fair last fall, and took the first prize amongst a large number of competitors in his class.

In our next issue we will give an illustration of another stallion suitable for the purposes indicated.

As there are few absolutely sound horses, so there are a great number practically sound—that is, free from diseases or defects which are likely, within a limited time and under reasonable usage, to incapacitate an animal from satisfactorily performing a fair amount of labor. It requires considerable judgment, based upon extended practice, to know where practical soundness begins and ends, and upon this point it is not unusual to find wide divergences of opinion even among experienced men. All horses, to be useful to their owners, should be practically sound at the time of purchase.—Reynolds on Draft Horses.